

# **The Changing Face of Immigration Legal Debates, Controversies and the Implications for Clinical Practice**

## **Keynote Speaker**

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**PROGRAM**  
**The Changing Face of Immigration**  
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America's history is immigrant history, a history whose past has caused immigration and immigrant to become emotionally and culturally charged concepts whose signification goes beyond their meaning. Today, the most unsettling and challenging debates around immigration are centered on undocumented immigrants and English language learning. Presently, there are over 35 million immigrants in the US or 12.4% of the US population, 11million of whom are unauthorized. Among Latinos, the largest immigrant group, one estimate claims that the population will grow by 25 million between 2000-2020. It is projected that by 2040 one in three children will be growing up in an immigrant household. The legal and clinical implications are as varied as they are complicated and controversial. This conference will first address the current legal debates from the different perspectives that both infuse and address the controversy over immigration. Next, the cultural perspectives of immigrant populations will be presented. The conference will conclude with clinical discussion groups focused on the integration of the legal and cultural issues that surround this contemporary social crisis in an effort to provide the necessary understanding and clinical care for the increasing population of immigrants in this country. Finally, the conference is an opportunity for attendees to become involved with the ongoing work of MPA and CEMA (Committee of Ethnic and Minority Affairs) and to network with MPA colleagues.

8:45 - Welcome - by MPA and MSPP

9:00-9:45 - Keynote Address: Richard Mollica, M.D.

10:00 - Film: *Detained: The New Bedford Raid*

10:30 -11:00 - Discussion of film - Richard Mollica, Amaro Laria, Ph.D.; Jeanine Baillie, M.A., George Soto, M.A., LICSW

11:00- 11:15 - break

11:15-12:30 - Legal Panel on Immigration - Corinn Williams, Director of Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA; Sarang Sekhavat, MIRA

12:30 - 1:15 - Lunch - MPA groups and Networking

1:30 - 3:00 - Cultural Perspectives Panel - Vietnamese culture: Catharine Vuky, Ph.D. ; Latino culture: Nilda Clark, Psy.D.; Haitian culture: Vanessa Prosper, Ph.D.

3:00 - 4:00 - Breakout Discussion Groups to integrate the legal and cultural issues into clinical practice - co-led by Cultural panel members and CEMA committee members

4:00 - 4:30 - Closing