

“Democracy, Peace, and Justice: Views from the Border,” WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

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Part I: BLUMBERG AUDITORIUM, UTEP Library, 8:45 AM - 12 Noon

### Introduction

8:50

Prof. Sandra McGee Deutsch, History.

### Institutional Context

9:00-9:40

“Institutions and Democracy”

Prof. José Villalobos, Political Science, “The Electoral College.”

Prof. Todd Curry, Political Science, “The Role of Institutions Across Democracies.”

### Global Context

9:45-10:40

“U.S. Government’s Relations with Puerto Rico and with Other Countries”

Prof. Charles Boehmer, Chair, Political Science, “Contradictory U.S. Roles in the Middle East.”

Prof. Joshua Fan, History, “The Korea(s) – U.S. Relations: A Historical Korean Perspective.”

Prof. Víctor Vásquez Rodríguez, Sociology and Anthropology, “Brief Ethnographic Reflection on the Political Crisis and the Recovery Process of Puerto Rico.”

### Community Focus

10:45-11:45

“Best Practices and Ethics for Successful Community Collaboration”

Prof. Yolanda Chávez Levya, Prof. Selfa Chew-Smithart, Ph.d. candidate Cynthia Rentería, History; Carlos Marentes, Executive Director, Sin Fronteras Organizing Project.

11:45-11:55

WE WILL BE MOVING TO THE UNION.

Part II: ANDESITE ROOM, UNION EAST 102 B, 12:00 noon – 7:00 PM

### Global Context

12:00-1:10

“What is Fascism, and Can It Happen in the Americas and Europe?”

Prof. Paul Edison, History, “Fascism in the 1920s and 1930s, From Today’s Perspective.”

Father Bob Mosher, “The Lessons of Life under Pinochet’s Regime, Chile, 1973-1990, for Today.”

Prof. Marion Rohrleitner, English, “From Alternative Facts and the Alt Right to the “Alternative for Germany”: Recent Elections in Germany and Austria.”

Prof. Stacey Sowards, Chair, Communication, “Fake News and the Trump Administration.”

### Community Focus

1:15-1:30

Prof. Jonna Perrillo, English, “School Segregation and English-Only Policies in Cold War El Paso Schools.”

1:35-2:30

“Walking Backwards through Time with Those Who Resisted Oppression: UTEP Students’ Perspectives on the Mississippi Civil Rights Struggle, Servant Leadership, and the Personal Meaning of Engaged Activism.”

Prof. Michael Williams, Director, African-American Studies; students Ray Simoneaux, Charles DeSouza, Isiah Alfro, Erin Solís, and Shyla Cooks.

2:35- 3:05

“Reproductive Justice on the Border”

Triota (a national women’s honor society associated with Women & Gender Studies). Main speakers are Victoria Martínez, president, and Liliana Gómez, vice-president.

3:10-3:25

“Access to Health Care: Right or Commodity?”

Prof. Nuria Homedes, Public Health, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston.

#### U.S. Historical Context

3:30-4:10

“Race, Repression, and Resistance”

Prof. Brian Yothers, English, “ ‘Truth Forever on the Scaffold’ ”: Anti-Racism in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Poetry.”

Prof. Charles Martin, History, “Voter Suppression in Historical Perspective.”

#### Community Focus

4:15-4:30

“DACA and Barriers to Movement among Immigrant Communities in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands.”

Prof. Gina Núñez-Mchiri, Director of Women and Gender Studies.

#### Artist Spotlight

4:35-5:05

Prof. S. Paola López R., Theatre and Dance, “Performance Excerpt from the Evening-Length Solo Show *transfronteriza*.”

#### Global Context

5:10-5:50

Prof. Tony Payán, Françoise and Edward Djerejian Fellow for Mexico Studies, Director of Mexico Center, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, “U.S.-Mexico Relations Today.”

#### Community Focus and Artist Spotlight

6:00-7:00

“Art as a Catalyst for Community Change”

Kerry Doyle, director, Rubin Center, and local artists.