Crossing Borders, Crossing Movements: 
Immigrant Workers’ Rights in Southern California and Beyond

University of California, Riverside
Thursday, May 22, 2008
Commons Building, Room 268

Welcome (9-9:10): Ellen Reese, Department of Sociology and Chair of Labor Studies, UCR

Panel 1: Immigration, Workers’ Rights, and Public Policies (9:10-10:50am)
Moderator: Christopher Chase-Dunn, Department of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Research on World Systems, UCR
- Victor Narro, Project Director of UCLA Labor Center and expert on policy issues affecting low income immigrant workers and alliance building
- Acquilina Soriano-Versoza, Executive Director of Pilipino Workers’ Center and Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Workers’ Organizing Network
- Victor Clark Alfaro, Director of Binational Human Rights Center in Tijuana, Mexico
- Carolyn Pinedo-Turnovsky, Department of Sociology, UCSB, national expert on day laborers

Panel 2: Organizing Temporary and Day Laborers through Workers’ Centers (11:00-12:40)
Moderator: Alfredo Mirande, Chair of Ethnic Studies and Department of Sociology, UCR
- Chris Newman and Pablo Alvarado, National Day Laborers’ Organizing Network
- Jose Calderon and a member, Day Labor Center in Pomona
- Juan Correa and Kelly Macias, Day Labor Center in Casa Blanca
- Manuel Roman, Change to Win’s Campaign in Mira Loma

Who We Are and Why We Are Here (Audience Participation) (12:40-12:50)

12:50-2:20pm--Lunch Break

2:20-2:40: Teatro Performance by Members of Lideres Campesinas

Panel 3: Organizing Immigrant Workers Across the Industries (2:40-4:00pm)
Moderator: Devra Weber, Department of History, UCR
- Kimi Lee, Garment Workers’ Center
- Ty Hudson and a member, UNITE-HERE
- Shinji Sakaiegi and Aaron Chappell, Laborers’ International Union of North America
Panel 4: Immigrant Workers and the Struggle for Human Rights (4:10-5:30pm)
Moderator: Jesse Diaz, Department of Sociology, UCR
- Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval (UCSB), professor of Chicano Studies and expert on the antisweatshop movement
- Luisa Heredia, doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University and a pre-doctoral visiting scholar with the Institute for Latino Studies and the Center for Social Movements and Social Change at Notre Dame University, expert on the immigrant rights movement
- Kent Wong, UCLA Center for Labor Education and Research and Founding President of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance

Closing: 5:30-5:45pm
Juan Felipe Herrera, Department of Creative Writing, UCR, distinguished poet

6:00-6:30 pm: New Book Release: *Underground Undergrads: UCLA Undocumented Immigrant Students Speak Out* (2008, UCLA Center for Labor Education and Research), Tam Tran and Susan Melgarejo