The SCSU Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota.

We are a group of SCSU faculty who collaborate with community-based organizations on developing data of use to the community and academics on the social conditions of immigrant workers in Minnesota and their communities. Our scope does not preclude research that extends beyond the scope of Minnesota, since plainly issues of why immigrant workers migrate to Minnesota and experience their respective social conditions are shaped by institutions and processes that are global in character. The College of Liberal Arts and School of Public Affairs jointly support the work of the Research Group. For more information visit http://stcloudstate.edu/ssri/immigrantworkers

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Thursday, April 12th

11:00-12:00 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Mississippi Room
Asian American Immigrant Workers and Families
Presidents: Hedy Tripp: SCSU President
Hedy Tripp: Instructor at SCSU, Council member of the State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans and Co-Chair of the National Governing Board of National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF)
The Social Conditions of Asian American Immigrant Workers and Families in Minnesota and the Service-Learning Project on Southeast Asian Immigrant Women Nail Salon Workers
Narrate Judy Keys: Member of NAPAWF and a Former Nail Salon Worker and community organizer with the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (MAPALA)

12:00-1:00 p.m. CAPSTONE KEYNOTE, Atwood: Ballroom
Louis Mendoza: Chair, UMN Chicano Studies Department, Author: Conversations Across America: The Latinoization of America

7:00-9:00 p.m. SPECIAL KEYNOTE EVENT, College of St. Ben’s: Gorecki 204A
RUTH MILKMAN, Professor of Sociology, CUNY: Gender and Jobs in the Recession and Great Depression Presiders:
College of St. Ben’s/St. John’s, Gender Studies, Economics, and Sociology Departments
College of St. Ben’s President’s Office and Academic Affairs

April 9-12

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The Third Annual Global Goes Local: The Social Conditions of IMMIGRANT WORKERS and FAMILIES in Minnesota Conference

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Monday, April 9th

9 a.m. BREAKFAST KEYNOTE, Atwood Ballroom
John Keller, Esq. Executive Director, Immigrant Law Center
The Impact of Arizona and Alabama’s Anti-immigrant Laws on Immigrant’s Efforts in Minnesota to Secure Citizenship Rights

10 a.m. Panel, Atwood Voyagers North
The Economic Impact of Minnesota’s Immigrants: Opportunity, Saving, and More
Panelists: Enrique García – Owner, La Loma Tamalels based in the Twin Cities. The Entrepreneur Experience
Monica Romero – Loan Program Director with LEDC Access to Capital
Jaime Villalaz – LDC Business Specialist
Economic Opportunities in Rural Minnesota

10 a.m. Panel, Atwood Voyagers South
New Immigrants Growing Food Security in Central Minnesota
Presiders: Rick Miller, Central Minnesota Sustainability Project
Ann Finan, (SOC)
Panelists: AWA (Women’s Alliance)
SASWA (St. Cloud Area Somali Women’s Association)
OMSP (Central Minnesota Sustainability Project)

11:00 a.m. Panel, Atwood Glacier South
Life as an Undocumented Student in Minnesota
Presiders: Juventino Meza, NavagteMN
Isabel Duran, Navigate MN
Panelists: Undocumented Students from Minnesota

11:00 a.m. Panel, Atwood Voyageurs South
Study Research on St. Cloud Somali Housing and Employment
Presiders: Jason Harris, Navigate MN
presenters: Anne M. Vermette, Master’s in International Community Development

12:00-1:00 p.m. Mingling Break

1:00-2:00 p.m. LUNCH KEYNOTE, Atwood Ballroom
RUTH MILKMAN, Professor of Sociology, City University of New York
Immigrants and the U.S. Labor Movement: Achievements and Future Challenges

Tuesday, April 10th

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. BREAKFAST KEYNOTE, Atwood: Christopher Lehman SCSU (Ethnic Studies)
The African American Historical Experience in Minnesota as Migrants

11:12-13 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyagers South
Immigrant Rural Workers and the Quest for Quality Wage Jobs
Panelists: CTUL, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (The Center of Workers United in Struggle)
Brian Payne, CTUL immigrant rural worker organizer
Geranio Mata, CTUL immigrant rural worker organizer

3:30-4:45 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Little Theatre
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