

Farm Labor 2019: Other Countries, California, and Immigration

Friday, April 5, 2019

Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, UC Davis Law School

This conference examines labor-related issues in California and US agriculture. Labor-intensive fruit and vegetable crops are almost 85 percent of California's and 40 percent of US crop sales, farm worker employment has been increasing, and the state's mostly unauthorized farm workers are aging and settling in one place with families that include US-born children.

Three timely issues will be discussed. First, how do other countries obtain foreign workers to fill farm jobs? Second, how is California's farm workforce changing as currently unauthorized farm workers age and the employment of younger H-2A guest workers increases? Third, what are the effects of changing migration policies on agriculture and farm workers, and how do disputes between the federal and state government affect agricultural communities?

The conference room reaches capacity quickly; please take a moment to register so that we have an accurate count for breakfast and lunch.

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Agenda

- 8:15AM Check-in and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45AM Welcome**, Philip Martin, UC Davis and Daniel Sumner, UC Agricultural Issues Center and UC Davis
- 9:00AM Farm Labor in Australia, Canada, and Mexico (20 and 10 minutes)**
Chair: Philip Martin, UC Davis
Canada, Mark Thompson, UBC
Mexico, Agustin Escobar, CIESAS
Australia, Stuart Rosewarne and Christine Brickenstein, Uni Sydney
Discussants: Tim Beatty, Ed Taylor, Philip Martin, UC-Davis
- 10:30AM Break**
- 10:45AM Farm Labor 2019 (20 and 10 minutes)**
Chair: Daniel Sumner, UC Davis
COA and NASS, Tom Hertz, ERS
NAWS, Daniel Carroll, DOL
H-2A, Philip Martin, UC Davis
Discussants: Francisco Macais, EDD, Ruben Lugo, DOL
- 12:15PM Lunch**
- 1:15PM Immigration and Agriculture (20 minutes)**
Chair: Genevieve Shiroma, ALRB
What's next for immigration? Kevin Johnson, UC Davis
Effects of ICE, Giovanni Peri, UC Davis
Farm Worker Communities, Bianca Dueñas, CRLAF and Cynthia Rice, CLRA