A Historical and Constitutional Assessment of Trump’s Immigration EO

“Refugee Policy in the Trump Era: Lessons from Immigration History”
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Maria Cristina Garcia is professor of history at Cornell University, and a current Andrew Carnegie Fellow. Her research centers on immigrants, refugees, and exiles. She is the author of three books: The first, Havana USA, studies the political and economic influence of Cuban exiles in the U.S. Her second book, Seeking Refuge: Central American Migration to Mexico, the United States, and Canada, examines the individuals, groups, and organizations that responded to the Central American refugee crisis of the 1980s and 1990s and how these transnational networks reshaped North American refugee policy. Her current book project, Refuge in Post Cold War America, is a study of U.S. refugee policy in the Post-Cold War and post 9/11 era, which will be out later this year.

“Trump’s Immigration EOs: Is it Constitutional? What Rights Do I have?”
12:30 - 2 p.m.

Shane Kadidal is senior managing attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights. He will assess the constitutionality of the EO’s and also present on Know Your Rights. Mr. Kadidal has worked on several significant cases arising in the wake of 9/11, including the Center’s challenges to the indefinite detention of men at Guantánamo and domestic immigration sweeps. He has been counsel in major CCR cases, including Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project, United States of America and Vulcan Society, Inc. v. City of New York, and legal challenges to the NSA’s warrantless surveillance program. Along with others at the Center for Constitutional Rights, he currently serves as U.S. counsel to WikiLeaks publisher Julian Assange in connection with potential Espionage Act charges, extradition, and the funding embargo.

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