

# Symposium on Immigrant Families

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Evergreen Valley College, San José, CA

## Distinguished Guest Speakers

The Santa Clara County IRIS Program is pleased to highlight some of our many distinguished guests.

### Morning Plenary:

#### Bill Hing Ong "Race and Immigration: Dividing Asians, Blacks & Latinos"

The dramatic series of demonstrations that spread across the United States in the spring of 2006 mark the entry into the public eye of a large and vocal immigrant population. While the long-term outcomes remain to be seen, the passion that was unleashed in these unprecedented mobilizations promises to be a potent force in shaping this country's future. The debates regarding punitive-only legislation or inclusive legislation continues. How is race coloring the national debate on immigration? How can we build stronger cross-racial and cross-class alliances among communities of color?

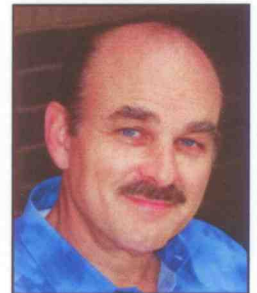


**Bill Ong Hing** is a professor of law and Asian American studies at the University of California at Davis and the author of *Defining America through Immigration Policy*. For three decades he has worked extensively in the field including founding and directing the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, as well as working with Congress & the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Lunch Plenary:

#### Dr. Ruben Rumbaut "Immigrant Integration & the Future of U.S. Society."

Dr. Rumbaut will discuss the demographic imperative for integration and highlight the latest research findings that illuminate the current and future well-being of immigrant families, particularly US-born, second generation children of immigrants. What are the trajectories for integration? What policies and programs need to be in place and to help these children become full participants in U.S. society?



**Ruben G. Rumbaut** is a professor of sociology at the University of Irvine and co-director of UCI's Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy. He is an internationally known scholar of immigration and refugee movements. Dr. Rumbaut currently co-directs the landmark Children of Immigrant Longitudinal study (CILS) and has authored or co-authored several critically acclaimed books, including: *Immigrant America: A portrait: Origins and Destinies*, *Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in America*.

### Morning Session I-A Panel Discussion: "Immigrants and the Economy"

#### Dr. Christian Zolniski, "Immigrant Men's Contributions"

As a social anthropologist Dr. Zolniski specialized in immigrant labor and the ways in which changes in the global economy affects immigrant workers. His research interests include economic globalization, international migration, applied anthropology, and Latino studies.



Christian Zolniski is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the Center for Mexican Studies, University of Texas, and is currently participating in a collaborative research project in Baja California that focuses on the impacts of the export-oriented agricultural industry on the labor and living conditions of indigenous immigrant workers in the region. He has published a book: "Janitors, Street Vendors, and Activists," in which he examines the life experiences of Mexican immigrants in Northern California's Silicon Valley, issues of labor, informal economies, family organization, and political mobilization.