



NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES
ALIANZA NACIONAL DE COMUNIDADES LATINO AMERICANAS Y CARIBEÑAS

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MEDIA ALERT
JESUS "CHUY" GARCIA WITH GLOBAL LEADERS EXPLORE
CROSS-BORDER TRANSNATIONAL SOLUTIONS
Mexico, Central American & United Nations Leadership in
Chicago To Build Regional Connections

WHAT:

Transnational leaders from the United States, Mexico and Central America will examine failed immigration and insecure migration policies, militarized responses to the deportation of children, global warming and violence with the potential growth of economic hemispheric markets, employment opportunities and job creation for the North American region at **NALACC's 10th Anniversary Conference - The Americas: Challenges & Opportunities Across Borders**

The focus on global issues and their local impact on community building highlights a first-voice narrative that engages immigrants in a solution-oriented dialogue on a number of topics including child refugees, dangerous migrations and the inherent challenges in the current migration policies that place people at-risk.

WHO:

Local & international speakers include:

- **Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia**
- **Oscar Martinez, Investigative Reporter and Author of "The Beast"**
- **Leslie Velez, Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- **Axela Romero, Director, Red Mesoamericana Mujer, Salud y Familia, Mexico**
- **Miguel Huezo Mixco, Manager of Knowledge Products, United Nations Development Program, El Salvador**
- **Carlos Heredia, Professor, Department of International Studies, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, Mexico City**

- **Maria Elena Letona, Executive Director, Neighbor to Neighbor, Boston, MA**
- **Barbara Ransby, Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago**

WHEN:

**9:00 am - 6:00 pm -- Reception following program
Thursday, November 6, 2014
GO TO ASAMBLEA.NALACC.ORG FOR CONFERENCE AGENDA**

WHERE:

**UIC Student Center East- Conference Center
750 S. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL**

WHY:

Transnational policies across Mexico, Central America and the United States create opportunities for building an economic engine for regional economic growth and community development or serve to promote failed migration and immigration reform with the on going consequences of financial risk, global warming, increased violence and continued inequality that impacts the heart of our nation's democracy.

ABOUT:

NALACC is a network of community-based; Latino and Caribbean immigrant-led organizations in the US that seeks to raise the quality of life for immigrant communities in the United States, as well as communities in migrant-sending countries in Latin America. Over the years, NALACC has built close working relationships with key civil society organizations throughout Latin America.

For more information go to nalacc.org.

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