

NOVEMBER 14TH - 16TH

An aerial photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape. The terrain is characterized by steep, rocky slopes and deep, winding valleys. A prominent road or path winds through the lower part of the image, and a river or stream flows through a valley in the middle ground. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and geographical complexity.

**LA FRONTERA
/THE BORDER**

WELCOME

Welcome to the La Frontera/The Border Conference! This Chapman University conference is the culmination of the series of events, art exhibits, and courses focused on La Frontera. Borders divide people, laws, and environments; across them flow people, legal and illegal goods, money, and more. During Fall 2019, Chapman University embarked on a campus-wide interrogation of border issues, particularly those surrounding the U.S.-Mexico border. Throughout the semester students and community joined a book club, toured the four art installations, and attended lectures with leading experts. Drawing from the humanities, social sciences, journalism, law, and visual and performing arts, courses have been examining borders through interdisciplinary perspectives. Seventeen public events have encouraged the campus and wider community to examine the controversial issues around borders.

From November 14-16 Chapman University welcomes leading scholars, artists, and journalists with expertise in border issues to campus for public and free panels, lectures, and engagement with memory and art. The Thursday keynote presentation features Francisco Cantú, former border patrol agent whose memoir, *A Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border*, won the 2018 Los Angeles Times Book Award. The conference also offers space for student presentations of their research and creative activity on this topic. By engaging in multi-disciplinary examination of this topic, we hope our community will come away better informed and prepared to be engaged global citizens.

Providing opportunities that inform and encourage our community to wrestle with the tough issues of today is part of the mission of Chapman University. La Frontera has provided our community with many resources and multiple perspectives to encourage more knowledgeable thinking about the U.S.-Mexico border. Additionally, Chapman has been working toward greater diversity and true inclusivity in its student body, faculty, and staff; La Frontera builds from the work of the "Chapman Diversity Project," by showcasing in Leatherby Library (and later the Rinker Health Science Campus) the recent acquisitions of art by a diverse array of artists' work on borders in the Escalette Permanent Collection. Further perspectives have been added by the show at the Guggenheim Gallery and the BorderClick exhibit in Argyros Forum. You are encouraged to take a box lunch and explore these exhibits during lunch on Friday. We encourage our community to continue learning from many ways of knowing about border issues—from visual art to poetry, from journalism to the law, and from social science to film. Through informed & active citizenry we can make a difference in the challenging issues of our time!

Dr. Lisa Leitz, Lead Conference Organizer and Delp-Wilkinson Professor of Peace Studies

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Marcus Herse, Guggenheim Gallery Director, Jessica Bocinski, Registrar of Art Collections, Dr. Sandra Alvarez, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dr. Amy Buono, Assistant Professor of Art History, Dr. Ruben Espinoza, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dr. Georgiana Bostean, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Health and Policy, Dr. Rafael Luévano, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Dr. Hilmi Ulas, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Peace Studies, and Claire Treu, Peace Studies Student Assistant.

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LA FRONTERA/THE BORDER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2019

Welcome and Keynote Presentation

6:15 - 6:45 PM

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Remembrance of the Berlin Wall | Freedom Plaza

Keynote Speaker - Francisco Cantú | Memorial Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2019

Faculty and Guest Speakers

8:00 - 8:30 AM

8:30 - 9:45 AM

10:00 - 11:00 AM

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Doors Open and Coffee | BK 404

Panel: "Border Flows" | BK 404

Talk: "The Border Now" | BK 404

Panel: "Border Activism" | BK 404

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Lunch & Art Exhibition Tours

2:00 - 3:15 PM

Panel: "Borders Here, There, Everywhere" | BK 404

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Panel: "Law, Policy, & Philosophy" | BK 404

4:45 - 6:00 PM

Panel: "Responses to the Border" | BK 404

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Closing Reception | Moulton Patio

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Screening & Talk: "Role of Documentary Film in
Illuminating the Border" | AF 209A

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2019

Student Presentations and Classroom Sessions

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Poster Presentations | BK 404

Oral Session #1 | BK 213

Oral Session #2 | BK 214

12:00-1:30PM

Lunch | Attallah Piazza

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1:30-3:00PM

Art Presentation | BK 404

Oral Session #3 | BK 213

Oral Session #4 | BK 214

3:30-6:00PM

Film Screenings | TBD

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Francisco Cantú

Former border patrol agent whose memoir, "The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border," won the 2018 Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

BORDER FLOWS | PANEL | 8:30-9:45AM

Dr. Georgiana Bostean

Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Health & Policy at Chapman University

Dr. Rafael Luévano

Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Chapman University

Dr. Carolina Prado

Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at San José State

THE BORDER NOW | TALK | 10:00-11:00AM

James Frederick

Freelance border journalist featured on NPR

BORDER ARTIVISM | PANEL | 11:15AM - 12:30PM

Dr. Amy Buono
Panel Moderator

Assistant Professor of Art History at Chapman University

Bovey Lee

Hong Kong-born papercut artist whose work explores the effects of migration

Tom Kiefer

Photographer and former U.S. Border Patrol custodian

Richard Lou

Installation artist, known for his "Border Door Performance" in 1988

Tanya Aguiniga

LA-based artist and member of the Border Arts Workshop

Luis G. Hernandez

Artist, curator, and founder of the MexiCali Biennial

LA FRONTERA/THE BORDER CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

BORDERS HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE | PANEL | 2:15 - 3:30 PM

Dr. Hilmi Ulas

Panel Moderator

Assistant Professor of Peace Studies at Chapman University

Dr. Karina V. Korostelina

Topic: Russia-Ukraine

Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University

Dr. Prexy Nesbitt

Topic: South Africa

Presidential Fellow in Peace Studies at Chapman University

Dr. Mateo Jarquin

Topic: Central America

Assistant Professor of History at Chapman University

LAW, POLICY, & PHILOSOPHY | PANEL | 3:45 - 4:30 PM

Dr. Bas van der Vossen

Associate Professor of Philosophy at Chapman University

Dr. Marisa Cianciarulo

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Fowler Law School

Dr. Stephen Nuño

Chair of Politics and International Affairs at Northern Arizona University and contributor to NBC Latino

RESPONSES TO THE BORDER | PANEL | 4:45-6:00 PM

José Ángel N.

Author of "Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant"

Oscar Teran

Lawyer and Founding Director of UCI DREAM Center

Ronald Rael

Chair of Architecture at UC Berkeley and creator of "the border seesaw."

Gabriel Thompson

Journalist and Steinbeck Fellow in Creative Writing at San José State University