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Advancing a More Just and Humane Society

**January 20, 2022**

## **Five Years North: Film Screening and Panel Discussion**

### **Agenda**

**6:30pm-6:35pm:** **Welcome & Introductions: Ané Mariñez-Lora, PhD**  
Research Assistant Professor  
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice  
Chair, Coalition Convening Planning Workgroup

**6:35pm – 7:15pm** **Panelists**

**Angela S. Garcia, PhD**  
Assistant Professor,  
The University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice

**Daysi Diaz-Strong, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
Jane Addams College of Social Work University of Illinois at Chicago

**Elena Zarandona, MS, LMHC,**  
Clinical Director  
Midwest Recovery and Wellness

*Moderator*  
**Ané Mariñez-Lora, PhD**

**7:15-7:30pm** **Q & A**



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## A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

**Angela S. García** is Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. She is a scholar of migration, membership, law, and the state, with a focus on undocumented immigrants and immigration federalism in the United States. García's award-winning book, *Legal Passing: Navigating Undocumented Life and Local Immigration Law* (University of California Press 2019), compares the effects of restrictive and accommodating state and local-level immigration laws on the everyday lives of undocumented Mexican immigrants. Her current book project theorizes time, aging, and waiting for immigration reform from the perspective of middle-aged undocumented immigrants who simultaneously care for their own children in the US and aging parents left behind in communities of origin. Another collaborative project focuses on urban inclusion in Chicago by investigating the impacts of the city's municipal ID program and its response to COVID-19 for marginalized residents. García earned a PhD in Sociology and a MA in Latin American Studies from the University of California, San Diego.

**Daysi Diaz-Strong, PhD '18**, is an Assistant Professor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work University of Illinois at Chicago. Daysi immigrated from Ecuador at the age of nine and was undocumented until her late twenties. Her experiences shaped her professional and research interests in the educational and developmental trajectories of Latinx undocumented immigrants. She has published various articles and book chapters on the college experiences of undocumented students. Most recently, her research has examined the coming-of-age experiences of undocumented teenage arrivals, or the 1.25 generation. She received her PhD and MSW from the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Practice, and Policy. She also holds an MA in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University.

**Elena Zarandona, MS, LMHC**, is the owner and Clinical Director of Midwest Recovery and Wellness, a bilingual mental health practice. She specializes in trauma and life transitions. Elena is originally from Mexico and has been working with the Hispanic undocumented population for over 10 years, evaluating individuals for the immigration process and with adolescents in the juvenile justice setting.



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## RESOURCES

### Documentary

#### *Five Years North (2021)*

Documentary film

Organization: Optimist

Founders: Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci

<https://optimist.co>

#### *Additional Panel Discussion on Five Years North*

American Reframe, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)

Host: Natasha del Toro

Five Years North Past Panel Discussion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFv1NBfPUW4>

### Migration Policy Institute

#### Reports

#### *Strengthening Services for Unaccompanied Children in U.S. Communities*

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/services-unaccompanied-children-us-communities>

Authors: Mark Greeberg, Kylie Grow, Stephanie Heredia, Kira Monin & Essy Workie

#### *Relaunching the Central American Minors Program: Opportunities to Enhance Child Safety and Family Reunification*

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/relaunching-central-american-minors-program>

Authors: Mark Greeberg, Stephanie Heredia, Kira Monin, Celia Reynolds & Essy Workie

#### Webinar

#### *Supporting Unaccompanied Children in the U.S. Communities Where They Live*

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/events/supporting-unaccompanied-children-us-communities>