Clinica De Migrantes Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Film Screening and a Panel Discussion

Monday, March 12, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Cohen Auditorium, 40 Talbot Ave., Medford, MA

Sponsored by the Community Health, and Tufts Health and Wellness, The Welcome Project, Tufts Office for Student Success & Advising, Tufts Premedical Society, and Tufts United for Immigrant Justice

Moderator and Panelists:

Adolfo Cuevas, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Community Health - Moderator

Jess Zeidman, MD PCP MGH Chelsea Clinic

Ben Echevarria Executive Director, The Welcome Project

Alejandro Baez, Class of 2021, Member of Tufts United for Immigrants Justice

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6:30 – 7:00 PM Registration and Meet and Greet

7:00 PM Opening Remarks by:

Yolanta Kovalko, Department Administrator, Community Health

7:10 – 7:50 PM Film Screening

7:50 – 8:30 PM Panel Discussion

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Panelists and Moderator Bios:

**Adolfo Cuevas**, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Community Health  
Dr. Cuevas employs a social and community psychological perspective to investigate the intersection of race/ethnicity, psychosocial stressors, and health-related outcomes in multiple social contexts (e.g., community, health system). Using a variety of methodological approaches (e.g., quantitative and qualitative methods), his work attempts to illuminate the psychological and social influences of health among racial/ethnic minorities. Dr. Cuevas is primarily interested in the effects of acute and chronic life stressors on physical and psychological health. He has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Cancer Disparities Research Network to investigate the biobehavioral pathways linking psychosocial stress and overweight/obesity among Hispanic/Latinos and Black Americans. The culmination of this work will lead to the development of effective community-based interventions to strengthen health-related resources that are available within neighborhood environments. Dr. Cuevas received his Ph.D. in Applied Social and Community Psychology from Portland State University. He attained additional training as a cancer prevention postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (2015-2017). Dr. Cuevas is Director of the Psychosocial Determinants of Health (PSDH) Lab at Tufts University

**Jess Zeidman**, MD, is a primary care provider focusing on immigrant health at the Massachusetts General Hospital Chelsea Healthcare Center (MGH Chelsea), and the Associate Program Director for Elective Training at the Internal Medicine Residency at MGH. In addition to providing primary care to immigrants at MGH Chelsea and teaching medical residents, her work focuses on developing an immigration-focused medical-legal partnership at MGH Chelsea. To better meet the needs of immigrants at MGH Chelsea, in 2016 she developed a medical-legal partnership between the MGH Chelsea Healthcare Center and Suffolk University Immigration Law Clinic to provide telephone consultation to health care providers on immigration law questions and cases.

**Ben Echevarria**, Executive Director of the Welcome Project. The Welcome Project builds the collective power of Somerville immigrants to participate in and shape community decisions. We do this through programs that strengthen the capacity of immigrant youth, adults and families to advocate for themselves and influence schools, government, and other institutions.

**Alejandro Baez**, a freshman currently studying Clinical Psychology and Community Health, he is a member of UIJ (Tufts United for Immigrant Justice club). He is also the first generation student representative on Tufts Student Senate. He comes to us from Las Vegas, Nevada and immigrated there from Apatzingan, Michoacan, Mexico. He can bring a great perspective on the immigrant experience.