

Chicago as a Mosaic

SPEAKER SERIES # 9: "UNCOVERING THE STORIES OF IMMIGRANT, REFUGEE, AND UNDOCUMENTED POPULATIONS"

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In its most simple definition, a mosaic is "a picture or other design constructed from smaller pieces." In addition to the subject and style of the design, it is the choice of materials and the skill in creating and placing the pieces that contribute to the personal, artistic and practical value of the mosaic. Using simple materials may create wonderful works of art. The Egan Office views Chicago as a mosaic of communities and neighborhoods. In these neighborhoods that are pieced together with uneasy symmetry, there are stories and voices unheard, heroes and griots, movements, and recycled dreams.

Egan Office of Urban Education and Community Partnerships at the Steans Center is hosting conversations with community and movement builders, activists, and organizers in an effort to recognize the critical voices that give shape to the Chicago Mosaic.

**Please join our conversation on *Immigrant Rights*
Lunch Will Be Provided!**

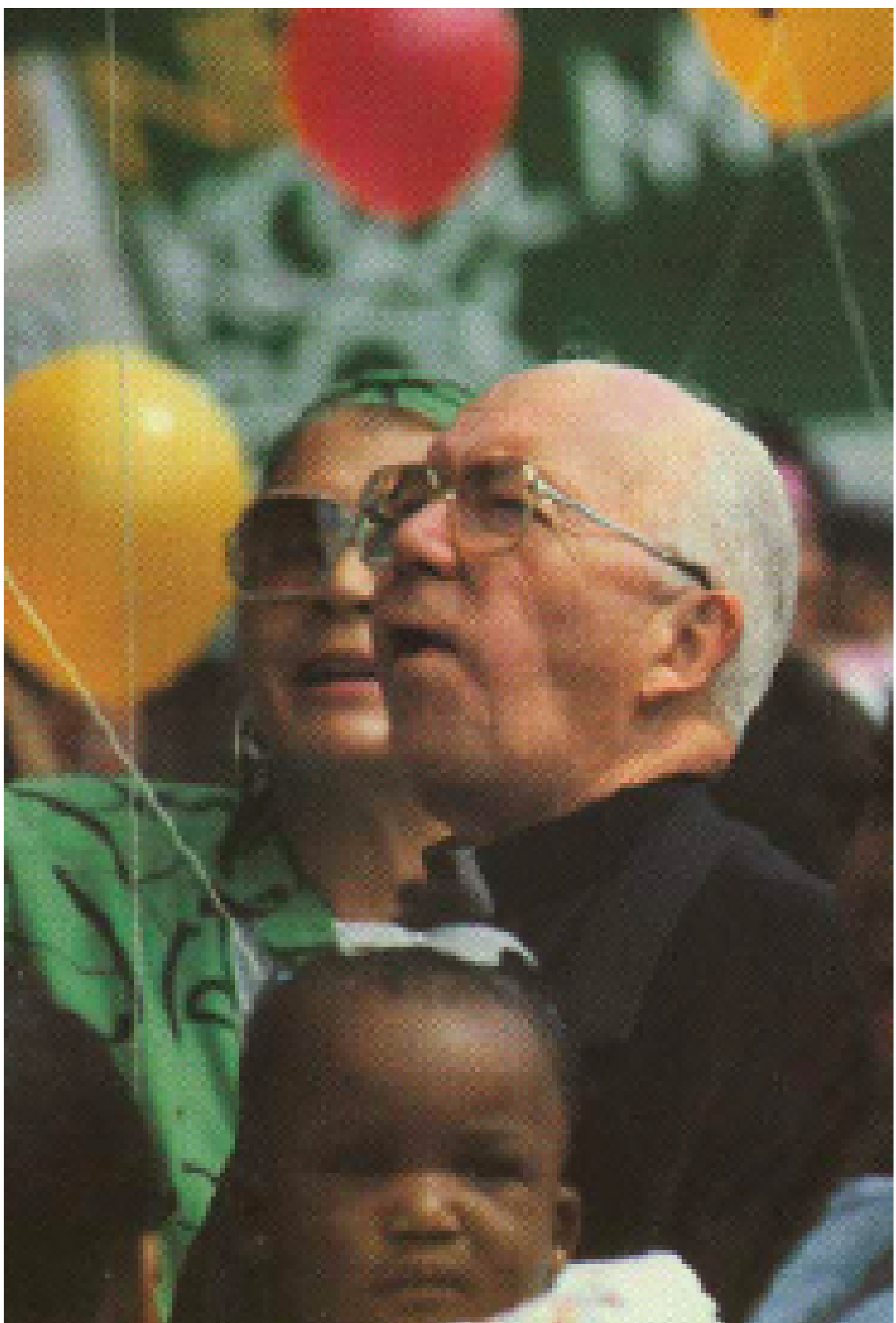
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Vanessa Esparza-López

Vanessa Esparza-López is a supervising attorney with the National Immigrant Justice Center where she represents individuals before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Department of Justice. Vanessa is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), where she currently serves on the Chicago AILA District Director Liaison committee. Vanessa is also a Board Member of P.A.S.O. (*Proyecto de Acción de los Suburbios del Oeste*/West Suburban Action Project), a community-based social justice organization with the mission to build stronger communities where all residents can live dignified lives regardless of their race, socioeconomic or immigration status. She obtained her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law in 2009 and her Bachelor of Arts with honors in International Studies from DePaul University in 2006. During law school, Vanessa was the cofounder of a new student group, the Society for Asylum & Immigration Law.

Kristin Field

Kristin Field is currently the employment coordinator at the Pan-African Association. The mission of the Pan-African Association is to serve, empower, and promote the integration of refugees, asylees and immigrants from Africa and around the world. In her role, Kristin builds relationships with employers, facilitates job readiness courses, and supports client skill development. Kristin also researches client cultures and customs to promote cross-cultural communication. In her previous roles, Kristin has served as a community health development agent for the Peace Corps. She graduate *Magna Cum Laude* from Loyola University of Chicago in 2011 with Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and Communications.

