



ILSA Journal Inaugural Conference

Current Issues in Immigration Policy

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

NSU Shepard Broad College of Law

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The ILSA Journal Conference will cover a diverse area of topics including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Prosecutorial Discretion, Non-Physical Abuse Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Asylum.

Conference Agenda

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| 8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. | Registration and Breakfast |

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| 8:50 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Opening Remarks: Jon Garon, Dean and Professor of Law |
| 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.  9:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.  10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. | **Introduction of Moderator and Topics: Lora Esau, Editor-in-Chief**  **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**  Temporary Protected Status (TPS)  Prosecutorial Discretion |
| 10:40 A.M. – 11:10 A.M.  11:10 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.  11:40 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | **Asylum**  Non-Physical Abuse Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)  **Interactive Question & Answer Session** |

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**Moderator, Shahabudeen Khan,** graduated summa cum laude from Florida International University in 1999, earning a B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology. Mr. Khan graduated third in his law school class from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center in 2003. Mr. Khan has practiced as a litigation attorney with the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A. Mr. Khan is currently the Associate Dean of International Programs and Associate Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law.