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College of Public Health to Host Panel Discussion on Current U.S. Immigration Policy, June 29



DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

3:30 - 5 P.M.

LOCATION: UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
Drachman Hall, Room A114
1295 N. Martin Ave., Tucson

Arizona-Mexico border, seven miles east of the Douglas, Arizona Port of Entry. Photo/Robert Guerrero

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"Migration is a Human Right: A Call to Action," is the title of a panel discussion featuring faculty and community leaders, Friday, June 29, at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.



LIVE STREAM:

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The "zero tolerance" U.S. immigration policy has resulted in the separation of more than 2,000 children, including infants and toddlers, from their parents, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. What is clear after years of research by public health professionals is that separating children from their parents is detrimental to their physical and mental health.

A panel of community leaders representing medical, advocacy groups, community and public health professionals will share their perspectives on family separation at the border and offer suggestions on what members of the Tucson community can do right now to get involved, at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, **Friday, June 29, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, Drachman Hall, 1295 N. Martin Ave., Room A114, in Tucson.

"The purpose of this panel discussion is to offer our border-region community our unique perspectives in order to increase awareness about the public health impact of what is occurring with the separation of families at the border, said **Heidi Pottinger, DrPH**, director of clinical investigations at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health. "Our guest panelists will offer suggestions for people wishing to take action who are interested in learning about ways they can do so

in the community.”

Panelists:

- **Daniel Derksen, MD**, professor of public health policy and management and director of the Arizona Center for Rural Health, UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health; past president and member of the Board of Directors, Arizona Academy of Family Physicians
- **Isabel Garcia, JD**, Alliance for Global Justice
- **Vicki Gaubeca, MPH**, director, Southern Border Communities Coalition
- **Deborah McCullough**, Tucson artist and member of the Tucson Samaritans
- **Anna O’Leary, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Mexican American Studies, UA College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
- **Heidi Pottinger, DrPH**, director, clinical investigations, and past co-presiding officer and board member of Learning, Understanding, Cultivating, Health, Advocacy (LUCHA), UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

A question-and-answer session with the panelists will follow the discussion.

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