

# Human Migration Symposium

Tuesdays, Oct. 19 – Nov. 16, 2010

## Speaker Biographies

### Amy Kinsel

Amy Kinsel teaches U.S. History, Women's History, Pacific Northwest History, Immigration History, and Interdisciplinary Studies at Shoreline Community College. Since coming to Shoreline CC in 2004, she has enjoyed sharing her love of history, historical analysis, and historical writing with students. A native of the Pacific Northwest, Prof. Kinsel received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Puget Sound, and her Master of Arts and doctoral degrees from Cornell University. Her Ph.D. dissertation, "From 'These Honored Dead': Gettysburg in American Culture, 1863-1938," won the Allan Nevins Prize of the Society of American Historians for best-written doctoral dissertation in American history of 1992. In addition to teaching and writing, Prof. Kinsel is an active member of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. She currently serves on the Organization of American Historians' Committee on Community Colleges.

### Robert Francis

Robert Francis has been teaching Economics and occasionally International Studies at Shoreline Community College for 17 years. He is also an occasional adjunct faculty member at University of Washington-Bothell and Seattle University. He earned degrees B.A. and M.A. degrees in Economics from San Jose State University, where he specialized in Economic History and Comparative Economic Systems. He completed a thesis on the role of economic aid in the economic development of Israel. The economic perspective he prefers to work in is called institutional economics; this field examines the institutional (formal and informal rules of human behavior) context within which economic exchanges take place. For instance, how will the development and expansion of e-commerce (buying and selling stuff over the internet) change the nature of these exchanges?

### Paul Herrick

Paul Herrick has taught philosophy at Shoreline Community College since 1983. He received his PhD in philosophy from the University of Washington and is the author of *The Many Worlds of Logic* (Oxford University Press) and *Reason and Worldview. An introduction to Western Philosophy* (Harcourt Brace).

### Pramila Jayapal

Pramila Jayapal is the founder and Executive Director of OneAmerica, the largest immigrant advocacy organization in Washington State. Under her leadership, OneAmerica has organized tens of thousands of immigrants from diverse communities around immigration reform, immigrant integration and racial profiling, and achieved significant policy change. In addition, OneAmerica has

registered and mobilized over 25,000 New American citizens to vote since 2006. Nationally, Ms. Jayapal has helped to lead the fight for due process and comprehensive immigration reform, serving as Vice Chair of the Rights Working Group national coalition as well as on the Executive Committee of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement. In 2008, she was appointed by Governor Gregoire as Vice Chair of the New Americans Policy Council. She and OneAmerica have received numerous recognitions and awards. Pramila is an immigrant from India, and came to the U.S. when she was 16 to attend college. She received her U.S. citizenship in 2000 and is the proud mother of a 13-year old son.

### Joel Paget

Joel Paget is the Senior Member of the Immigration Group at Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC in Seattle, WA. He has over 30 years experience in all aspects of immigration, with an emphasis on business and tax issues, and he lectures and writes frequently on these topics. Additionally, Joel is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (locally and nationally), Seattle Rotary Club #4, is an Emeritus Trustee of Seattle Pacific University and served over 28 years as Director and Secretary of the Seattle Pacific Foundation. He was an adjunct professor of business law for 10 years at SPU, chairman of the Taxation Section and a Bar Examiner for the Washington State Bar Association. Joel continues to be recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* (1999-2011) and is honored to be selected “Super Lawyer” each year since the inception of the award. [Paget@Ryanlaw.com](mailto:Paget@Ryanlaw.com) Direct line 206-654-2215.

### Steven Pfaff

Steven Pfaff is associate professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. He was formerly the Director of the Center for West European Studies in the Jackson School of International Studies. A scholar of comparative and historical sociology, his work focuses on state and society in contemporary Europe. Pfaff received his PhD from New York University in 1999 and has studied and taught in Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom and Denmark. He has published research in a number of scholarly journals and is the author of the prize-winning book, *Exit-Voice Dynamics and the Collapse of East Germany*, published by Duke University Press in 2006.

### James Simpson

JAMES R. SIMPSON, an agricultural economist specializing in world food and livestock issues, is Affiliate Professor at the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, Washington State University, and President, Asian Water and Resources Institute. He is Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida as well as Professor Emeritus at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan, where he recently spent 10 years as Professor (tenured) of International Economics and Food. In addition to six years of long-term assignments in Latin America, he has also worked short-term and had professional visits in over 35 other countries, including more than 20 trips to China (PRC) spanning a period of over a year. Dr. Simpson is author of nine books on international agricultural topics including four on Japan as well as one on China. He is also author of more than 400 articles, monographs and chapters in books, including 60 on China. He has done extensive consulting with organizations such as The World Bank, The Latin American Development Bank, The Asian

Development Bank, and the CG System of International Research Centers as well as many private companies.

### Wendy Liu

Originally from Xian, China, Wendy Liu has a BA in English from Xian Foreign Languages Institute and a MS in Technology and Science Policy from Georgia Tech.

Wendy has lived in Seattle more than twenty years. She has been a consultant, translator and writer, with published books such as “Connecting Washington and China—The Story of the Washington State China Relations Council,” “Everything I Understand about America I Learned in Chinese Proverbs,” and op-ed columns in the Seattle Times.

She was the recipient of the 2010 Humanist Pioneer Award from the American Humanist Association. She is also a mom with a freshman son at UW.

### Bruce Lamb

Mr. Lamb has practiced law for 25 years in State, Federal and Immigration courts. He has a B.A. in Political Science, University of Washington 1981; J.D., University of Oregon, 1984, and Master of Public Administration, University of Washington 2007. In addition to his professional practice, Mr. Lamb contributes his time to community-based and global social initiatives. He represents persons from other countries seeking political asylum in the United States in immigration court through the Northwest Immigrants Rights Project.

### Berhane Gebremichael Tewolde

Berhane Gebremichael Tewolde was born in 1974 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. His parents were from Eritrea, which achieved independence from Ethiopia in 1993. In 1998, as a result of the ongoing war between Eritrea and Ethiopia, Berhane and his family were deported to Asmara, Eritrea. Almost immediately, he was drafted into the Eritrean army. He served in the army from 1998 to 2003 as a medic. When he was examining some corpses in his line of duty, he recognized one as a member of the assembly which had been dissolved by Eritrea’s increasingly authoritarian government. The man had been shot in the head. Berhane was warned by a friend that his leaders now wanted Berhane killed, because they did not want this secret to get out. Fearing for his life, he fled the country. He came to the United States in 2009 and petitioned for political asylum. The immigration court granted his petition on April 1, 2010 following a hearing, and he is now a legal permanent U.S. resident. In six years he can become a U.S. citizen.