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# 23rd Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards

The Time is Now!



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi presenting Senator Dick Durbin with the Inaugural Nancy Pelosi Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Policy.



Left to right: Dick Odgers, ILRC Board Member; Lisa Spiegel, ILRC Board President; Jose Antonio Vargas, Phillip Burton Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Advocacy recipient; Eric Cohen, ILRC Executive Director; and Laura Mazel.

# Message from ILRC Immigration Policy Attorney, Aidín Castillo

Growing up in California, I wasn't confronted with my

undocumented status until I was 12. My family left Mexico City shortly after I was born. Like many others, we sought a safer living environment and job opportunities Mexico couldn't offer. After ten years in the U.S., we applied to legalize and consulted an immigration consultant or "notario" recommended by a neighbor. The notario



assisted my family with the application process and promised to send an attorney to represent us. We went to court twice—the *notario* never sent an attorney. At the final hearing, again without legal representation, the judge indicated no more continuances would be allowed. While we thought we were applying for green cards, it was a shock to learn from the Immigration Judge that the *notario* had actually applied for asylum. We never told the *notario* we wanted to apply for asylum. And, not only were we ineligible, the *notario* had made up all the information and never showed the application to us. Because we didn't qualify for asylum the government began deportation proceedings immediately.

The reality hit me that we could be removed at any time—taken away from the only place I have ever known as home. My life would never be the same. This experience solidified my desire to help immigrant families like mine and become an immigration attorney.

One of the most significant ways I have been able to help immigrants has been through my work at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC). My first interaction with ILRC was

## **ILRC** and Immigration Reform

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center celebrates its 34th Anniversary this year. This is an amazing time for immigration reform and ILRC is working to ensure that all immigrants have a meaningful and just opportunity for a pathway to citizenship.

Aidín Castillo recently joined the ILRC, working in Washington, D.C. as our Immigration Policy Attorney. Her presence allows us to directly and effectively share our experience and expertise in immigration law with policymakers. Drawing from our work during and after the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), she has met with legislative staff members to educate them about the importance of having provisions in the immigration bill that will help maximize participation. This includes strong confidentiality language and limiting the cost of applying for legalization. Through our close work with legislative staff, we have been able to help address misconceptions, including concerns that immigration reform will lead to immigrants committing high incidents of fraud.

ILRC has coordinated a national working group through the Alliance for Citizenship Campaign to analyze the legalization and crime-related provisions of the Senate immigration bill, S.744. The ILRC also works with the Immigrant Justice Network to oppose any provisions within immigration reform that would deny due process to green card holders and immigrant youth, who have had prior contact with law enforcement.

## ILRC's 34 years of experience in navigating complex immigration law and our work with IRCA has prepared us for immigration reform.

A critical component of our work is to elevate the voices from immigrant communities. One way we accomplish this is by providing ongoing legal technical support on immigration law and legislative strategy on S.744 to PICO National and Gamiliel, two large networks of grassroots faith-based community organizations. Through this partnership, we work on legislative language and prepare educational materials to address some of the issues PICO members have identified as roadblocks to citizenship, including the cost of penalty fees, the length of the path to citizenship, and the criminalization of immigrant communities. PICO members use this information to educate their Congressional members and others.

Furthermore, ILRC founder, Bill Hing and I have created easily accessible information through a podcast, *Immigration Reform: The Past, Present and Future*. This podcast

complements the article by Bill, Lessons Learned from Amnesty in 1986, and both are made available through our website, www.ilrc.org, as free resources to all.

ILRC's 34 years of experience in navigating complex immigration law and our work with IRCA has prepared us for immigration reform. Together with our allies and partners throughout the nation, we are advocating for just and fair immigration reform, and when it happens, ILRC will be there to respond and serve the community.



Eric Cohen
Executive Director, ILRC

#### Message from Aidín Castillo (continued)...

through Staff Attorney Mark Silverman, whom I met when I was a community organizer in Santa Barbara. I recall the ILRC being one of the first organizations offering free advice to DREAMers online. Mark, a celebrity to the immigrant community, empowered and made information accessible to DREAMers. ILRC is an invaluable and reliable resource for the immigrant community who often succumb to *notarios* and others taking advantage of a vulnerable population.

In 2009, I served as a legal intern at the ILRC. Today, thanks to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, I work in Washington, D.C. as the Immigration Policy Attorney for the ILRC. I feel fortunate and honored to contribute to meaningful change for immigrant families everywhere. I bring the voice of California's immigrants to the Capitol, working closely with Congressional members advocating on behalf of undocumented immigrants and fighting for fair and just immigration reform.

As a DREAMer, I have potential options and DACA offered me the ability to obtain a driver's license and also pursue my career in advocating for the immigrant community. Unfortunately, for my parents and others in their situation, the opportunity is limited. Each time I read provisions of the legislation being considered in Congress, I wonder if people like my parents will ever qualify. I want people to recognize the important contributions of immigrants. Documented or undocumented, families are here to work hard and provide for each other. At the ILRC, I have a tremendous opportunity to contribute to a piece of legislation that, if it passes, will change lives.

# Forgotten DREAMers: ILRC's outreach in California's Central Valley

Martin is a DREAMer. Two of his seven siblings have been deported, and when his family heard about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) they had to decide which of the children remaining would use the family's limited resources to apply. When Martin finally attended a DACA workshop in Fresno, he shared his story with Barbara Pinto, Ralph Santiago Abascal Fellow at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. He told her of the various challenges he faced, including having to borrow money for the application fee, and asking a coworker to drive him to the event and back.

Martin, like many DREAMers in rural areas, represents a group that can become an afterthought when it comes to applying for DACA, creating communities of Forgotten DREAMers. They are often eligible for DACA, but face multiple barriers to applying and have little support. Of the estimated 1.7 million DACA-eligible, 400,562 have been approved, receiving temporary work authorization and a two-year reprieve from deportation. Many of those yet to apply live in distant regions, with few resources or opportunities to meet DACA requirements. In addition to the application fee, the program requires a high school diploma or equivalent (like a GED), or current enrollment in certain educational programs.

California's Central Valley is home to tens of thousands of DACA-eligible immigrants, but local resources are limited. For the past year, ILRC has been assisting Forgotten DREAMers

in the region through free legal workshops, connecting DREAMers with educational opportunities, and building the capacity of local service organizations. In January 2013, ILRC also released the first comprehensive DACA manual, a resource to help attorneys and advocates navigate the complex issues surrounding this program.

Many immigrants living in the Central Valley are farmworkers, and more than half of those otherwise eligible for DACA require additional schooling to qualify. Unfortunately, the few existing educational programs that meet DACA requirements fill up quickly, and getting to classes can be a challenge. Susana, another DACA-eligible Central Valley DREAMer, was eager to attend school, but after factoring in transportation and childcare costs, found that the price of education was simply too high. For families like Susana's with children to feed, these barriers can seem insurmountable.

ILRC is in the Central Valley to assist Forgotten DREAMers in overcoming these barriers, however there is still much work to be done. According to Barbara Pinto, "We need to continue to bring services to the Central Valley. There aren't enough organizations to serve DACA applicants – there are still people that haven't even heard of DACA. We need to continue our work in the region to bring resources to this underserved community." To paraphrase Jose Antonio Vargas, recipient of the Phillip Burton Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Advocacy: these Forgotten DREAMers, like all DREAMers across the nation, are Americans. They're just waiting for their country to recognize it.

## **NEW AMERICANS CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The New Americans Campaign (NAC) is a national initiative to increase naturalization among eligible legal permanent residents. The campaign, with over 100 local partners, has saved immigrant communities more than **\$40 million** over the last two years, through free and low cost legal

services and assistance with naturalization application fee waivers. Building on hundreds of collaborative relationships, NAC has helped over **60,000 people** navigate the naturalization process. As the campaign's national lead agency, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center has played a major role in facilitating this growth. In May 2013, we held a national conference in Los Angeles, CA for naturalization practitioners with attendees from every city where NAC is present. The conference identified best practices and created connections with NAC partners from around the country. It also included a naturalization workshop where conference goers put their skills into action by helping aspiring citizens complete their naturalization papers. Visit



The New Americans Campaign's first national conference, held in Los Angeles, CA, drew participants from across the nation.

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Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi with Jose Antonio Vargas, recipient of the Phillip Burton Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Advocacy.

On Friday, May 31, 2013, 300 friends and supporters joined the ILRC for the 23rd Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center recognizes the work of those who have significantly impacted and advanced the civil rights of immigrants, carrying on the legacy of the late Phillip Burton, U.S. Representative from California (1964-1983).

Together, we celebrated **Senator Dick Durbin** and Pulitzer Prize-winning
author, **Jose Antonio Vargas**, and
their work on behalf of the immigrant
community. We were honored to be
joined by special guest, **Congress- woman Nancy Pelosi**, a member of
our Advisory Board, and one of the

first recipients of the Phillip Burton Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Policy.

The evening opened with **ILRC Board President, Lisa Spiegel**, pointing to generation after generation of immigrant families who sought the freedom and happiness embodied in the

American Dream. And as a reminder that this dream continues to thrive, Denisse Rojas and Steve Li, members of the creative writing program at Educators for Fair Consideration, shared their personal struggles as DREAMers.

Congresswoman Pelosi, Democratic Leader joined us to present the Inaugural Nancy Pelosi Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Policy. This award reflects our deep appreciation for her longstanding support of the ILRC, and serves as an ongoing tribute to her courageous work on behalf of the immigrant community. Congresswoman Pelosi highlighted the important role ILRC continues to play in immigration reform efforts, and reiterated her firm belief that "...every immigrant makes America more

makes America more American."

As she presented the Nancy Pelosi Award for Immigration & Civil Rights Policy to Senator Dick Durbin, Congresswoman

Pelosi asserted, "There is no one who has done more legislatively for the DREAMers." Senator Durbin has been an ardent supporter of immigrant communities throughout his time in the Senate and was an early proponent of the DREAM Act. As Featured Speaker he shared his family's immigrant story, including the first DREAMer in his life, his own mother who came

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Lisa Spiegel thanking guest presenters Denisse Rojas and Steve Li, from Educators for Fair Consideration.

to the U.S. from Lithuania at the age of two. Durbin said "...l'm proud of where I came from, and we as a nation should be proud of where we came from, and we should be helping those who want to become a part of this nation's future."

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Senator Dick Durbin (front center) with DREAMers, including guest presenters, Steve Li (front left) and Denisse Rojas (front right).

the myriad ways DREAMers are shaping our nation's future and their courage in fighting for immigration reform.

Jose Antonio Vargas was presented with the Phillip Burton Award for Immigration and Civil Rights Advocacy by ILRC Founder, Bill Hing. Bill praised Jose

Antonio for his "rebellious advocacy," using every avenue available to advocate for the immigrant community. Vargas, who has not seen his own mother for more than 20 years, spoke of the tremendous sacrifices families make – including his – and the importance of support-

ing fair and just immigration reform.

It was a truly inspirational evening, with personal accounts of sacrifice, reminders of

our origins and a call to continue fighting for the rights of all immigrants. Jose Antonio Vargas closed with a strong sentiment

for all DREAMers, "I am an American; I am just waiting for my country to recognize me."

Special thanks to ILRC's supporters, partners, friends, and all those committed to expanding immigrant rights.

"I am an American; I am just waiting for my country to recognize me." – Jose Antonio Vargas



Judge Dana Leigh Marks, National Association of Immigration Judges President; Lisa Spiegel, ILRC Board President; and Senator Dick Durbin.



Jose Antonio Vargas with Bill Hing, ILRC Founder.

#### For more information...

For videos, pictures, and additional highlights from the 23rd Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards, visit us online at: www.ilrc.org/phillip-burton-awards

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## **ILRC In The Community**

## Celebrating 34 years of advancing immigrant rights across the nation.

#### Recognizing ILRC's work...

ILRC was honored with the Community Mentor Award at La Raza Centro Legal's 40th Anniversary Celebration on May 24, 2013.

"As a small non-profit working in the constantly changing field of immigration law, we would not be able to access such quality training and resources without the ILRC's help. This is why we whole heartedly nominated the ILRC for the community mentor award." - La Raza Centro Legal

#### **Community Work** & Collaborative Partnerships

#### **Pro Bono Clinic**

June 29, 2013. Staff Attorney, Erin Quinn coordinated a Pro Bono law clinic in collaboration with San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative and AILA Norcal. Over 250 immigrants came to seek help with their naturalization applications.

#### Free DACA Training Session

July 10, 2013. Law Fellow, Barbara Pinto led a free DACA training session in collaboration with Cooley, LLP and Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto.

#### Free Training on Naturalization and Citizenship

August 9, 2013. Sponsored by ILRC and the Public Law Center at the Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA.

#### San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center is serving as a technical assistance provider to a new collaborative: San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative, a threeyear public-private partnership that aims to promote citizenship and civic participation among San Francisco's naturalization-eligible immigrants. Service provider partners include Self-Help for the Elderly, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Catholic Charities CYO, International Institute of the Bay Area, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and La Raza Community Resource Center. Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees provides philanthropic coordination. For more information:

www.sfmayor.org/index.aspx?recordid=367&page=846

#### **Immigrant Justice Network**

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Immigrant Defense Project, and National Immigration Project collaboratively created the Immigrant Justice Network (IJN) focused on protecting and defending the rights of immigrants exposed to the criminal justice system.

For more: www.immigrantjusticenetwork.org.

#### **ILRC at AILA, June 26-29, 2013**

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Annual Conference, the largest annual gathering of the immigration law community, drew an unprecedented 4,000 attendees. ILRC staff participated in several panel discussions at this exciting and inspiring conference.

#### Kathy Brady, Staff Attorney

#### The Latest on the Categorical Approach: Not Dead Yet!

The latest developments in the categorical approach at the Board of Immigration Appeals, the circuit courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### Bill Hing, Founder, General Counsel, and Board Member

#### IPC Immigration Policy Panel: The 113th Congress - Where Is Immigration Reform Now?

Sponsored by the Immigration Policy Center, an update on the status of immigration reform and analysis of prospects for the future.

#### Angie Junck, Supervising Attorney

#### Film Screening and Panel Discussion of Fruits of War

This thought-provoking documentary on the intersection of gangs and immigration was preceded by a lively discussion with distinguished panelists.

#### Sally Kinoshita, Deputy Director

#### T and U Advanced Practice

Panel discussion on noncitizen victims of certain crimes or international trafficking, who may be eligible to legalize their immigration status by applying for T or U visas, focusing on advanced practice strategies and advocacy.

Look for ILRC at AILA California Chapters Conference in Anaheim, CA on November 7-9, 2013.

#### **2012 Financial Position**

#### **DONATIONS & REVENUE**

### 4% 2% Grants 94% Fees for Services 4% Individuals, Events & Other 2%

#### **EXPENSES**



#### **Assets**

Cash and investments	\$6,222,782
Current grants receivable	\$2,973,211
Other current assets	\$116,357
Long-term grants receivable	\$1,320,000
Net property and equipment	\$76,397
All other assets	\$2,700
Total Assets	\$10,711,447

#### Liabilities

Payables and accrued expenses	\$131,212
Current re-grants payable	\$458,360
Accrued vacation	\$127,273
Other liabilities	\$187,353
Total Liabilities	\$904,198

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$9,807,249
Temporarily restricted	\$7,107,551
Board-designated reserves	\$1,400,000
Available for operations	\$1,299,698
Net Assets	

## Joining the ILRC Family

#### Echo Brown - Temporary Office Manager

After graduating from Dartmouth College in 2006, Echo spent time as an investigator for the New York City Civilian Complaint Review and as an investigative journalism student at Columbia School of Journalism. In 2011 she moved to the Bay Area where she worked as a Leader for Challenge Day before arriving at the ILRC. Outside of the office, Echo is a performance artist, working on her first one-woman show.

#### Aidín Castillo - Immigration Policy Attorney

Working in Washington D.C., Aidín focuses on the effective implementation of DACA and bringing the voice of California's immigrant communities to immigration reform. A former ILRC summer intern, Aidín has been involved in immigration advocacy for nearly a decade. After graduating from UC Davis School of Law in 2011, she worked at the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation in Sacramento, California, advising rural migrant communities of their rights. Her passion for immigrants' rights stems from her own experience as an immigrant from Mexico. In her free time, Aidín enjoys swimming and volunteering with DREAM Act related organizations.

#### Melissa Rodgers - Project Director, New Americans Campaign (NAC)

Melissa brings more than a decade of non-profit leadership experience to her work on the NAC. Prior to joining the ILRC in 2013, Melissa was the director of Blue Shield of California Foundation's Health Care and Coverage program, the Directing Attorney of the Child Care Law Center, and the Associate Director of the UC Berkeley School of Law Center on Health, Economic & Family Security. She started her legal career working primarily with immigrant clients as a Directing Attorney and Director of the Health Consumer Center at the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County. Melissa has a Master of Education as well as a JD from Harvard University. She is a native French speaker and is conversant in Spanish.

#### Andrew Shaffer - Development Coordinator

Originally from Illinois, Andrew came to the Bay Area in 2010 to complete an MA in International Studies at the University of San Francisco. At the ILRC, he manages the day to day operations of the development programs, and the logistics for the Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards. Andrew also volunteers with the Trevor Project and participates in a bi-monthly book club. He is conversant in Spanish and has volunteered with immigrant and refugee communities for over three years.

#### **Summer Law Interns**

#### Rebecca Caporale

Rebecca works closely with ILRC attorneys, Grisel Ruiz and Angie Junck, focusing on the intersection of criminal and immigration laws. She is a student at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Her previous work includes youth gang and drug prevention at a nonprofit and experience in the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. Rebecca received her BA in International Relations at UC Davis, focusing on Migrant Studies. In her free time, Rebecca shops used bookstores for new favorites and hunts for brunch spots.

#### **Carlos Duarte**

Coming from a predominantly immigrant community in Southeast Los Angeles, Carlos is the child of a Mexican immigrant and a fourth generation Chicana/German American. As a summer intern, Carlos prepares various materials, including a FAQ on the Individual Tax Identification Number and the ramifications of sponsoring an immigrant by filling an Affidavit of Support. Carlos studies at UC Hastings College of the Law, serving as the Academic Chair for the La Raza Law Students Association, and is a recipient of the 2013 San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Public Interest Law Fellowship. Carlos holds a BA in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara and is married with two children.

#### Juan Camilo Mendez Guzman

An immigrant from Colombia, Juan is a law student at NYU and a Ford Law School Fellow. At the ILRC, he researches developing authority in specialized sections of asylum law. Before law school, Juan lived in Morocco for two years while serving in the Peace Corps as a community developer. Juan holds degrees in history and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is fluent in Spanish and Moroccan Arabic, and loves to watch international soccer, ACC basketball and the New York Yankees.

#### **Summer Volunteer**

#### Patricia Varela

Patricia, a Bay Area native, is a summer volunteer with the Individual Giving and Special Events Department. She is currently completing her MA in International Studies at the University of San Francisco, writing her thesis on immigrant women's perception of gender in the context of migrating to the U.S. Patricia also volunteers with Mujeres Unidas y Activas, a coalition of Latina domestic workers, and is committed to advancing the rights of women and immigrants. She is fluent in Spanish and enjoys runs around Lake Merced. Patricia is a self-described coffee devotee.

## **Publications & Trainings**

For more than 30 years, the ILRC has been producing expert law training and reference manuals on immigration law for new and experienced practitioners. Our trainings and publications cover a wide-range of immigration law topics, including U Visas, family-based immigration, asylum, VAWA, inadmissibility & deportability, naturalization, criminal immigration, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and more.

#### **DACA: The Essential Legal Guide, 1st Edition**



This comprehensive and practice-oriented overview of DACA is based on the ILRC's more than two decades of community education, outreach, training and technical assistance on issues impacting immigrant youth. Thorough and user-friendly, this manual covers the entire process of representing a DACA applicant from the initial client meeting to the closing of the client case. The guide includes information on all the eligibility requirements, tips on how to

help clients obtain the necessary documentation to apply, essential best practices on how to fill out all of the immigration forms, and helpful suggestions on both procedural issues and ways to effectively work with DACA applicants.

## 2013 Case Update for Defending Immigrants in the Ninth Circuit

The all-new 2013 Case Update shows how to identify, analyze and defend against the adverse immigration consequences of criminal charges, using a combination of user-friendly charts, summaries and practice aids, and in-depth discussion of defense strategies. It also includes extensive discussion of the most common California offenses and new defense strategies. A key



#### **Upcoming Trainings**

Our Fall 2013 Training Calendar will be available in mid-August and will include sessions on: Taxes and Preparing for CIR, Deportation Defense, Travel with a U Visa, Family-Based Immigration, Naturalization, and more!

To register for a webinar or seminar, visit us at www.ilrc.org.

For a complete list of our publications and trainings, visit us online at www.ilrc.org/publications.

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"The million-dollar question is: Why are there 8.5 million people who are eligible to apply for naturalization, and only between 750,000 and 850,000 are applying annually? It is too hard to apply, there is a fear of applying, it is too expensive – all of these are factors that work against our economy,"

explained Eric Cohen, ILRC Executive Director, on green card holders and barriers to applying for American citizenship. Eric was one of four distinguished panelists at Naturalization Matters to the Economy in Dallas, TX on July 10th. The panel was part of What Immigrants Contribute: A Special Event on Immigration, Texas, and Economic Growth, which included a naturalization ceremony and remarks by President George W. Bush. Look inside to see what ILRC and the New Americans Campaign are doing to help increase naturalization across the nation.



Moderator Tamar Jacoby (President and CEO, ImmigrationWorks USA) with panelists Richard Vedder (Professor, Ohio University), Manuel Pastor (Professor, University of Southern California), Ali Noorani (Executive Director, National Immigration Forum), and Eric Cohen (Executive Director, Immigrant Legal Resource Center).

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Look inside for more pictures and information.