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A REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT JOURNEY

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“The Geneva Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not only define the rights of refugees, they also define humanness. Every human being on earth must work to defend the rights of forced migrants and refugees, because in the mirror of their free and happy faces is represented the security and prosperity of the world.”

– Abdi Roble/Douglas Rutledge

6 pm Welcome, *Pham Thi Hoa*

“Beyond Rhetoric”, *Peggy Saika*

Matt Entenza

Wing Young Huie

Patricia Torres Ray

Hussein Samatar

Kao Kalia Yang

6:45 Audience/Panelist Dialogue

7:30 Closing, *Diane Knust*



Peggy Saika is the President/Executive Director of the Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy. Spanning over a 30-year period of community involvement, Peggy's accomplishments include being the co-founder of the Asian Women's Shelter and the executive director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network and the Asian Law Caucus. She has served on the board of numerous organizations, including the New World Foundation, Equal Rights Advocates, Choice USA, United Way of the Bay Area, Public Interest Law Foundation, and the Council on Foundations.



Wing Young Huie, award-winning photographer, has received international attention for his many projects that document the changing cultural landscape of Minnesota. His best-known work is *Lake Street USA*, which in the summer and fall of 2000 transformed six miles of a well-known Minneapolis thoroughfare into one of the most remarkable public art projects in recent memory. The *Minneapolis Star Tribune* named Wing "Artist of the Year" for his three published books: *Frogtown: Photographs and Conversation in an Urban Neighborhood*, *Lake Street USA*, and *9 Months in America: An Ethnocentric Tour*.



Senator Patricia Torres Ray is Minnesota's first Latina senator. She is a strong advocate for refugees and immigrants. Before serving as state senator, she voiced concerns for more than 18 years on health and education disparities at all levels of government. She received her undergraduate in Urban Studies from the University of Minnesota and her master's degree in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute. In 2008, she received the annual "Legislator of the Year" advocacy award by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota.

Hussein Samatar is the Founder/Executive Director of the African Development Center. As a nonprofit entrepreneur working with Minnesota African communities, Hussein focuses on helping organizations to start and sustain businesses, build wealth, and promote community investment. He served as a banker for Norwest and Wells Fargo. He is a board member of the Minneapolis Foundation, CommonBond Communities, and the Dean's Advisory Board of the Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota.



Matt Entenza, Minnesota House Representative, 1994-2006, is a strong advocate of refugees and immigrants. He has authored legislation to ensure the effectiveness of the Human Rights Act, increase ESL funding, and expand opportunities for Adult Basic Education. As a freshman legislator, Matt carried the legislation to preserve the Councils of Color (Black Minnesotas Council, Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Council, Chicano-Latino council, etc). He is the founder of Minnesota 20/20, a progressive think tank.



Kao Kalia Yang is the author of "The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir." She received a 2009 Minnesota Book Award and the Minnesota Readers' Choice Award for Book of the Year. She is a recipient of the Skipping Stone Award in Intercultural Writing and the Gustavus Meyer's Center Notable Book in Human Rights Writing. Kalia is a graduate of Carleton College and Columbia University in New York City.



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Pascal Salazar-Ferrer
Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota
Kristin Wincek, Graphic Design

"Many people have come to question what America represents in the world. The immigrants who have chosen to make America their home offer us an answer. Being American means believing in possibilities and potential."

— R.T. Rybak



To guide refugees and immigrants in the journey toward self-determination and social equality.

**Our vision is all refugees and immigrants
lead successful lives and exercise fully
their civic rights and responsibilities.**

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