

Immigration combines enormous technical complexity with emotionally charged concerns about national identity. This Forum examines how underlying issues of sovereignty and humanitarianism intersect with cultural, ethnic, and economic issues. It focuses on specific areas of tension within and between nations over issues of immigration.

**Wednesday, October 16**

Penn Pavilion

**4:30 pm: Check-in opens**

**5:15 pm: Welcome**  
**Noah Pickus**, Associate Provost and Senior Advisor, Duke University

**5:30 pm: Immigration Between Nationalism and Humanitarianism**  
**Moderated Conversation I**

Around dinner tables, across college campuses, in board rooms or on the Senate floor, immigration is an impossibly divisive issue. The topic is fractious precisely because it is about who we are and who we want to be as individuals and as a country. It is both personal and political. Michael Dougherty and Jose Antonio Vargas are both authors of recent powerful and poignant memoirs: *Dear America* and *My Father Left Me Ireland*. These narratives will serve as a lens through which we will explore the origins and logic of their divergent perspectives on immigration. In a frank and candid conversation, we will examine the choices that immigration policy demands we make and the values that undergird those choices.

**Moderator:** Suzanne Shanahan, Nannerl O. Keohane Director, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University

**Michael Brendan Dougherty**, *National Review* and author, [My Father Left Me Ireland: An American Son's Search for Home](#)

**Jose Antonio Vargas**, Pulitzer Prize winner, Founder, [Define American](#) and author, [Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen](#)

**7:00 pm: Reception for attendees**

**Thursday, October 17**

Penn Pavilion

**8:30 am: Check-in opens**

**9:15 am: Official Welcome**  
**Sally Kornbluth**, Provost and Jo Rae Wright University Professor, Duke University

**9:30 am: Options for a Fragile World: Immigrants and Refugees in the US and Europe**  
**Moderated Conversation II** \*Lunch afterwards for attendees\*

What options exist for grappling with the opportunities and challenges associated with migration? Bringing a diverse set of perspectives to bear, panelists will discuss the politics of immigration and refugee policies in the United States and Europe. In addition to the many factors that influence how we think about national identity, migration, and the significance of borders, panelists will consider the roles that governments and citizens can play in shaping how we respond to these questions.

**Moderator:** Deondra Rose, Assistant Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

**Michael Hardt**, Professor of Literature, Duke University, [Mediterranea](#) (see also [Duke Today](#))

**Eric Kaufmann**, Professor and Assistant Dean of Politics, University of London, author, [White Shift: Populism, Immigration, and the Future of White Majorities](#)

**Ana Raquel Minian**, Associate Professor in the Department of History, Stanford University, author [Undocumented Lives: The Untold Story of Mexican Migration](#)

**Peter Wehner**, Vice President and Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC and Pamela and Jack Egan Visiting Professor at the Sanford School of Public Policy and the Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University, author [The Death of Politics: How to Heal Our Fractured Republic After Trump](#)

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**12:00 pm:** **Keynote Address: "Immigration as a Test of Our Values," Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times***  
**Introduction:** Ravi V. Bellamkonda, Vinik Dean of the Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University

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**1:15 pm:** **Immigration and the University**  
**Moderated Conversation III**

Colleges and universities in the US emerged in the service of religious training and the educational and economic goals sought by the nation-state. Today, they receive research funding, tax privileges, and other benefits from federal and state governments. At the same time, higher education institutions are committed to a mobile world of people and ideas and compete in a global brain race. Tensions between these two poles emerge on a range of issues including security clearances and travel restrictions, provisions for undocumented students, growing financial dependence on international students, and joint-ventures in Asia and the Middle East. This panel explores these challenges to the mission of higher education in the US, who should have access to it, and under what conditions.

**Moderator:** Kerry Abrams, James B. Duke and Benjamin N. Duke Dean of the School of Law and Professor of Law, Duke University

**Charles Clotfelter**, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics and Law, Duke University, author [Unequal Colleges in the Age of Disparity](#)

**Karin Fischer**, Senior Reporter, Chronicle of Higher Education and Research Associate, UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education, author ["How International Education's Golden Age Lost Its Sheen"](#)

**Eisha Jain**, 2019-2020 Visiting Professor of Law, Duke University and Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law

**2:30 pm:** **Closing Remarks & Forum Conclusion**  
Abbas Benmamoun, Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Linguistics, Duke University