

Spring 2024
Symposium
Migration and Food Needs: A Latin American and US Perspectives

The Symposium seeks to examine hunger as a key driver of migration and explore ways in which food security, food justice, and food systems can be strengthened to address the large-scale movement of refugees and migrants from a Latin American perspective. During a three-day event, scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students will come together to explore the crucial intersections between food, migration, religion, economic opportunity, and human flourishing, including the culinary contributions of migrants to US communities.

- To explore the relationship between migration and food needs from a Latin American perspective;
- To critically assess and constructively recommend public policies for governmental, non-governmental, faith-based organizations, and churches related to migration and food needs;
- To analyze and propose a Christian biblical and theological perspective to the challenges and promises of migration and food practices;
- To provide research perspectives and information to the study of migration and food needs and distribution;
- To discover and celebrate the contributions of migrants in transforming the culinary cultures of the United States.

Schedule
Dates: April 16-18, 2024
Location: Baylor University

Tuesday, April 16th: Hurd Ballroom A & B & C

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| 12:30pm | Check-In |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm: | Greetings: Member of the Organizing Committee Lee Nordt, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences Doug Weaver, Chair of the Religion Department Jeremy Everett, Executive Director of Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty |
| 3:00pm – 4:30 pm: | “Examining the Complex and Interconnected Root Causes of Migration in the Americas.” Keynote speaker: Álvaro Botero Navarro, Professor, American University, Washington College of Law |
| 4:30pm – 5:00pm: | Refreshments and snacks |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: | Documentary: “Missing in Brooks County” Conversation with Filmmakers: Lisa Molomot; Jeff Bermis; Jacob Bricca; Eddie Canales (South Texas Human Rights Center); Kate Spradley, Ph.D. (Texas State University) |

“Missing in Brooks County” was nominated for Best Political Documentary by the Critics’ Choice Awards. (For more information see missinginbrookscounty.com)

Wednesday, April 17th: Cashion 506

- 8:00am Check-In
- 8:15am – 9:00 am: Coffee and snacks
- 9:00am – 9:15am: Linda Livingstone, President Baylor University
Nancy Brickhouse, Provost Baylor University
Agenda of the Day, Member of the Organizing Committee
- 9:15am – 10:45am: “Religion, Food Security, and Migration in the Americas: Implications for Policy and Research”
Keynote speaker: Víctor Hinojosa, Ph.D., Honors College, Baylor University
- 10:45am – 11:00am Break, Refreshments and snacks
Baylor Free Farmers Market, sponsored by The Store*
- 11:00 am – 12:30pm: “Migration in the Americas as an Act of Hope: A Summons to Work for Human Dignity”
Keynote: Dylan Corbett, Founder and Executive Director Hope Border Institute
- 12:30pm – 1:20pm: Lunch (on your own)
Baylor Free Farmers Market, sponsored by The Store*
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm: “Mobility, Insecurity, and Fragility: A Biblical Assessment of Migration and Food Crises”
Keynote speaker: Ericka Shawndricka Dunbar, Ph.D. Department of Religion, Baylor University
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm: Break, Refreshments and snacks
Baylor Free Farmers Market, sponsored by The Store*
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm: Workshops: **Cashion and Morrison**
1. Lourenço Paz, Ph.D., Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University “Migration and Economy”
Cashion 506; 3:30pm – 4:25pm and 4:30pm-5:25pm
 2. ~~Jennifer Howell, Ph.D., Director of the Theology, Ecology, and Food Justice Program, Truett Seminary, Baylor University, “Migration and Climate Change: Seeking Hope in a Climate Despair”~~
Morrison 102; 3:30pm – 4:25pm and 4:30 – 5:25 pm;
 3. João Chaves, Ph.D., Department of Religion, Baylor University
“How Migration Shapes Christian Communities”

Cashion 502; 3:30pm – 4:25pm and 4:30pm – 5:25pm

4. Rev. Israel Loachamin, D.Min., Associate Pastor of Spanish Ministry and Executive Director of “La Puerta,” “Community, Ministry, and Immigration.”

Cashion 315; 3:30pm – 4:25pm and 4:30pm – 5:25pm

5. Marcelo Boccato Kuyumjian, Lecturer of Jazz Studies, Baylor School of Music, “Migration and Music”

Cashion 316; 3:30pm – 4:25pm

6. Guilherme Almeida, Masters of Music, Senior Lecturer in Theater, Baylor University; “Migration and Food Needs—A Play Reading;” Cashion 317; 3:30 – 4:25pm and 4:30 – 5:30pm

7. Madeline Whitmore (and others), Ph.D. Candidate, Higher Education Studies and Leadership, Graduate Assistant for The Store,* “Food Needs at Baylor University,”

Cashion 311; 4:40-5:25 pm

8. Tong Lee, MPH, Baylor Collaborative on Poverty and Hunger, “Cultural, Linguistic, and Religious Diversity in Food and Nutrition Research in Guatemala”

Cashion 501; 3:30 – 4:25pm

5:30pm – 6:30 pm: Dinner (on your own)

6:30pm – 8:00 pm: “Latinx Labor and Community Formations: A History of Hawai‘i’s Agricultural Industries”
Cashion 506

Keynote: Rudy P. Guevarra Jr. Ph.D., Arizona State University

8:00pm – 8:15 pm Concluding Words and Agenda for Thursday, April 18th

*The Baylor Free Farmers Market, sponsored by The Store is “the largest on-campus event...to raise awareness of basic needs resources on campus.” The Farmers Market will be located near the Fountain Mall all day on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. We encourage attendants of the Migration and Food Symposium to take time—during the breaks and lunch time—to observe and engage with students and The Store staff as they seek support for their basic food needs.

*The Store is Baylor’s “on campus food pantry for students.” (Citations from the Student Opportunity & Achievement Resources webpage, Baylor University).

Thursday, April 18th: Cashion 506

8:00am Check-In

8:00am – 8:15am: Coffee and snacks

8:15am – 9:00am: A Review of the event and the agenda for today

9:00am – 10:30am: “The Art of Texas Mexican Cooking: Memory, Identity, Community”
Keynote: Chef Adán Medrano, author of *Truly Texas Mexican: A Native Culinary Heritage in Recipes*

(Indigenous Foodways of Texas and Northern Mexico;
adammedrano.com)

10:30am – 10:45am: Break, Refreshments, and snacks

10:45am – 12:15 pm: “Culinary Mestizaje: Racial Mixing, Migration, and Foodways in the US”
Keynote: Felipe Hinojosa, Ph.D., Jackson Chair in Latin American
Studies, History Department, Baylor University

12:15pm – 12:30 pm: Concluding Words

6:30pm -8:00 pm: Refreshments, Mariachi Osos Dorados, and Jazz Concert
Roxy Grove Hall, Music School