

Center for Migration Research

Migration Lecture Series



Legality and Precarity Among Middle-Class Venezuelan Migrants

Wednesday, October 12
12:00PM
The Commons at
Spooner Hall

Lourdes Gouveia

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Professor Lourdes Gouveia (Ph.D., University of Kansas) specializes in Migration and Latin American development. In 2003, she co-founded the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, which she directed until August of 2015. Her earlier work focused on the global restructuring of the food industry, particularly meat processing, and the importation of Mexican and Central American labor as a critical component of that restructuring process. Among the publications spawned by that research was the edited volume, "From Columbus to ConAgra: The Globalization of Food and Agriculture" (University of Kansas Press). She has authored and co-authored a number of articles aimed at documenting the profound socio-demographic changes and processes of immigrant incorporation occurring in new destination states such as Nebraska. Professor Gouveia's current work focuses on an entirely different migrant stream, the growing exodus of middle-class Venezuelans. The work is situated within the context of increasing global precarity of unskilled and skilled labor alike, and the compounded impacts of Latin America's failed development and governance models.