



IMMIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL EARLY PROGRAM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Jack Morton Auditorium, George Washington University, 805 21st St NW, DC

3:30 — 5:00 PM — TWO DOCUMENTARY FILMS, SHOW FREE OF CHARGE:



WE ARE GERMAN, TOO —

This short documentary follows immigrant families, including a US/Haitian family, trying to settle in Germany but finding that the education system views their children as needing to be streamed into technical, rather than college prep programs, in spite of their German language skills.

DON'T TELL ANYONE (NO LE DIGAS A NADIE)—

A PBS/POV documentary following Angy Rivera, an undocumented immigrant who came as a child from South America, and is now living in the US with her also-undocumented mother and younger US-born siblings. Angy decides to “come out” publicly about her status, openly advocate for change to US immigration laws and offer support to other young people like her who fear deportation and family separation.

5:00 — 6:00 PM — IMMIGRATION MYTHBUSTERS PANEL — FREE OF CHARGE



Dr. Elisabeth Vaquera

Three experts from academia, business and immigration law discuss the truths behind the myths widely circulating about immigrants in the US, including how they impact the economy, jobs, taxes, social integration, culture and social services. Aldo Bello of Mind and Media, Inc (a member of the Immigration Film Festival executive team and a first generation immigrant from Chile.) will moderate. Panelists include Dr. Elisabeth Vaquera, a scholar of Latino immigration and ethnicity, director of the Cisneros Hispanic



Randel Johnson



Susannah Volpe

Leadership Institute at GWU, Susannah Volpe, an immigration lawyer and managing attorney with AYUDA, a DC-based non-profit providing legal, social and language access services to vulnerable immigrants, and Randel Johnson, Sr. Vice President of the US Chamber of Commerce for Labor, Immigration and Employee Benefits.

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