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TESTIMONY IN  
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ASYLUM CASES



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## **FRIDAY, APRIL 14 SUB LOBO A & B**

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. UNM Welcome and Introductions
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. **PANEL I: Expert Witness Testimony: Attorney and Witness Perspectives**
- Maria Baldini-Potermin, Blaine Bookey, and Kimberly Gauderman will explain the history and recent evolution of the U.S. asylum process, the role of the expert witness, techniques for drafting country condition affidavits, the importance of framing a particular social group, and attorney-witness communication and collaboration.
- 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. **PANEL 2: Systematic Responses to Asylum: Building the Network**
- Natalie Hansen, Galya Ben-Arieh, and Sarah Wolff will explore best practices for expanding the population of experienced attorneys and witnesses, along with strategies for building a sustainable and more effective network for scholars and attorneys working on asylum.
- 3:15-4:00 p.m. DISCUSSION (Blaine Bookey, CGRS Database)

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 15 SUB LOBO A & B**

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. COFFEE
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. **PANEL 3: Detention Centers: Work in and Around Family Detention**
- Dylan Corbett, Allegra Love, and Nara Milanich will discuss the urgent question of the legal processes and living conditions associated with immigrant family detention centers.
- 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. **PANEL 4: Gender and Sexual Identity Recognizing Particular Social Groups**
- Aaron Morris, Gabriela Torres, and Kimberly Gauderman will address the recognition and evolution of the category “particular social group” in arguments for asylum, as well as the kinds of historical, legal, and cultural evidence that sustain successful asylum claims in specific Latin American countries.
- 3:15-4:00 p.m. CLOSING DISCUSSION

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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### **PEÑA CEREMONY AND CLOSING REMARKS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Join us for a peña and closing remarks. Heavy appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available. All are welcome to attend.