

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**Breaking Down the Borders: Immigration in San Francisco**

*Free panel discussion on Monday, April 16 at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the University of San Francisco*

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12, 2007 – In collaboration with the The Religion and Immigration Project (TRIP) at the University of San Francisco, KQED presents a free public forum, “Breaking Down the Borders: Immigration in San Francisco,” on Monday, April 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at USF.

The evening will include a screening of clips from KQED’s original production “Immigrant Voices—American Stories” and an interactive community dialogue with immigrant leaders profiled in the documentary and USF research analysts.

Learn about TRIP’s two-year study with five Bay Area immigrant communities and hear their findings on various issues including how the acculturation process for new migrants differs from their children, how immigrant communities organize themselves, and how religious groups strive to help meet their needs.

**WHAT:** “Breaking Down the Borders: Immigration in San Francisco”  
(Featuring a panel discussion, media presentation, and group dialogue)

**WHEN:** Monday, April 16, 2007 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** University of San Francisco  
Maraschi Room, Fromm Hall  
2130 Fulton Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117-1080

**USF PANELISTS:**

- Luis Enrique Bazan, “How Religious Groups Meet Pressing Migrant Needs”
- Kevin Chun, “Children and Acculturation Processes for New Migrants”
- Jay Gonzalez, “Community Organizing and Religious Groups”

**FEATURED GUESTS FROM “IMMIGRANT VOICES—AMERICAN STORIES”:**

- Manuel Espinosa, Yucatan community
- Vince Gutierrez, Unite Families
- Jade Wu (and interpreter Tan Chow), Chinatown Community Development Center

**MORE INFO:** <http://www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus>

*KQED’s Immigration in Focus ([www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus](http://www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus)) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives. Support for Immigration in Focus is generously provided by the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund ([www.haasjr.org](http://www.haasjr.org)).*

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