

California Agriculture: Water, Labor, and Immigration

Friday, April 15, 2016

Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, UC Davis Law School

This conference examines current issues in agriculture and farm labor. California agriculture and the farm workforce are changing. Scarce water, expensive land, and changing consumer preferences have increased the importance of fruits, nuts, vegetables, and horticultural specialties or FVH crops in the state's farm sales. There are fewer newcomers to the farm workforce, prompting farm employers to take steps to satisfy current workers, stretch them with mechanical aids and substitute machines for hand workers, and supplement with H-2A guest workers.

There is no charge to participate, but seating is limited. You must RSVP by April 1, 2016 at <https://registration.ucdavis.edu/Item/Details/206> if you plan to attend. Registration is required to attend any portion of the conference.

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Agenda

- 8:15AM Check-in and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45AM **Welcome**, Philip Martin, *UC Davis* and Colin Carter, *UC Davis*
- 9:00AM **Water, Climate and California Agriculture**
Chair: Dan Sumner, UC Davis
Louise Jackson, *UC Davis*
Paul Wenger, *CA Farm Bureau Federation*
Discussants: Dan Dooley, *New Current Water*, Dan Sumner, *UC Davis*
- 10:30AM *Break*
- 10:45AM **Farm Labor in 2016**
Chair: William Gould, ALRB
Farm production and employment changes, Philip Martin, *UC Davis*
Changing farm worker characteristics, Daniel Carroll, *DOL*
Discussants: Nathan Dorn, *Food Origins*, Muhammad Akhtar, *EDD-LMID*, Don Villarejo, *Davis*
- 12:15PM **Lunch**
- 1:15PM **Immigration Reform and Farm Workers**
Chair: Kevin Johnson, UC Davis
From IRCA to AgJOBS to H-2A, Philip Martin, *UC Davis*
DACA and DAPA Eligible Farm Workers, Ed Kissam, *JBS*
Discussants: Amagda Perez, *UC Davis*, Cynthia Rice, *CRLA*
- 2:45PM *Break*
- 3:00PM **ALRB Issues in 2016**
Chair: Genevieve Shiroma, ALRB
ALRB activities: Past, Present, and Future, William Gould, *ALRB*
Remedies for Unauthorized Workers, Kate Griffith, *Cornell*
Discussants: Martha West, *UC Davis*; Tom Sobel, *ALRB*
- 4:30PM **Adjourn**