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An award recognizing one Democrat and one Republican lawmaker who work across the aisle to advance constructive, bipartisan immigration solutions.

- // **Senator Richard Durbin**, Senator from Illinois
- // **Senator Cory Gardner**, Senator from Colorado

A CIVIL DISCOURSE

The extreme polarization in our political parties has become a barrier to compromise and progress on policies that could improve our country and the American people. Our country's biggest challenges have become political battlegrounds, no better example than the current immigration debate. Hear from highly regarded and influential thought leaders on how we can bridge ideological differences and come together for meaningful change.

- Moderator: Michael Wear**, Chief Strategist, The AND Campaign
- // **Dr. Russell Moore**, President, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
 - // **Cherie Harder**, President, The Trinity Forum

FROM THE NATIONAL ECONOMY TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES: THE BENEFITS OF AMERICAN IMMIGRATION

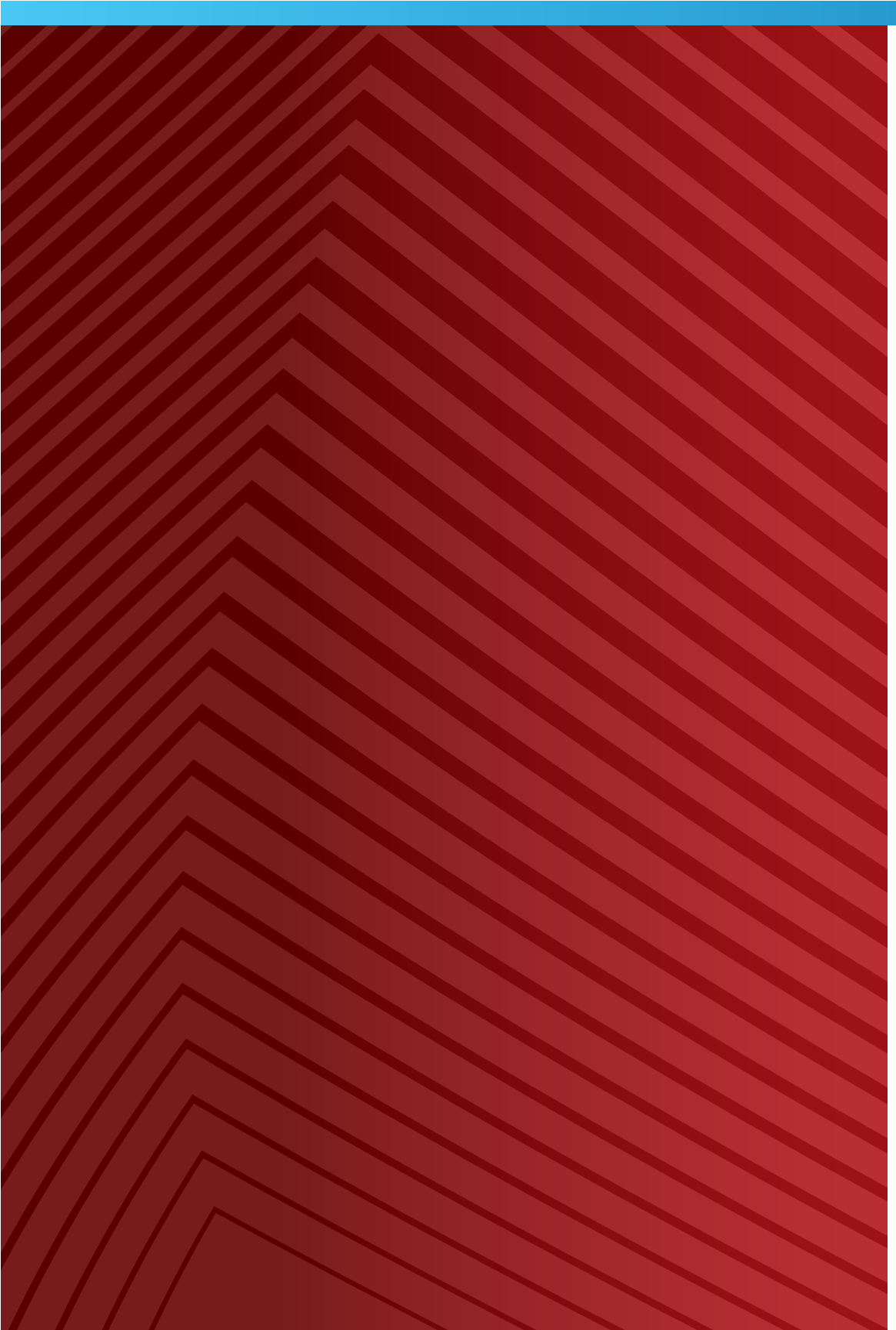
Immigration to the United States influences life at every level, and our country has changed as a result. Join us for a discussion on the ways we've improved as a nation thanks to immigration, with an economic and societal focus.

- Moderator: Marcela García**, Editorial Writer and Columnist, Boston Globe
- // **Chief Carmen Best**, Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department
 - // **Mark Holden**, Senior Vice President, Koch Industries

HUMANITY AND SECURITY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border has been an extremely divisive issue this year. Our speakers will give you a real-time update on what's happening at the border, factors driving migrants to the U.S., and a look into how border communities are impacted.

- Moderator: Heather Sells**, Reporter, Christian Broadcasting Network
- // **Sister Norma Pimentel**, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
 - // **Andrew Selee**, President, Migration Policy Institute



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SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN

Senator from
Illinois

SPEAKER

// @SenatorDurbin

Senator Richard Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state's senior senator, and the convener of Illinois' bipartisan congressional delegation. Durbin also serves as the Democratic Whip, the second highest ranking position among the Senate Democrats. Senator Durbin has been elected to this leadership post by his Democratic colleagues every two years since 2005. Durbin sits on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules Committees. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and the Appropriations Committee's Defense Subcommittee.



SENATOR CORY GARDNER

Senator from
Colorado

SPEAKER

// @SenCoryGardner

Senator Cory Gardner is a fifth-generation Coloradan who was born and raised in Yuma, a small town on the Eastern Plains of Colorado where his family has owned a farm implement dealership for over a century. In the Senate, Cory pursues common sense energy policy as a member of the Senate Energy & Natural Resource Committee. In addition, Cory serves on the Foreign Relations Committee, and the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. He also serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy. As Chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, Cory led the effort to impose broad new sanctions against North Korea, as the regime continues to be a leading abuser of human rights and its reckless advancement of nuclear weapons threatens our national security. In 2019, Cory was ranked the 5th most bipartisan Senator by The Lugar Center for his work in the 115th Congress to build consensus, elevate the tenor of debate, practice civility, and advance legislation on pressing issues.



A CIVIL DISCOURSE



CHERIE HARDER

President,
The Trinity
Forum

SPEAKER

// @CherieHarder

Cherie Harder serves as President of The Trinity Forum. Previously, she worked in the White House as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Policy and Projects for First Lady Laura Bush. She has also worked as the Policy Advisor to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, the Senior Counselor to the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Policy Director for Senator Sam Brownback, and the Deputy Policy Director at Empower America.

She has contributed articles to publications including Policy Review, Human Events, and the Harvard Political Review, and ghost-written articles in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, USA Today, and elsewhere. She also serves on the board of the Convergence Center for Policy Resolution and Faith and Law, and on the advisory boards of The Democracy Fund, The National Civic Art Society, and the National Museum of American Religion.



DR. RUSSELL MOORE

President, Ethics &
Religious Liberty
Commission of the
Southern Baptist
Convention

SPEAKER

// @drmoore

Dr. Russell Moore is president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The ERLC is the moral and public policy entity of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The Wall Street Journal has called Moore "vigorous, cheerful, and fiercely articulate." He was named in 2017 to Politico Magazine's list of top fifty influence-makers in Washington and has been profiled by such publications as the Washington Post and the New Yorker.

Prior to his election in 2013, Moore served as provost and dean of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he also taught theology and ethics. He currently serves as visiting professor of ethics at Southern, Southeastern, and New Orleans Baptist seminaries.

Dr. Moore is the author of several books, including *Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel* and *The Storm-Tossed Family: How the Cross Reshapes the Home*. A native Mississippian, Moore and his wife Maria are the parents of five sons.



**MICHAEL
WEAR**

Chief Strategist
of The AND
Campaign

SPEAKER

// @MichaelRWear

Michael Wear currently serves as Chief Strategist of The AND Campaign, a Christian civic education and advocacy organization. Michael ran religious outreach for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign and served in The White House where he helped the president navigate religious issues and relationships. Michael is the author of *Reclaiming Hope: Lessons Learned in the Obama White House About the Future of Faith in America*. He is currently authoring a report for the Democracy Fund on Christianity and pluralism in America. Michael is also a senior fellow at The Trinity Forum.



FROM THE NATIONAL ECONOMY TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES: THE BENEFITS OF AMERICAN IMMIGRATION



**MARCELA
GARCÍA**

Editorial Writer
& Columnist,
The Boston Globe
MODERATOR

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Marcela García is an editorial writer, columnist, and a member of the Editorial Board at The Boston Globe. She primarily writes editorials - the daily unsigned essays representing the official view of the Globe as an institution - and participates in editorial board meetings and discussions that shape the Globe's positions. She has been a part of the Globe opinion desk since early 2014 and has nearly 15 years of experience working as a bilingual journalist in Boston, covering a broad range of US Latino policy issues. Previously, she was a correspondent for Telemundo Boston; a special contributor to the Boston Business Journal; and the editor of *El Planeta*, Boston's largest Spanish-language publication. Marcela, who was born and raised in México, received a graduate degree in journalism from the Harvard Extension School in 2005 and also holds a B.S. degree in Economics.



CHIEF CARMEN BEST

Chief of Police,
Seattle Police
Department

SPEAKER

// @carmenbest

Chief Carmen Best assumed the role of Chief of Police of the Seattle Police Department in August 2018. She has served with the Seattle Police Department for 27 years; prior to becoming Chief, she served as Deputy Chief.

Chief Best has completed law enforcement executive management programs through the Senior Management Institute for Police, the FBI National Academy, the Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Academy and the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leadership Institute. She holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University. She also serves on a number of local and national boards and committees dedicated to human and civil rights, education and professional development.

This year, Chief Best received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Vision from the Mountaintop Award from Urban Impact.



MARK HOLDEN

Senior Vice
President, Koch
Industries, Inc.

SPEAKER

// @FixCrimJustice

Mark Holden serves as senior vice president of Koch Industries, Inc. In addition, he serves as senior vice president of Stand Together and Chairman of the Board of Americans for Prosperity Foundation and is a long-time advocate for criminal justice reform.

Mr. Holden began his career with Koch Industries in 1995 as a litigation attorney and was vice president and general counsel for litigation and compliance. Mark has also served as Chairman of the Board of Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, Inc., as president and COO of the Legal Division of Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC, and served for 15 years as General Counsel of Koch Industries, Inc.



HUMANITY AND SECURITY AT THE BORDER



SISTER NORMA PIMENTEL

Executive Director,
Catholic Charities
of the Rio
Grande Valley
SPEAKER

Norma Pimentel is a Sister with the Missionaries of Jesus. As Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley for over 12 years, she oversees the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville, providing oversight of the different ministries & services in the areas of the Rio Grande Valley through emergency assistance, homelessness prevention, disaster relief, clinical counseling, pregnancy care, food programs, and the Humanitarian Respite Center.

In recognition for her work on the US-Mexico border in which Sister Norma oversaw the provision of a safe space for migrants to rest and regain strength, in 2015 Sister Norma received the Martin Luther King, Jr. “Keep the Dream Alive” Award from Catholic Charities USA and awards from the University of Texas-Pan American, the Texas Medical Association, and a nomination for “Texan of the Year.”

Sister Norma Pimentel earned her Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts from Pan American University, a Master’s degree in Theology from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.



HEATHER SELLS

Reporter,
The Christian
Broadcasting
Network
MODERATOR
// @SellsHeather

Heather Sells is an anchor and reporter for CBN News in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She regularly anchors Newswatch for the CBN News Channel and contributes enterprise stories on a variety of issues including religious liberty, human trafficking, the #churchtoo movement, education & immigration. She joined CBN News in 2005 after reporting for television news stations in Iowa, California, Illinois & Texas. She holds a Master’s in Public Affairs Reporting from the University of Illinois at Springfield and is a graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. She’s currently co-writing a book for InterVarsity Press on church and culture collaboration to address mental health.



Andrew Selee has been President of the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan institution that seeks to improve immigration and integration policies through fact-based research, opportunities for learning and dialogue, and the development of new ideas to address complex policy questions, since August 2017.

Prior to that, he spent 17 years at the Woodrow Wilson Center, where he founded the Center's Mexico Institute and later served as Vice President for Programs and Executive Vice President. He has also worked as staff in the U.S. Congress and on development and migration programs in Tijuana, Mexico.

Dr. Selee's research focuses on migration globally, with a special emphasis on immigration policies in Latin America and in the United States. He is the author of several books, including, most recently, *Vanishing Frontiers: The Forces Driving Mexico and the United States Together* (PublicAffairs, 2018).

He holds a PhD in policy studies from the University of Maryland, an MA in Latin American studies from the University of California, San Diego, and a BA, Phi Beta Kappa, from Washington University in St. Louis. He was selected as an Andrew Carnegie Fellow for the 2017-18 period.

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**PATI
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Chef and Host
of Pati’s Mexican
Table on PBS
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Pati Jinich is a Mexican chef, author, teacher, mom, and host of PBS’s James Beard and Imagen award-winning series: “Pati’s Mexican Table”. Happily torn between two countries, Pati was born and raised in Mexico City and is now raising her Mexican-American family in the US. Pati is a knowledgeable and relatable interpreter of all things Mexican from cuisine to lifestyle. By way of the kitchen, she helps Latinos stay connected to their heritage while growing meaningful roots in this country. At the same time, she helps everyone benefit from the Latin sazón to enrich their everyday lives. One recipe and story at a time, Pati is swinging a window wide open in two directions: to Mexico’s diverse and rich culture, and to the fascinating evolution of Latinos in America and all they bring to the table.



CHIEF MARK PROSSER

Public Safety
Director and Police
Chief, Storm Lake,
Iowa

// @mpross1

Chief Mark Prosser was born in East St. Louis, IL, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Administration and later studied Theology at Briar Cliff University. After becoming a police officer for the City of O'Fallon, IL, he reached the rank of Chief of Detectives in 1986. He further served for five years as an Investigator and Supervisor for the St. Louis Major Case Squad.

Chief Prosser was hired as Chief of Police in Storm Lake in 1989 and named Public Safety Director in 2000 where he still serves in several executive associations of law enforcement officers. Chief Prosser also speaks at conferences on topics such as management and grant writing, and on issues related to diversity and shifting demographics. Additionally, he is the chairman of the Buena Vista County 911 Board where he chairs a variety of internal committees.

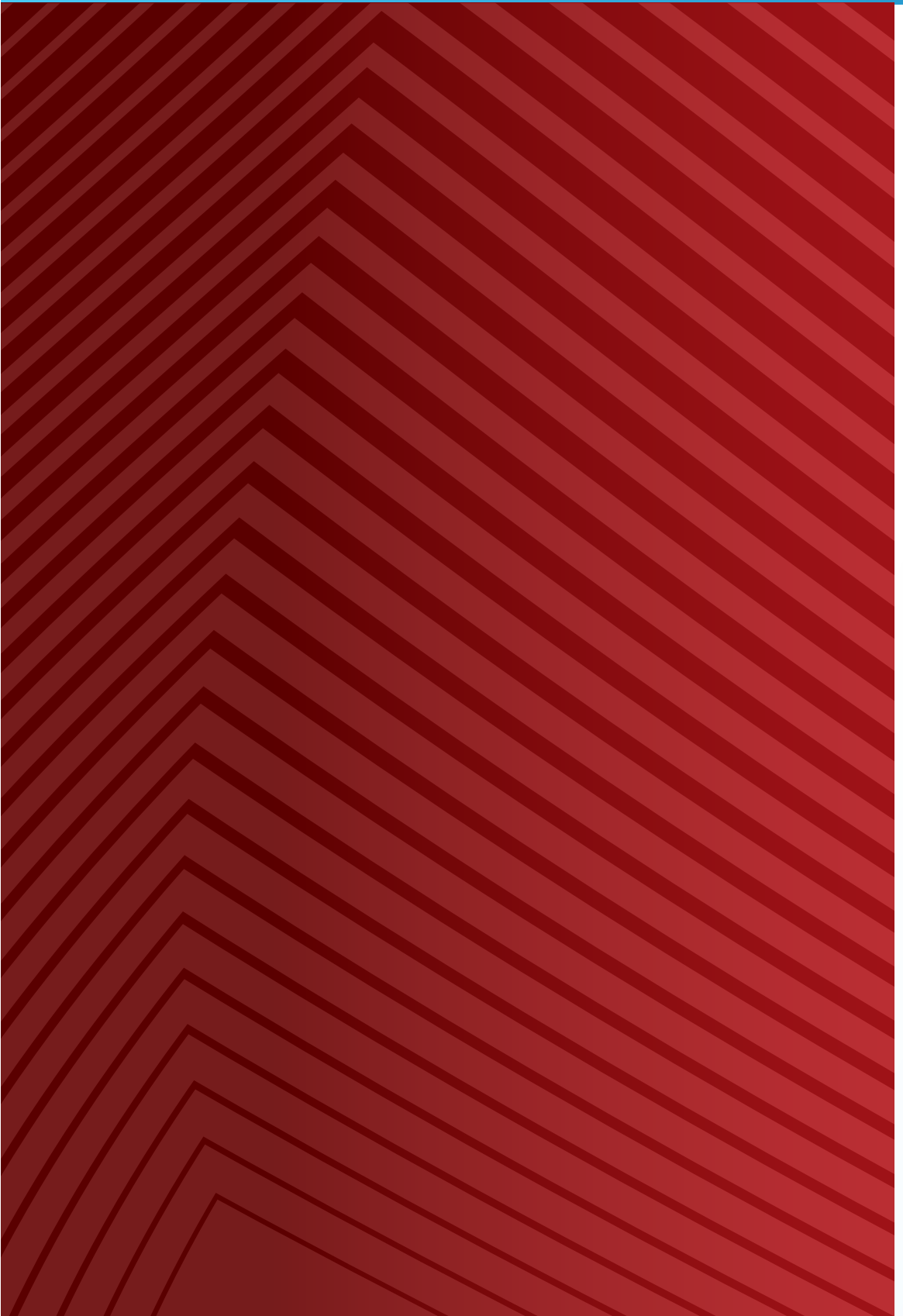
In recognition for his achievements, Chief Prosser was awarded the 2016 Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. Mark is an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church and serves on a variety of committees at the St. Mary's Parish Cluster in Storm Lake, Iowa where he lives with his wife.



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// @Lyft

Lyft is a company that knows that a lack of transportation access can be a major barrier in people's everyday lives and is helping to connect people with their destinations. We celebrate Lyft's commitment to the nation's immigrants and their immigrant workers. Last year Lyft celebrated the diversity of their drivers through an online storytelling campaign called, "America is an idea, not a geography" and the donation of \$150,000 in ride credits to immigrant serving organizations. In addition, Lyft offered English classes through the Forum's contextualized English program, *Skills and Opportunity for the New American Workforce*, and online access to Duolingo. We applaud their commitment to amplify positive stories about the contributions of immigrants in our communities and to ensuring their drivers have the skills they need to thrive.





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ABOUT THE FORUM

Founded in 1982, the **NATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM**

advocates for the value of immigrants and immigration to our nation. In service to this mission, the Forum promotes responsible federal immigration policies, addressing today's economic and national security needs while honoring the ideals of our Founding Fathers, who created America as a land of opportunity.

For 30 years, the Forum has worked to advance sound federal immigration solutions through its policy expertise, communications outreach and coalition building work, which forges powerful alliances of diverse constituencies across the country to build consensus on the important role of immigrants in America.

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