

# THE BORDER BETWEEN THEN AND NOW

## A Conversation with People Threatened with Deportation

**Livestreaming**  
**Thurs. Sept 22, 2022**  
**6:00-7:30 pm ET**  
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### About This Forum

What are the moral consequences of the U.S.'s punitive response to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers? How do anti-immigrant policies today intersect with historical traumas? What can people threatened with deportation teach us about the imperatives of democracy and the work we must do to uphold America's ideals?

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INTERFERE: Conversations on  
Confronting Inhumanity**

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**Hüsniye Çoğür** is a DACA student at Seton Hall University School of Law. When she was three years old, Husniye and her family emigrated from Istanbul, Turkey with hopes to escape poverty. In the 22 years since, her family has been unable to find a viable path to citizenship. Hüsniye's activism began during her under-graduate career at NYU where she represented and organized for undocumented students. She was elected the first DACA-mented/ undocumented student body president of her university. Outside of school, Hüsniye provides legal and translation support to Turkish community members in her area. She plans to pursue immigration law and advocacy after graduating.

**Cynthia Garcia** is a queer, undocumented womxn born in Nayarit, Mexico. She migrated to the U.S. at the age of 15 and arrived in Oklahoma City, OK, where she has found community through organizing and learned from the leadership of Black and Indigenous Womxn in the state who have helped shape her understanding of the systems of oppression impacting our daily lives. Cynthia began her organizing work fighting deportation on the local level, empowering immigrant families, and disrupting the collaboration between ICE and local law enforcement. She now leads the Community Protection Campaigns work of United We Dream, the largest immigrant youth-led network in the U.S. She is herself protected from deportation thanks to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. When not organizing, she enjoys writing, finding local food spots, and random road trips.

Long-time permanent resident, community activist, father, and husband, **Ravi Ragbir** faces permanent exile from his life in the U.S. Ravi came to America from Trinidad in 1991 on a visitor's visa. In 1994, he received a Green Card and became a lawful permanent resident. In 2006, he was ordered to be deported by an immigration judge - without a hearing - based on a conviction for fraud, which Ravi is seeking to vacate based on factual and legal errors in his trial. Throughout his struggle to remain in the U.S., Ravi has supported and spoken up for immigrants who face similar challenges. Today, he is a nationally recognized activist for immigrant rights.



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##### Conversations on Confronting

**Inhumanity** is a three-part series of events that will explore America's response to the Holocaust and other historic traumas; the reckoning we must face when wholesale bigotry and violence are unmet; and what can be done today to stand against those who would injure entire populations in the name of extremism, greed, and hate.

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#### SERIES SCHEDULE

- 9/20: **We Must Take Sides: A**  
Conversation about the U.S. and the Holocaust†
- 9/21: **No Longer Unimaginable:**  
A Conversation with Holocaust Survivors\*
- 9/22: **The Border Between Then and Now:** A Conversation with People Threatened with Deportation\*

† A hybrid online and in-person event presented at Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan.

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In 2022, after Ravi and several nonprofit groups sued the federal government for violating his First Amendment rights, the parties have settled and ICE has granted Ravi a three-year reprieve from deportation. He continues to advance the cause of immigrant rights.

In 2018, **Naïscha Vilme**, a successful college graduate, joined a class-action lawsuit against the U.S. Government to block the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for persons from Haiti, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Sudan. After a court injunction allowed TPS to remain in effect, she joined with Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees and the National TPS Alliance to rally support for legislation that would grant permanent residency to TPS holders. In 2019, she enrolled in NYU's Mental Health and Counseling Master's program but had to discontinue when her TPS status disrupted her school loan. Naïscha now works fulltime as a claims adjuster with GEICO and part-time as a counselor for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her dream to become a licensed clinical psychologist remains alive while she gathers the financial resources needed to continue her education. In August 2021, the federal government redesignated TPS for Haiti and some other countries for 18 months. The TPS Alliance continues to work tirelessly to achieve a permanent solution for all TPS holders.

**MODERATOR: Cristina Jiménez Moreta** is co-founder of United We Dream (UWD), the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the U.S. Under her leadership, UWD grew to a powerful nationwide network and achieved the historic victory of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in 2012, protecting nearly one million immigrants from deportation. Cristina was awarded a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 2017 and named one of the "100 Most Influential People" of 2018 by TIME Magazine. She migrated to the U.S. from Ecuador with her family at the age of 13, growing up undocumented. Her family's lived experience with police abuse, workplace exploitation, and fear of deportation motivates Cristina to empower and win change for communities impacted by injustice.

**PERFORMER: Ani Cordero** is a Puerto Rican singer/composer and activist living in New York City. Her 2014 CD, *Recordar (Remember)*, reimagined songs by Latin American songwriters of the *Nueva Cancion* era. Her 2017 album of protest and love songs, *Querido Mundo (Dear World)*, addressed immigration, Black Lives Matter, feminism, and other themes. In 2019, she released *El Machete*, inspired in part by the new reality facing Puerto Rico post-Hurricane Maria. A touring drummer for the legendary Os Mutantes and a