

California Agriculture and Farm Labor 2017

Friday, April 14, 2017

Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, UC Davis Law School

This conference examines current issues in farm labor. California's labor-intensive fruits and vegetables were two thirds of the state's \$47 billion in farm sales in 2015, average agricultural employment has been increasing to 420,000, and most farm workers are Mexican-born men who have settled in California with their families.

The focus is on four timely issues. First is the practice of fresh-produce buyers requiring growers to abide by labor and other protocols in order to sell commodities. Second is the four-S response of farmers to fewer new farm workers, including satisfying current workers, stretching them with mechanical aids, substituting machines for hand workers, and supplementing them with H-2A guest workers. Third is the status of immigrants and migration policy in the Trump administration, and fourth are ALRB activities and the status of cannabis workers. Speaker presentations will be posted at: <https://gifford.ucdavis.edu/en/events/> and http://migrationcluster.ucdavis.edu/events/conferences_2015-2016/conference_2017-california-ag-alra.html

Wi-fi will be available on the UCD-guest network.

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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 **Sustainability Certification Standards and Farm Labor Compliance**
Chair: Daniel Sumner, UC Agricultural Issues Center and UC Davis
Jeff Dlott, SureHarvest
Ernie Farley, Andrew and Williamson
Hector Lujan, Reiter Affiliated Companies
Kirk Wagner, Growers Express
- 10:30AM Break
- 10:45AM **Farm Labor: Responding to aging and settling workers**
Chair: William Gould, ALRB
Philip Martin, UC Davis
Daniel Carroll, DOL
Tom Hertz, USDA
Daniel Costa, EPI
Don Villarejo, Davis
- 12:15PM **Lunch**
- 1:15PM **Immigration and Farm Workers**
Chair: Philip Martin, UC Davis
What's next for immigration, Kevin Johnson, UC Davis
Immigration Policy and Farm Workers, Ed Kissam, WKF
Discussants: Amagda Perez, UC Davis, Cynthia Rice, CRLA
- 2:45PM Break
- 3:00PM **ALRB Issues and Cannabis**
Chair: Genevieve Shiroma, ALRB

Reflections on the ALRB, William Gould, ex-ALRB Chair
ALRB Today, Julia Montgomery, ALRB GC
The Economics of Cannabis, Daniel Sumner, UC Davis
Farm workers and Cannabis, Ed Blanco, ALRB
Representing Cannabis Workers, Pete Maturino, UFCW

4:30PM

Adjourn