

New Mexico State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Government

Invites you to a Webinar on:

The Pains and Profits of Immigrant Imprisonment:
Testimonies from Detained Migrants at the ICE Detention Centers in the El Paso ICE Field Office

Thursday, February 11, 3.00-4.30 pm MST

Please register at the link below. Once registered, you will receive the link to view the webinar

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-XryAPajSmGxjDU_YFXB_Q>

This webinar will present the results of a collaborative research project between members of Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention (AVID) (<https://avid.chihuahuan.org/>) and five student participants in the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) Site Program on Immigration Policy and Border Communities, Award # 1659195 (PI’s: Neil Harvey, NMSU and Jeremy Slack, University of Texas-El Paso). Information about this program and a copy of our collaborative report are available at: <https://deptofgov.nmsu.edu/research-outreach/research-outreach.html>

Part 1: Overview, Concepts and Methods

Neil Harvey (Dept of Government, NMSU) – introductions and brief overview of the NSF-REU Program at and our collaborative project with AVID

Nathan Craig (AVID, Dept of Anthropology, NMSU) – What is immigration detention, what are the standards, who is the private contractor?

Margaret Brown Vega (AVID, Dept of Anthropology, NMSU) – collecting the testimonies of detained migrants

Part 2: Analysis of Different Kinds of Violations of Detention Standards

Brennan Ramsey (NMSU) – daily micro-aggressions and humiliating treatment

Neil Harvey (NMSU) – denial of reasonable access to telephone service and legal representation (in collaboration with Emily Durkin, NMSU)

Avigail Tumira Romo (Columbia University) – poor quality food, hunger and sickness

Daniela Navarro Verdugo (Cal Poly Pomona) – cruel and inhumane sanitary conditions

Fernanda Reyes (University of Kansas) – insufficient protections from COVID-19

Q&A

Part 3: Advocating for Policy Change

Nathan Craig – possibilities for policy change at the federal level

Margaret Brown Vega – HB 40 Private Detention Facility Moratorium Act (New Mexico)

Q&A

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