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## **Immigration Policy and Immigration Rights Discussion**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan University community will host a panel discussion titled “Making Human Rights Real: Immigration Policy and Immigrant Rights Panel” on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Center For Natural Science Learning and Research (CNS) in room C102 at 7 p.m. (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).

The panel will feature legal experts and social service professionals who work with undocumented residents of McLean County. It may also include testimonials by victims of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation.

This is the second event in the “Making Human Rights Real” discussions (“Making Human Rights Real: History, Terminology and Lived Experiences” was the first) that are a part of IWU’s commitment to social justice and human rights, as part of its strategic initiatives.

The University website states “engagement in human rights-related topics is essential to an understanding of the liberal arts, these initiatives hold especially important significance. At the same time, an understanding of human rights involves making larger connections with external communities, be they defined according to local, national, or global terms.”

Specifically, the “Making Human Rights Real” panels are in connection with the human rights cluster of courses offered by various departments. The cluster includes five instructors teaching eight courses during the fall 2012 semester, who plan a joint series of activities that support student engagement regarding human rights themes. The departments of Anthropology, Educational Studies, Hispanic Studies, International Studies, and Political Science offer these courses.

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