

Macalester's 21st Annual International Roundtable: "Migration" Oct. 8-11

St. Paul, Minn. - Macalester College presents its 21st annual International Roundtable with the theme, "Migration," Wed. - Sat., Oct. 8 - 11, 2014, in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall, Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Other Roundtable events are in multiple campus locations. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 651-696-6655 or email igc@macalester.edu (<mailto:igc@macalester.edu>).



The [2014 Macalester International Roundtable](http://www.macalester.edu/igc/opportunities/internationalroundtable/2014/index.html) (<http://www.macalester.edu/igc/opportunities/internationalroundtable/2014/index.html>) (IRT) will examine human **MIGRATION** as a dynamic and powerful social force shaping societies, past and present. The IRT will highlight the multi-directional movement of people and the related flows of goods, capital, and ideas. By engaging the movement of people across and within borders, it simultaneously interrogates the concept of borders and the institutions created to police them. Human beings have always moved in search of new opportunities, or to escape war, poverty, oppression, and environmental degradation. These migrations, historically as well as today, have accelerated conflict while also spurring creativity and introducing ethnic and racial diversity. Technological change-- from gunpowder to Google, from Ford to Facebook--have spurred new kinds of movement, while creating, sustaining, and reconfiguring human relationships.



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The IRT will promote critical examination of historical, existing and emerging challenges and possibilities in migration through **three broad questions**:

How does migration develop and transform identities, Diasporas, or cultures?

How do borders limit, shape and propel patterns and possibilities of migration? and

What is the relationship between migration and economic, intellectual or technological change?

The IRT is featuring the [following plenary speakers](http://www.macalester.edu/igc/opportunities/internationalroundtable/2014/speakers/speakers.html) (<http://www.macalester.edu/igc/opportunities/internationalroundtable/2014/speakers/speakers.html>): **Susan Brower**, Minnesota State Demographer, **Aihwa Ong**, professor, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, **John Jota Leños**, associate professor of Social Documentation at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and **T. Alexander Aleinikoff**, United Nations deputy high commissioner for refugees.

Plenary sessions, student-led workshops, and engagement with the Twin Cities Arts and Immigrant communities will explore a multitude of themes.

Previous Roundtables have featured:

- 1994 The International Community and the Emerging World (Dis) Order
- 1995 Literature, the Creative Imagination, and Globalization
- 1996 The Divided Self: Ethnicity, Identity, and Globalization
- 1997 Nature, People, and Globalization
- 1998 Globalization and Economic Space
- 1999 Contending Gods: Religion and the Global Moment
- 2000 International Feminisms: Divergent Perspectives
- 2001 The Body: Meditations on Global Health
- 2002 Prometheus's Bequest: Technology and Change
- 2003 Complex Contradictions: African, American, and Middle Eastern Perspectives
- 2004 America and Global Power: Empire or . . . ?
- 2005 Quixotic Offspring: The Global Legacy of Don Quixote
- 2006 The United Nations Organization (UNO): What Future?
- 2007 The Musical Imagination in the Epoch of Globalization
- 2008 Whither Development? The Struggle for Livelihood in the Time of Globalization
- 2009 Global Environment: The Eleventh Hour?
- 2010 "My Sister's and Brother's Keeper? Human Rights in the Era of Globalization"
- 2011 "Children of the World: The Dialectic of Promise and Vulnerability"
- 2012 Feeding the World: Globalization, Food, and Agriculture in the 21st Century
- 2013 Global Health: Promoting Equity Within and Across Borders

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