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.

The 2014 Macalester International Roundtable (http://www.macalester.edu/igc/opportunities/internationalroundtable/2014/index.html) 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.

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): Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, Aihwa Ong, professor, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, John Jota Leaños, 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:
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