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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. PAIGE GLOTZER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR &
JOHN W. & JEANNE M. ROWE CHAIR IN HISTORY OF AMERICAN
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SUMMIT SCHEDULE

5:30 - WELCOME & MODERATOR

JOEL RAST
Urban Studies Director & Associate Professor,
UWM Urban Studies Programs & Political Science

5:40 - INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

JOHANNES BRITZ,
UWM Provost and Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs

5:45 - PANEL DISCUSSION

RACHEL BUFF
UWM Dept. of History &
Cultures and Communities Program

MARY FLYNN
Program Manager of Refugee Resettlement,
LSS of WI & Upper MI

JANAN NAJEEB
President,
Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition

CHRISTINE NEUMANN-ORTIZ
Executive Director,
Voces de la Frontera

KARYN ROTKER
Senior Staff Attorney,
ACLU of WI

6:30 - Q & A - AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

If you would like to submit a question for the panelists, please write your question on the note card provided on your chair. Cards will be collected around 6:25; please pass your card to the aisle to be collected by our volunteers.

7:00 - RECEPTION

HENRY W. MAIER

Henry W. Maier was mayor of Milwaukee from 1960 to 1988. Because of his keen interest in cities, he left a generous gift that continues to support the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s Urban Studies Programs. Each year the Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit brings together the public, university researchers, and community leaders to report on and discuss important issues facing the city of Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin.
Johannes Britz is the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor in the School of Information Studies, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to becoming the interim Provost (2010) and permanent Provost (2012), he served as Dean of the School of Information Studies (2005-2010) and also had the duty of ‘double dean’ by being appointed as the interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences in 2008-2009, while serving as the Dean of the School of Information Studies.

Rachel Ida Buff is an immigration historian. She is the author of Against the Deportation Terror: Organizing for Immigrant Rights in the Twentieth Century (Temple University Press, 2018) which tells the story of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born and their fight for immigrant rights, 1934-1982. Currently, she is working on a project entitled Terms of Occupancy, which looks at the way the words used to describe migrants impact the rights and life chances of people on the move.
MARY FLYNN
Mary Flynn has been with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for more than 25 years. She joined the Refugee Resettlement Services Program in December 2009, where she is responsible for refugee resettlement operations and services, staff development and training, federal compliance and reporting, and community and congregational outreach. Her work also includes hosting medical and pediatric resident on-site visits, presenting Refugee 101 overviews to local, county, state and national groups as well as conference presentations for HMOs, ACA Assisters and Navigators, public health departments, educators, mental health providers and faith leaders.

JANAN ATTA-NAJEEB
Janan Najeeb, a founding member and the current President of the Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition, has been a spokeswoman for Milwaukee’s Muslim community to media outlets, government officials, interfaith leaders, academic institutions, hospitals, and a wide range of community groups. In addition, Ms. Najeeb directs the Islamic Resource Center on the south side of Milwaukee, which hosts Wisconsin’s first Islamic public lending library. In 2015, Ms. Najeeb founded the Milwaukee Muslim Film Festival, one of the only annual citywide Muslim Film Festivals in the Country. In 2016, she became the first Muslim ever to offer a prayer at the Wisconsin State Assembly in Madison, and in February of 2018 she launched the Wisconsin Muslim Journal, an online newspaper that publishes twice a week.

CHRISTINE NEUMANN-ORTIZ
Christine Neumann-Ortiz is the founding Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera, a low-wage and immigrant workers’ center with chapters in Milwaukee and several other Wisconsin cities. She is a nationally recognized organizer, activist, and leader in immigration reform and worker rights. She has been featured in a number of print and broadcast media including the Huffington Post, the New York Times, CNN, C-SPAN, PBS, and National Public Radio. She serves on many boards including the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), the Wisconsin Legalization Coalition (representing 44 allied organizations in the State), Wisconsin Citizen Action, and Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice. She has received community awards for her organizing work from the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and was named by the Huffington Post as one of the Top 50 Activists in the U.S. She has most recently been involved with challenging local county sheriff departments over their cooperation with the Trump administration’s efforts to detain and deport undocumented immigrants.

KARYN ROTKER
Karyn Rotker serves as Senior Staff Attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin, heading its Poverty, Race & Civil Liberties Project. She works on such issues as transportation and environmental justice, voting rights, fair housing, police misconduct, and immigrants’ rights. Prior to joining the ACLU in October 2001, she spent 15 years working with migrant farmworkers, low income families, and senior citizens as a staff and supervising attorney for legal services programs in Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. She is a 1986 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.