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IMMIGRATION and BORDER DIALOGUES CONFERENCE  
The Evergreen State College  
May 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

This conference will examine barriers, real or perceived, that divide our communities. Topics will include militarization of the border, organizing around Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids in our communities, and current immigration policy. Together we will examine current realities faced by migrants and refugees, amplify inclusive approaches, and create space for the emergence of a more just and humane future.

The program will include speakers from human rights organizations working both regionally and along the US/Mexico border, panel discussions, workshops, theater, art, and seminars. Our presenters from the border include Jennifer Allen, executive director of the Border Action Network; Rev. Robin Hoover, founder and executive director of Humane Borders; and Rev. Delle McCormick, the executive director of BorderLinks.

The Immigration and Border Dialogues Conference will also be featuring local voices such as Rosalinda Guillen, Maria Cuevas, and Rogelio Martinez from Community to Community Development, which is a women led, place based, grassroots organization based in Bellingham. Las Mamalogues, a theatrical production of local first-generation stories of migration, will be featured in our conference as well.

Pre-registration preferred, but registration at the door is also possible. Call, e-mail, or go to our website for a registration form. Childcare provided with pre-registration. Interpretation services will also be available during the conference.

Media representatives are welcome to attend the conference and/or schedule interviews with conference presenters. For more information on the conference visit <http://oly-wa.us/bridges> or contact Molly at 280-6480.

BRIDGES NOT WALLS is a group of concerned community members from the South Sound Area and beyond who have united in solidarity, and are building a human rights movement in order to realize a sustainable future for all.

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