Uprooted by civil war, violence and uneven development, large numbers of Central Americans came to Los Angeles during the 1980s but were denied refugee status. Although greeted with hostility, they persevered. Through struggle, and coordinated work with new allies, they mobilized and many Salvadorans and Guatemalans integrated into life in Los Angeles, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Houston and elsewhere in the United States.

At this event, we will honor two pioneering scholar activists, Professors Nora Hamilton and Norma Chinchilla, who helped set in motion the field of Central American immigration studies with their book, *Seeking Community in a Global City*. The event will feature presentations by current researchers and advocates of Central American immigrant communities, and will focus on-going struggles to secure legalization and comprehensive educational and labor rights.

On February 26th at 2pm we invite you to join us for a public forum on Central American immigration. This event is free and open to the public.

The Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) combines data analysis, academic scholarship, and civic engagement to support improved economic mobility for, enhanced civic participation by, and receiving society openness to immigrants.

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