



BEYOND THE WALL: WOMEN & CHILDREN REFUGEES

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SPEAKERS:

Aseem Mehta: Human Rights Advocate & Legal Fellow, Immigrant Justice Corps

"Ana": El Salvador national, longest to be incarcerated in ICE detention

Allen Keller, MD: Co-Founder and Director, Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture (PSOT) &

NYU Center for Health & Human Rights (CHHR)

Mary Morrissey, Esq., MPH, Ph.D.: Research Fellow & Adjunct Prof., Global Healthcare Innovation Mgt. Ctr., Fordham University

Leslie Vélez, Esq.: Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Vitoria Pinhas, Esq.: Interpreter; WBASNY International Women's Rights Committee

The NYC Bar Association Bioethical Issues Committee &
WBASNY's International Women's Rights Committee present:

"Women & Children Refugees: A Central American Crisis"

In October 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) published a study, *Women on the Run*, which profiles the global refugee crisis as one of epic proportions. The report particularly identifies the perils facing women and children "fleeing epidemic levels of violence, including gender-based violence in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras," a region known as the Northern Triangle of Central America.

The Central American refugee crisis is unique in its complexity and often overshadowed by coverage of the Syrian refugee crisis.

As the only viable response, UNHCR urges a "comprehensive regional approach based on cooperation, responsibility-sharing, and solidarity among all countries affected, to ensure that people in need of protection can have access to it."

What has been the multi-disciplined response in the United States and elsewhere to help those most vulnerable persons seeking refuge? Does it measure up to the UNHCR standard?

To read more: <http://narrative.ly/author/aseem-mehta/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/20/opinion/the-dark-side-of-immigration-discretion.html>

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