

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Luca Dall'Oglio** was appointed Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Washington office effective 1 October 2012. Prior to this assignment, he was Special Envoy of the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for Haiti from January 2010 and assumed the functions of resident Chief of Mission in June 2010. His preceding assignment was the Permanent Observer for the IOM to the United Nations in New York. A sociologist by training, Mr. Dall'Oglio has dedicated a large part of his career to issues related to population stabilization, post-crisis transition and recovery, with extensive field assignments in the Horn of Africa, Mozambique, Haiti, Guatemala and Kosovo. He was also IOM's regional representative in Washington D.C. and Rome.

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**Tolu Olubunmi** is a Nigerian-born, American-raised chemical engineer turned political strategist and social entrepreneur. She began her career helping to build the largest immigrant youth movement in US history. An innovative thinker and determined change-maker, she has established and led numerous NGOs and campaigns focused on education, migration, economic inclusion, sustainability, and climate change. She is the founder and CEO of the social impact venture, Lions Write. In 2018, she was tapped by the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for a special appointment to the United Nations in New York. She ran the United Nations' award-winning global climate action campaign, ActNow. Tolu also sits on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League and USA for IOM.

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**Chris Temple** is a director and the co-founder of Optimist, a non-profit production studio that creates films with impact. Best known for directing the documentaries Living On One Dollar, Salam Neighbor, and The Undocumented Lawyer, his films have been released by HBO, Netflix, Amazon, and National Geographic. Most recently, he directed the PBS feature documentary, Five Years North, which won the Grand Jury Prize at DOC NYC and was a finalist for the 2021 DuPont-Columbia Awards for Outstanding Journalism.

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**Manu Meel** is passionate about empowering young people to bridge divides. He believes that the biggest threat to American democracy is negative polarization and growing misunderstanding between Americans. As CEO of BridgeUSA, Manu is currently building the largest and fastest growing student movement to bridge our differences and change how we talk politics. Manu contributes to several news outlets, works on pro-democracy efforts nationally, and advises political leaders on reducing polarization. In the past, Manu interned as an associate at the venture capital firm Amplo and at the Department of State as a political analyst in counterterrorism. His work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other media platforms. In 2022, Manu was recognized on the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for leading BridgeUSA.

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**John Amaya** is a former Department of Homeland Security (DHS) senior advisor, Senate Judiciary counsel, and Department of Justice (DOJ) trial attorney. Now an attorney with the law firm Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, his practice is focused on representing individuals, universities, and corporations in connection with homeland security and global immigration, cross-border investigations, compliance, related litigation, and congressional investigations.

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**Sarnata Reynolds** is the Director of Policy for the Immigration Hub. She has 20 years of experience developing and advocating for immigration policy rooted in human rights, family unity, and individual dignity. Sarnata previously served as Counsel to the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives where she drafted legislation and advised Chairman Jerry Nadler and Immigration Subcommittee Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren on immigration issues. Prior to that she was the Head of International Humanitarian Policy at Oxfam International, leading the organization's advocacy on the United Nations Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration— the first-ever UN global agreement on a common approach to international migration.

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**Elena Zarandona** Originally from Mexico, Elena is the owner and clinical director of a bilingual mental health practice. She specializes in trauma and life transitions. She has been working with the Hispanic undocumented population for over 10 years evaluating individuals for the immigration process and with adolescents in the juvenile justice setting.

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