

TO: Georgetown Faculty

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RE: April 10 Faculty Workshop

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At the Workshop on April 10, I will present an ongoing project, “Transnational Labor Citizenship.”

The attached article, recently published in *Southern California Law Review*, provides the theoretical framework for the project. In it, I argue for the re-structuring of global labor migration through a new regime that would reinforce basic workplace standards in migrant-receiving countries. Readers principally interested in this idea (rather than in the relationship of “labor citizenship” to nation-state citizenship, which I explore in the first part of the piece) should focus on Sections V and VI of the article.

My presentation at the Workshop will focus on work I have done subsequent to the publication of this article, exploring theoretical and practical issues raised by the Transnational Labor Citizenship proposal. I am currently mapping emerging efforts to re-organize labor migration around the globe that echo aspects of my proposal, and I will be using case studies of those examples, together with the literature on transnational governance, associational democracy, and transnational advocacy networks, to gain insight into the potential for and obstacles to eventual implementation of the Transnational Labor Citizenship regime.

As I am about to begin a year-long sabbatical during which the Ford Foundation has funded me to work intensively on this project, this is a particularly helpful time for me to receive feedback. I welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to speaking with you on April 10.