

December 10, 2019 | 12:30-1:45pm | Scripps Cottage

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

*SDSU CAL Interdisciplinary Human Rights Initiative (IHRI),
SDSU Department of Sociology's Center for Community Research and Engagement
& Latin American Studies Student Organization (LASSO) present*

The Right to Seek Asylum:

Migrants' Stories of the Struggle for Human Rights,
Dignity and Peace in the United States

*A report by the ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial Counties
and SDSU Center for Community Research and Engagement*



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Over the past year, families fleeing life-threatening violence and persecution in their home countries have faced a barrage of controversial new challenges and barriers to seeking asylum protection in the United States. When federal government began releasing asylum-seeking migrants onto San Diego streets without warning or resources, the San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) acted quickly and compassionately to provide temporary shelter and services.

In a year's time, the SDRRN Migrant Family Shelter provided humanitarian aid to more than 18,000 people exercising their human and legal right to seek asylum protection in the U.S. (*November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019*). To document their arrivals and first experiences in U.S. custody, SDSU/CCRE and ACLUF-SDIC carried out 350 surveys and 64 in-depth interviews. **We will share their challenges, experiences and stories with you on December 10.**