



The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

September 2019

Relations Between the US and Mexico

Dr. Alex M. Saragoza

Professor Emeritus

University of California, Berkeley

Friday, September 20, 2019

11:30 am: Registration ~11:50 am: Luncheon ~12:45 pm: Program

**** Palo Corona Park HQ, Carmel Valley Road (formerly Rancho Canada) ****

A revised NAFTA has been ratified by Mexico, but not formally approved by the US or Canada; “El Chapo” is in prison, but drugs continue to enter the US; funding of the border wall has received the Supreme Court’s approval to go forward but continues to be a contentious issue between the administration and Congress. Meanwhile, the newly elected left-of-center populist president of Mexico appears unsure how best to accommodate the US regarding the border and migration. He faces a public increasingly unimpressed with his handling of various issues, especially his dealings with the US. This seems exacerbated by the overwhelming dislike among Mexicans toward the American president for whom those issues will figure prominently in the 2020 election.

In his remarks, Professor Alex Saragoza will examine the three issues that vex the contemporary relationship between the US and Mexico: the revisions of NAFTA, the



illegal drug trade, and immigration and border enforcement.

Alex M. Saragoza earned his PhD in Latin American history from UC San Diego, specializing in the field of modern Mexican history. He was Chair of the Center for Latin American Studies at UC Berkeley, Director of the UC Center in Mexico City, and a founder of UC’s US-Mexico Studies Program. He was the chief editor of *Mexico Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Republic*. In 2012, he was a visiting professor at the Sorbonne, Paris, France. Dr. Saragoza was the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award from the Osher Lifelong-Learning Institute at UC Berkeley. He is Professor Emeritus of History in UC Berkeley’s Department of Ethnic Studies.

(See page 3 for reservation information)

Thursday, September 5

4:30 pm

Board Meeting: McCone Building Conference Room, MIIS. Open to members.

Monday, September 9

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Discussion Group: MPC Social Science Building Room 101. Parking \$3.00 in Lot D.

Monday, September 16

4:00 - 5:30 pm

OLLI Discussion Group: CSUMB at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Dr.

WACA Announces the 2019 National Conference

The World Affairs Councils of America (our umbrella organization) invites you to attend its annual National Conference, which will be held November 6 - 8 at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. This year's topic is "The Eight Forces Shaping the Global Economy." Speakers include the following:

- James Baker, former Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and White House Chief of Staff;
- Chuck Hagel, former Senator and Secretary of Defense;
- Molly Kinder, Senior Advisor to the New America National Network;
- Richard Stengel, former Undersecretary of State and editor of *Time* Magazine.

The WACA National Conference offers unparalleled opportunities for learning, networking, and professional development. There will be keynotes, panel discussions, luncheons, off-site visits to think tanks, and a special reception at the embassy of the People's Republic of China.

The Mayflower Hotel, which opened in 1925, is one of DC's landmark spaces. Its downtown location places you right in the center of things. Walk to the National Mall, the Smithsonian, the White House, Dupont Circle, Georgetown, and Rock Creek Park. To travel more widely, hop on Metrorail, which you can access at the Farragut North station, less than two blocks away from the Mayflower.

Special Early-Bird registration rates are now available. For further information or to register, go to <https://www.wacaconference2019.com>.

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Reservations due September 16 for September 20 presentation

Registration 11:30 am

Mail form and check or credit information to:

Members @ \$31 _____

Luncheon 11:50 am

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Guests @ \$40 _____

Program 12:45 pm

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

WAC discussion groups are free and open to the public. Each month, the group will select the topic for the following month's discussion.

MPC: September's topic is "Europe in Turmoil." Participants will examine the current issues challenging Europe, including such factors as immigration, Brexit, an unraveling nuclear deal with Iran, and a surge in populism.

Meetings are always on the second Monday of the month, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in Room 101, Social Sciences Building. This month's meeting will be on September 9. Parking is available for \$3 in Lot D.

OLLI/CSUMB: The OLLI discussion group returns from its summer hiatus on Monday, September 16. The topic is TBD.

Meetings are always on the third Monday of the month, from 4:00-5:30 pm at the CSUMB Ryan Ranch location. Parking is free. Note:

Preregistration is required for OLLI programs. Register at olli.csumb.edu.

LUNCHEON MENU

- House Salad with Zesty Italian Dressing
- Alaskan Cod Topped with Grape Tomato Vinaigrette
- Steamed Rice
- Green Beans
- Fresh Rolls and Butter
- Chef's Choice Dessert
- Coffee

VEGETARIAN OPTION

- Pasta Primavera

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