



The Arts Issue

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In addition to working directly with clients to help them obtain legal status, Global Law Advocates works to support the immigrant community in other ways – including giving presentations to community groups, providing advice at legal clinics, and advising clients at the bi-annual Washington State Citizenship Day. We are happy to announce two new artistic projects aimed at giving voice to immigrants in the U.S. We hope you'll participate. Our next newsletter will return to news and information about the immigration system.

Poetry Project

Global Law Advocates announces its Poetry Project, a showcase about the experience of immigration. We will post poems on our website and publish poems in our newsletter.

We encourage you to submit a poem (or several!).

All may participate; the only requirement is the general theme of immigration. If you submit a poem, you will need to sign a release form giving permission to Global

Heaven Is a Pupusa

Wilbert A. M., from El Salvador

My parents were born in El Salvador
my mom learned to make pupusas
a traditional food of El Salvador, pupusas
are made with corn flour, cheese and refried beans.

We often ate pupusas at the dinner table
with our family members
around the light brown table,
playing card games and laughing
like crazy, sharing stories and eating pupusas.

Pupusas were our weekend food
they have a deep flavor
like my parents expected of me.

Pupusas are easy to make
you can eat them everyday
like my parents let me go out
everyday to visit friends.

Pupusas have a strong smell
of melting cheese, fragrant and rich,
with a strong taste
like you're touching heaven.

Pupusas are not always a side dish,
but they are strong enough
to be eaten alone,
they can be independent
like me.

Law Advocates to print the poem. We will not be able to pay anyone for the use of their poems.

You can send your submissions to ngrant@globallawadvocates.com – you’re also welcome to send any questions about the poetry project to this same email address. We hope you’ll participate, and tell your friends and family!

We have included several poems on our website, at <http://globallawadvocates.com/poetry-project/>. These are all written by students at Foster High School in Tukwila, Washington who participated in ‘The Stories of Arrival: Refugee and Immigrant Youth Voices Poetry Project’ co-directed by Merna Ann Hecht and Carrie Stradley (for more information, you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/StoriesOfArrival/>). These poems are from the Project’s book “Our Table of Memories: Food & Poetry of Spirit, Homeland & Tradition,” published in 2015.

Undocumented

Attorney Margaret O’Donnell is also a playwright, and she will be staging a production of her play Undocumented this August! This play looks at the lives of undocumented people in the U.S. as they navigate through the criminal justice and immigration systems. It is based on Ms. O’Donnell’s many years of experience working with the immigrant community.

If you or your friends or family members are actors we strongly encourage you to audition!

For more information, please visit <http://tpsonline.org/auditions/auddb.php>. You can also call our office at (206) 774-8758 with any questions.

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