

Today's Policy Talk contains three items.

1. Employment Opportunity at the Public Policy Center

The PPC is seeking someone to provide administrative coordination and support for the executive management of the Center. An ad will run in this weekend's *Lincoln Journal Star*, and review of candidates will begin March 2. A more detailed description of the position is attached.

The PPC is a dynamic and interesting place to work, with a commitment to excellence and a wide range of different research and engagement activities impacting Nebraskans and others across the nation in our portfolio. It has the benefits of working at the University and operating as a small, entrepreneurial policy research and consulting firm. Please pass this announcement along to people you think would be appropriate and encourage them to apply. We are seeking a large pool of talented applicants for this position.

For more information about the PPC, visit our website at <http://ppc.nebraska.edu/>.

2. Latino Immigration Seminar

Last fall, the Center was involved in the Rural Poll that examined Latino immigration in rural Nebraska. On Wednesday, March 7, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Great Plains Art Museum (1155 Q Street, Lincoln), the Center is co-sponsoring a policy seminar that will delve into more detail about these issues. The Thomas C. Sorensen Seminar on "Rural Nebraska and Immigration" will feature comments and discussion from Senator Raymond Aguilar, Professor Randy Cantrell, Professor Miguel Carranza, Professor Lourdes Gouveia, Senator DiAnna Schimek, SCC Vice President for Affirmative Action/Equity/Diversity Jose Soto, Appleseed Immigrant Integration & Civic Participation Program Director Darcy Tromanhauser, and US Senator Chuck Hagel's State Director Todd Wiltgen. In addition to the PPC, Seminar co-sponsors are UNL Center for Applied Rural Innovation, Univ of Nebraska Rural Initiative, and UNL College of Arts and Sciences. More information can be found at <http://ppc.unl.edu/PolicySeminarSeries/pss07/seminar3-07.htm>.

3. Minority and Justice Committee Report

The Nebraska Minority Justice Committee has released its 2006 Progress Report, and it is available from the PPC website at

http://www.ppc.nebraska.edu/program_areas/documents/mjtf/2006ProgressReport.pdf. The Committee is a joint effort of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska State Bar Association, established to examine and address issues and perceptions of racial and ethnic bias in the courts. The Report identifies the primary achievements during the year, in the areas of Access to Justice, Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and Diversity in the Profession and Court System.

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