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# Iowa International Center Dialogue Series

## Driver's Licenses for Unauthorized Immigrants: Why it Matters

Presented by Sarah Hendricks of Drake University, Chief Michael Tupper of the Marshalltown Police Dept. and Lori Chesser of Davis Law Firm

**Tuesday, August 5 - Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue**



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This well-known panel of experts will discuss how access to driver's licenses is important for immigrants in order to maximize their participation in and contribution to the host communities.

**Sarah Hendricks** teaches in the Department of Sociology at Drake University and has done research broadly on social consequences of limited mobility with a specific focus on how transportation limitations affect the experiences of Latino immigrants in the United States. **Lori Chesser** is a senior shareholder and Immigration Department Chair for Davis Law Firm In Des Moines. She has been practicing immigration law for more than 20 years and has been involved in advocacy and education regarding immigration reform. **Chief Michael Tupper** of the Marshalltown Police Department has nearly 22 years experience in the police force and has received many certificates and honors. Along with his many achievements, he has been an effective leader in advocating for community policing and building effective partnerships with public and private communities.



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The Iowa International Center Dialogue Series, sponsored by DuPont Pioneer, is a monthly forum held the first Tuesday at the Des Moines Central Library, highlighting and explaining current international issues, offering perspective on current events and providing audience members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more. We would like to

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Admission is free and attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch. Visit [www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) to watch and enjoy previous dialogues on YouTube.



## About Our Panelists

**Sarah Hendricks** teaches in the department of Sociology at Drake University. She received her PhD in Sociology in May 2013 at the University of Tennessee, where she focused her research on transportation barriers and adaption of Latino immigrants in Atlanta, Georgia. Much of her research broadly focuses on the social consequences of limited mobility, with a specific focus on how transportation limitations affect the experiences of Latino immigrants in the United States.

**Michael Tupper** is currently Chief of Police for the Marshalltown Police Department, and has served as a chief of police in Iowa for the past 10 years. He has multiple areas of law enforcement experience and specialization, and has overseen the complete overhaul of department policies and procedures and the reorganization of two departments. As a strong advocate for community policing and problem oriented policing programs, he established successful community outreach programs for the police department working with minority populations in Marshalltown. He has also built partnerships and collaborations with a variety of law enforcement at the local, State and Federal levels. Chief Tupper is a leader of law enforcement officers supporting a change in the state law to allow for issuing a temporary two-year “driver’s card,” in order to promote law enforcement goals for public safety.

**Lori Chesser** is a senior shareholder and Immigration Department Chair for Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines and past chair of the Iowa International Center. She has been practicing immigration law for more than 20 years and has been involved locally and nationally in advocacy and education regarding immigration reform. Lori is the incoming chair of the American Immigration Council, a DC-based non-profit that provides policy analysis, public interest litigation, public education and cultural exchange.