

"Welcoming Who? Are We Still Afraid of Immigrants?"

April 19, Thursday
Tri-C West Campus, 11000
Pleasant Valley Road, Parma,

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.
For more info,
contact 440-885-2489.

Because of your expertise, extensive community involvement, or interest in making Greater Cleveland an "immigrant-friendly" city, I hope you will attend and participate.

To give you an idea how the event will go, I will start off with a 20-minute powerpoint on Global Detroit, Global Dayton, Global Philly, and Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians (Philly)

The Panel (described below) will react to the presentation, engage in robust conversation about these bold initiatives in other cities, and what Cleveland and Cuyahoga County might learn from them.

Audience participation will follow.

PANEL MODERATOR
Dona Brady, Councilmember, Cleveland City

Council
PANELISTS
Johnathan Holifield,
Co-founder and Chief Evangelist, America21

Radhika Reddy, Partner, Ariel Ventures, LLC

Roberto Torres, Former Economic Development Director, City of Canton, and now President of T & R Group, LLC in Cleveland

Derek Ng, China Great Lakes Innovation, LLC

In anticipation of this event, please keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming Op-Ed in Cleveland Crains by Roberto Torres and myself, with the title (you guessed it): "Welcoming Who? Are We Still Afraid of Immigrants?"

Look forward to seeing you on 4/19, and if you can't make that, then join me and many others at the Hispanic Leadership Conference on 4/21, Saturday, in Lorain.

Thanks!

Regards,
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Co-Author, Immigrant, Inc. --- Why Immigrant Entrepreneurs Are Driving the New Economy (and how they will save the American worker) (Wiley, 2009);

National Speaker for Partnership for a New American Economy, founded by Mike Bloomberg & Rupert Murdoch, a coalition of 500 CEOs and Mayors who believe in economic benefits of smart immigration law reform

Founding Board Member, Global Detroit

陽光、蝴蝶的翔舞、蜜蜂的嚶喻、杜鵑的不變聲的春謠、少女踏青的笑語、燕子愛的呢喃……雖然是歲歲年年輪回的鄉音鄉情，然而究竟是春分的世界，對年輕的抑或年長的讀者，似乎都要泛起希望的漪漣，這或許就是春分予人的印象了。

然而誰的筆也無法完全表現我故鄉

那樣美麗的春分，這算是怎么回事？老實說，連我自己也不能完全清楚把握春分的妙意。

然而就是如此，我也隱約地覺得像走進一片大地上的天堂。群山的環抱、古榕的點綴、小橋、流水、人家的和平，綻着燦的油菜花的梯田，咬青在霧色的牛羊，俯首農曆輕吟短唱的斑竹……一切的情詩與畫意，誰讀了之後都覺得很有意思。

我坦白說，我以前沒有在意過噼哩啪啦開着的油菜花，大概是我的心很浮躁罷。但歷過了青春，學會了對事物的理性的觀察，陸續地事物內在的東西就表現出來了，譬如油菜花的燦開，不是很明白的嗎？我的歌一路繽紛，不是很明白的嗎？

我走在小溪拐彎的山坡上，心靈的希望也曾燦燦的開着，美麗的爱情在繽紛的詞句里翔舞，然而這是許多年前的事了。那時我的青春還沒有逝去，隱約着喧響的血也還流淌不識愁的熱情。很明白的，我留連着那山坡一間柳綠桃紅的草屋，我的青春痴情的表妹。我無法抗拒她拈花一笑的顏色和聲音，除了有時故意地去拜讀她的美麗，就是蘸着心中的一滴墨水，塗鴉長長短短的語詞。雖然那愛是無所謂有，無所謂無的沒奈何的自欺的希望，連縹緲的鱗光片羽也沒

有，可我並沒有因我的痴而覺悟。

農曆的春天，靈鳥如飛花，隱約的擦肩而過的東風的歌聲很甜。對我而言，一切都是很有意思的，紅塵過客，遠近鄉音，騎牛溪流的青笛，葫蘆花簇擁的池塘的蛙鳴，孩子逐樂的嬉戲，花開的聲韻……紅塵俗事此時表現的都是希望。花草蟲魚，剔去了寂寞的私語是春分的宣言；嘖嘖花車，迎來的新娘是鄉村的喜慶；何以也曾寂寞過的炊煙，也在扭動傳統的腰肢？習俗的鞭炮，還在注釋故鄉的韻腳？難道春分就是希望的開端么？我感受着一片土地演義的萬象，但以爲靈魂的、文學的青春究竟還是有別于衰老的活泛着。

春色三分，二分流水，一分塵土，我的故鄉的春分，大概是詩情和畫意的鐵錫，憑我把青絲讀成白髮，也沒有讀厭那樣虛

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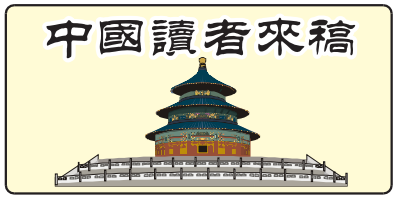
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