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in promoting an  
immigration system  
that preserves the  
cultural richness of our  
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We join the Council in  
congratulating the 2013  
American Heritage  
Award honorees.

- Anthony Sullivan and  
the late Richard Adams
- Jose Antonio Vargas
- Staceyann Chin

Microsoft celebrates  
the contributions of  
the LGBT immigrant  
community

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Opening Reception

Welcoming Remarks

Awards Presentation

Closing Remarks

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Anthony Sullivan &  
Richard Adams  
(posthumous)  
*Gay & Immigrant  
Rights Advocates*



Jose  
Antonio Vargas  
*Journalist*



Staceyann Chin  
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and the many contributions of  
Immigrants**

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MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, a group of dedicated AILA leaders came together to create a partner organization that would **enhance the power and reach of the immigration bar**. Through their leadership and vision, the *American Immigration Council* (formerly the American Immigration Law Foundation) was created in 1987 as a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit charitable organization. The *Immigration Council* was established to pursue work that is important to the AILA community, but outside of the primary focus of the association itself. The early work of the *Immigration Council* reflected two tracks: challenging the misapplication or misinterpretation of immigration laws, and educating the public about the enduring contributions of immigrants.

OVER THE YEARS, the *Immigration Council* has grown and expanded to become a powerful voice in promoting laws, policies, and attitudes that preserve our proud history as a nation of immigrants. Through research and policy analysis, legal education and litigation, educational outreach and international exchange, the *Immigration Council* seeks to help shape a 21st century vision of American immigration.

TODAY, the Immigration Council **connects AILA members with a broader community of people and organizations that share our mission and vision**. Since our founding we have gone from having an impact in the courthouse to the schoolhouse, the state-house, and now the Capitol. The attorneys who serve the immigrant community are the foundation on which the *Immigration Council* was built, and will always help guide and support our work.

TOGETHER WITH AILA, the *Immigration Council* will continue to **honor** the enduring contributions of America's immigrants, **protect** fundamental constitutional and human rights, and **promote** sensible and humane immigration policies that reflect American values.







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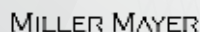
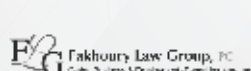
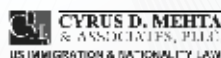
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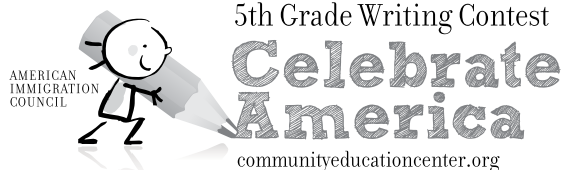


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**SECOND PLACE WINNER:**

Julianne Capp of Las Vegas, Nevada

**THIRD PLACE WINNER:**

Helen Agee of Dallas, Texas

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**Thank you** to all chapter coordinators, volunteers and judges for helping to make the 16th Annual "Celebrate America" Creative Writing Contest a success. Also a huge thank you to our participating schools, teachers, parents and all of the 5th graders who submitted entries to our contest.

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**[ 5TH GRADE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WINNER ]**



**Erin Stark**  
*Entai Elementary School*  
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*"What Would You Miss About Immigrants, If They Didn't Come to America?"*

**Would you miss the food?**

The potstickers, sushi and dumplings,  
Pizza, spaghetti, curry or crepes?  
Just think about it for a minute or two,  
Could you survive eating fish at every meal? Could you?  
Immigrants are coming every day,  
Variety is what they bring with them in every way.

**Would you miss the holidays?**

Day of the Dead, and Chinese New Year  
Hannukah, Kwanzaa, and Ramadan too?  
Why did the Christians travel the distance,  
Was it to share their beliefs and Christmas?  
Immigrants are coming every day,  
Variety is what they bring with them in every way.

**Would you miss their art,**

Painting, literature, and music.  
Plays, sculpture, and design?  
Life would be dull without art,  
People might become sad and would get broken hearts.  
Immigrants are coming every day,  
Variety is what they bring with them in every way.

**Would you miss the things they made?**

Railroads, canals, communities, and skyscrapers,  
Schoolhouses, highways, churches, and businesses?  
What would kids do without schools?  
We might turn into fools!  
Immigrants are coming every day,  
Variety is what they bring with them in every way.

**Immigrants are coming every day.**

They bring recipes, celebrations, talents, and skills.  
Variety is what they bring with them in every way.  
USA would be bland without immigrants,  
Now our nation is colorful and the joy is infinite.



*Anthony Sullivan and Richard Adams*

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We would like to congratulate *Richard Adams* and *Tony Sullivan*, who have been courageously fighting for immigration and marriage equality for over 40 years.

Petition for  
citizenship  
denied.

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"You have failed to establish  
that a bona fide marital  
relationship can exist between  
two faggots."

- INS, Nov. 24, 1975

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RICHARD ADAMS AND ANTHONY "TONY" SULLIVAN ARE TRAILBLAZERS IN THE LGBT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMUNITY. In 1975, thanks to one courageous county clerk in Boulder, Colorado, Richard and Tony were one of six couples to be legally married in the state.



Because Tony was an Australian citizen, Richard filed for resident status based on their marriage. But an official letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) stated their petition was denied because they "failed to establish that a bona fide marital relationship can exist between two faggots." The couple then sued to prevent Tony's deportation in 1979, resulting in the first federal lawsuit seeking equal treatment for a same-sex marriage in U.S. history.

The federal district judge upheld the INS decision and they also lost their appeals. They later filed a second suit arguing that Sullivan's deportation after the couple had been together for 8 years constituted "extreme hardship." The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected their claims, making it possible for Sullivan to be deported. Following that loss, and with no place to go, they traveled the world for almost a year, but after missing family and friends, returned to the U.S. to live under the radar.

After years of living quietly, they bravely decided to appear at rallies and speak out in support of same-sex marriage. They risked Anthony's deportation, but both believed that taking a stand was worth it. On December 17, 2012, Richard Adams died after a short illness. He will always be remembered as a loving partner and an inspiring activist.

Today, Anthony Sullivan lives in California and continues to be an outspoken supporter of the LGBT immigration movement.

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President Barack Obama, Inaugural Address, January 21, 2013

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## [ HONOREE BIOGRAPHIES ]

### *Staceyann Chin*

STACEYANN CHIN IS A FULLTIME MOTHER, WRITER, PERFORMER, AND ACTIVIST. Chin has become known for documenting her abusive childhood in Jamaica and her life as a Jamaican, lesbian immigrant in her critically acclaimed memoir, *The Other Side of Paradise*.

After coming out in Jamaica, Chin faced discrimination and threats of violence. Despite this, she excelled in school but was eventually faced with the decision to stay in Jamaica or live her life openly in a foreign country. She chose to seek asylum in the United States and now lives in Brooklyn, New York.



Widely known as co-writer and original performer in the Tony award winning, Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam on Broadway, she performs at the Nuyorican Poets' Café and in one-woman shows off-Broadway and around the globe. She also conducts writing-workshops around the world in which she pays particular attention to sexual violence. Chin encourages those women to look at the work together, to share experiences and, feelings about the work—then she helps them to make art out of their tragedy.

Chin's recent public writings about her foray into single-motherhood through in-vitro fertilization have now placed her in the conversation about women's reproductive rights. Her latest work challenges old definitions of family and offers one portrait of a 21st-century, urban, non-nuclear household headed by a woman who knowingly chose that path.

*Jose Antonio Vargas*

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS IS A PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST AND THE FOUNDER OF DEFINE AMERICAN, a campaign that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration. Vargas is also an undocumented immigrant living in New York City.



Vargas arrived in the United States at the age of 12, living with his maternal grandparents in a country he grew to love and adopt as his own. He did not learn of his undocumented status until he turned 16 and applied for a driver's license. He kept his status a secret and with the help of his friends and teachers, was able to pursue his dream of becoming a journalist. He came out as gay in high school in 1999, which he described as being less difficult than disclosing his legal status. In 2004, Vargas was hired at the *Washington Post* where he won a Pulitzer Prize in 2008 as part of a breaking news team.

In June, 2011, the *New York Times Magazine* published a groundbreaking essay he wrote in which he revealed and chronicled his life in America as an undocumented immigrant, stunning media and political circles and attracting worldwide coverage. A year later, he appeared on the cover of *TIME* magazine with fellow undocumented immigrants as part of a follow-up cover story. He testified at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing this year on immigration reform and is currently finishing *Documented*, a documentary on his undocumented experience.



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The competition challenges today's  
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communities through video and other  
multimedia projects.

Projects should focus on celebrating America as a nation  
of immigrants as well as the immigration's impact on our  
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For more information visit **ChangeinMotionMedia.com**.  
Deadline for submissions is 11:59 EST, October 31, 2013.

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the LGBT community.  
We recognize their  
contributions in preserving  
our heritage as a nation of  
immigrants.*



The AILA DC Chapter, with over 900 member attorneys in Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia, is proud to salute the American Immigration Council and its outstanding work in promoting America as a nation of immigrants—past, present and future. Our Chapter takes advantage of its proximity to Congress and federal agencies to shape the laws governing our immigration system, and advocate on behalf of our clients' needs. We look forward to continuing our partnership with AIC in creating an immigration system that promotes fairness, inclusiveness and freedom.

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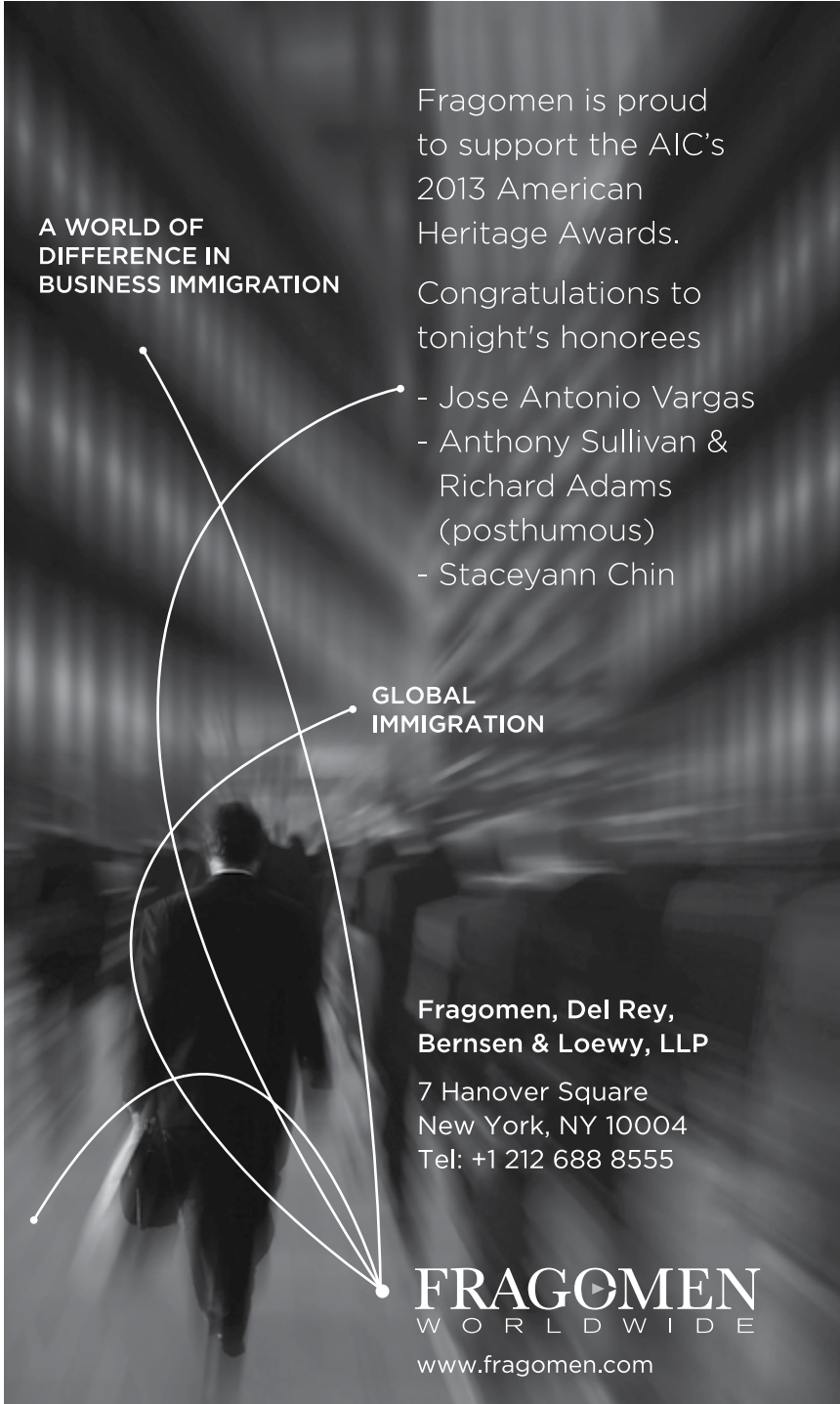


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