

The Immigration Issue: Nevada, Arizona, and the Nation
Student Union Ballroom
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Luncheon: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Moderator: Robert E. Lang,
Professor and Director of Brookings Mountain West
and The Lincy Institute, UNLV

The Political Demography and Geography
of the Intermountain West Conference
October 8, 2010: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Greenspun Hall Auditorium

Panelists:



Ronald Brownstein political director of Atlantic Media Company—one of America's broadest-reaching and most influential distributors of political news—he produces sharp contemporary analysis on politics, the media, healthcare, and the whole range of issues informed by his strong sense of America's political and national history. Twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize cited for "the clarity, consistency, and quality of his political reporting," he is a prolific and penetrating columnist on politics and policy, appearing regularly in the *Atlantic*, *National Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Ron Brownstein is, as the *Economist* said, simply "one of America's best political journalists". Before taking over the political coverage for Atlantic Media Company, Brownstein served as the national political correspondent and a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1990 to 2007. Brownstein served as chief political correspondent and columnist for *U.S. News and World Report* for seven months in 1998. He has also appeared frequently on *Meet the Press*, *This Week with George Stephanopolous*, *Face the Nation*, the *Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, and *Washington Week in Review*. From 1998 through 2005, he served as an on-air political analyst for CNN. His book, *The Second Civil War: How Extreme Partisanship Has Paralyzed Washington and Polarized America*, was named one of "ten books to curl up with" for 2007 by the *New York Times*.



José Cárdenas was named Arizona State University's Senior Vice President and General Counsel effective January 2009. Mr. Cárdenas received his BA from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in 1974. In 1977, he graduated from Stanford University Law School, where he served as an articles editor on the Stanford Law Review. He joined Lewis and Roca in 1978, following a one-year federal district court clerkship. After becoming a partner in the firm in 1982, Cárdenas served in numerous management roles, including as the firm's managing partner (CEO) from 1999 to 2003, at which point he was named the firm's first chairman. Cárdenas has an AV ("Preeminent Attorney") rating from Martindale-Hubbell. In 1995, he was elected to membership in the prestigious American Law Institute, and he is a member of The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Mr. Cárdenas has also been recognized for his many community activities including his selection in 2000 as the recipient of the Mexican government's Ohtli award given to U.S. residents of Mexican descent in recognition of their service to Mexican communities in the United States. He has been admitted to practice law in Arizona, California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court and is a member of various bar associations including the Hispanic National Bar Association.



David Damore is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at UNLV. His primary research interests are campaign and elections. Damore is asked to comment on Nevada politics and government for a variety of local, national, and international media outlets. He received his BA from University of California, San Diego (1992), M.A. from the University of Georgia, Athens (1995), and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Davis (2000).