



1 of 3 2/25/15, 4:27 PM

De Jong's appearance is part of the library's "Currents: Conversations that Matter" series, which examines current issues through a global, national and local lens.

Search

Immigration is the topic of the inaugural Currents series that got under way this winter.

"In creating this series on immigration, we wanted to focus on all aspects of the topic and not define the range of the immigrant experiences too narrowly. Too often, immigration is narrowly associated with laborers who seek a better life across the border for their families, whether legally or illegally," said Janie Hermann, public programming librarian at PPL.

Princeton has a significant immigrant population spanning all walks of life from around the globe. And while many are here legally, some are also here undocumented – several with families and children – who have just now begun to establish themselves.

Princeton has become home.

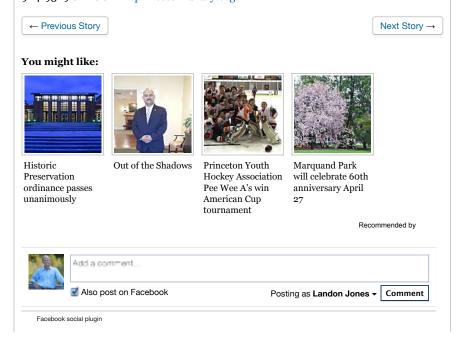
"Many of the families who are not here legally still face a variety of hardships, from not being able to afford proper housing and fear of deportation to lack of access to higher education and wage theft by unscrupulous employers," Hermann said.

Hermann went on to explain that PPL has been working closely with Elise Neira from Princeton Human Services, as well as representatives from the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund to bring these issues to light around the community.

As for de Jong, her advice to immigrants in Princeton in need of help is: "be open, and seek aid. There is so much to do in this place – wonderful courses and lectures. Find them and speak up. Never assume that you are alone."

The program will be moderated by Landon Jones, former editor of People and author of "Great Expectations: America and the Baby Boom Generation."

For more information about de Jong's talk and/or the lecture series, call (609) 924-9529 or visitwww.princetonlibrary.org.



About Send a News Tip Real Estate Advertise with us

2 of 3 2/25/15, 4:27 PM

http://the prince ton sun. com/2015/02/25/dutch-author-pia...

Hosted by Elauwit | Terms of Service | Privacy Policy | © 2015 Elauwit

3 of 3 2/25/15, 4:27 PM