



Angelica Garnett

Angelica Acosta Garnett was born and raised in Bogota, Colombia. She moved to the United States in 2000 and received a BA in history and religion from the University of Florida, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Social Studies education and moved to Charlotte in 2006 to teach government at Myers Park High School. She received the 2006 and 2008 Teacher of the Year award and the 2009 Central Learning Community Teacher of the Year award.

In 2012, an immigration law firm recruited her to be a bilingual paralegal, and while at the firm, Angelica assisted clients from various countries with their immigration petitions and accompanied clients to their Immigration Court Hearings and USCIS interviews. Angelica has worked as an advocate for immigrants in educational, medical, and community settings. Currently, through her work as a translator and interpreter, Angelica is committed to giving a voice to people whose voices are not being heard.

When policy changes altered the asylum process and created devastating circumstances at the southern border, Angelica felt an urge to travel to hear the stories from the asylum seekers themselves. The experience was life changing and called for action on her part. Angelica created "Living Room Conversations," a talk and Q&A session about the current conditions at the border and the policies that created them. These gatherings allow Angelica to merge her teaching background, her immigration and government knowledge with her passion for advocacy, education and community engagement.



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