

Brandeis Center Welcomes Guest Blogger Mike Gonzalez.

WASHINGTON, DC September 12, 2014 – The Brandeis Center has announced the appearance of Mike Gonzalez as new guest blogger on the popular Brandeis Center Blog . In introducing Mr. Gonzalez, the Brandeis Center underscores the immediate need to address Title VI funding to universities under the Higher Education Act. Mr. Gonzalez will appear at the Blog over the two week period beginning September 15.

Mr. Gonzalez' appearance comes as the Brandeis Center prepares to announce release important new work on abuse of Title VI of the Higher Education Act. The Center will soon release a public policy White Paper on "The Morass of Middle East Studies: Title VI of the Higher Education Act and Federally Funded Area Studies." These documents will be released later this month. The Center is particularly concerned about biased, politicized, anti-Israel and anti-American programming at Title VI Centers that violate both the letter and spirit of 2008 congressional reforms. In this light, the Center welcomes the expertise that Gonzalez brings to the subject.

"Mike Gonzalez is an astute analyst of the Higher Education Act and has just written a valuable analysis of Title VI that I think our readers should be aware of. We look forward to his insights, commented LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus.

Gonzalez, a senior fellow at The Davis Institute for International Studies - The Heritage Foundation's arm for research and analysis on foreign policy, international relations, global economics, and national security - has a vast array of experience as an international journalist, having reported from Europe, Asia and Latin America. He served as speechwriter for Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox during the Bush administration before moving to the State Department's European Bureau, where he wrote speeches and Op-Eds. Gonzalez, who joined The Heritage Foundation as Vice President of Communications in March 2009, became a senior research fellow in June, 2014.

His book, "A Race for the Future, How Conservatives Can Break the Liberal Monopoly on Hispanic Americans" was published Sept. 2 by Crown Forum. Gonzalez has published an important recent policy paper, "America Is Ill-Served by Its Government-Funded Area Studies and Foreign Policy Programs." In this paper, Gonzalez calls for "systematic solutions." One "modest but easy step," he argues, "is to cut off funding for Title VI of the Higher Education Act, which subsidizes area studies centers at universities throughout the country." Mr. Gonzalez argues that these programs "have failed in their mandated task of preparing foreign language and regional experts to meet the national defense needs of the United States."