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**"A Better Life":**

**A Psychoanalytic Exploration of Immigration through Film**

Friday, April 28, 2017

6:30 PM -9:30PM

(Doors open at 6:00pm)

Chatham University  
Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
Mellon Board Room  
(Located in the basement of Mellon Center)

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**Program Description**

Join the **Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center**, the **Chatham University Psychology Continuing Education Program**, and the **Chatham University Graduate Psychology Diversity Committee** for a film viewing and discussion of psychological perspectives of the undocumented immigrant experience. The program will examine the interplay between external and internal conflict and oppression. The film *A Better Life* will be shown followed by a presentation and discussion. The main characters in this film experience oppression in the forms of both cultural and state violence. How these experiences of external oppression interact with the internal psychology of the characters will be discussed following the film.

**Speaker: Matt Markon, JD, LCSW**

**Matt Markon, JD, LCSW**, is a psychoanalyst in private practice in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center and is currently a faculty member teaching classes in the James T. McLaughlin Training Program in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy. Matt is a board member of the Clinic Without Walls where he also provides clinical supervision to psychiatric residents. Matt's background includes work in community mental health settings and policy work as an attorney in Washington, DC on criminal justice reform and other social justice issues.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Participants will discuss the complex interplay between cultural oppression and internalized prejudice in the psychology of the individual.
2. Participants will discuss the ethical considerations involved when psychotherapists engage in, or refrain from, participation in political activism. Participants will discuss the problematic nature of distinguishing cultural violence from internal oppression in the mind of the individual.
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### **Continuing Education Information – 3.0 CE Credits for full attendance at event**

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