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**Workshop 2 Dr. Jorge Morales Cardiel** *Young migrants "travelling alone" in the United-States-Mexico border and the accompaniment process of the civil society shelter network (English)*

**Institution:** Universidad de Colima

**Place:** Colima, Mexico

#### **Abstract**

The purpose of this research project is to study the network of houses and shelters for migrants installed on the northern border of Mexico, in relation to the process of accompaniment of young migrants, who previously traveled alone to this geographical point in an irregular condition and with the intention of requesting political asylum in the United States, voluntarily surrendering themselves to the Border Patrol, to be later returned to Mexico while their asylum request is being resolved. As for this network of migrant shelters, they are organized civil society actors, secular and denominational, who seek to defend the human rights of these migrant youth and children, also they try to fill the power vacuum left by the Mexican State by responding to the main needs of migrants to regain hope in the face of the uncertain future that awaits them. As methodological strategy, contemplates the field work done during a series of volunteer work that I conducted in the migrant shelters of Ciudad Juarez and Ojinaga (Chihuahua), Nuevo Laredo (Tamaulipas) and Ciudad Acuña (Coahuila), where I was able to learn about the situation of migrant youth and the separation of their families due to anti-immigration policies, initially for the Migrant Protection Protocols (PPM) and later for the suspension of this program because of the immigration veto during the Covid-19 pandemic. About the MMP, also known as "Quedate México", this program came about as a result of the migrant caravans in 2018 and 2019, when the U.S. government returned to the other side of the border more than 50 thousand asylum-seeking migrants, among them these young people. About these civil organizations within the shelters it is important to note that their work is based on psychosocial and legal accompaniment, with which they have.

#### **CV**

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