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Abstract
Since October 2011, there has been a dramatic and on-going rise in unaccompanied children arriving to the US from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Regional Office for the United States and the Caribbean recently completed a study and report on the reasons these displaced children are arriving to the U.S., which indicate that many of these children are in need of international refugee protection. Ms. Goldberg will present the findings of the report, based on interviews with 404 children from these four countries, and the relationship between the fear and violence the children face with international refugee protection needs.