



Upper Midwest Translators & Interpreters Association

A Chapter of the *aita*

2018 Annual Meeting: Saturday, November 17th

University of Minnesota: West Bank- Hanson Hall 1-102

PROGRAM

12:30	Check-in	Presenter
1:00	Welcome! Announce new Board Members Financial report	Isabel Montañez Claudia Giannini David Coats
1:30	Keynote Presentation: The Advocates for Human Rights Director of Refugee & Immigrant Program	Sarah Brenes
2:15	Break	
2:35	Awards, vouchers, raffle	Isabel Montañez
2:45	Special presentation: How to promote our professions in the schools	Aída Azzazi
3:15	Networking/organizational review session 4 small groups with 2 Board members at each group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Request input about UMTIA/expectations · Workshop ideas for 2019 · Promote participation on the Board/requirements 	
4:00	Closing	Isabel Montañez Claudia Giannini



The Advocates for Human Rights: Sarah Brenes, Director of Refugee & Immigrant Program

Sarah Brenes represents refugees seeking asylum, detainees, and people with various immigration issues. She leads efforts to recruit attorneys to volunteer for The Advocates for Human Rights' to represent refugees and immigrants. She also leads training and support for the volunteer attorneys. Prior to joining The Advocates, Brenes was a clinical law fellow at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. She taught and supervised students in the Immigration Law Practice Group, representing clients seeking asylum, family reunification benefits, and visas of victims of trafficking and violent crimes. She supervised students representing clients detained in immigration custody during their initial hearings before the immigration judge as part of the Minnesota Detention Project.