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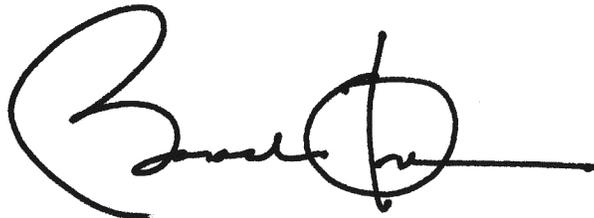
September 14, 2012

I send greetings to all those attending the National Immigrant Integration Conference 2012.

The story of immigrants in America is not a story of “them,” it is the story of “us.” Immigrants signed their names to our founding documents, built our railroads and cities, fought to defend our values, and fueled new industries. Without these intrepid men and women, our growth from a string of 13 colonies to 50 United States would not have been possible.

Events like this remind us that in order to carry this legacy forward, we must continue providing those new to our shores with the support and resources they need to pursue the promise of our Nation. By doing so, we help ensure ours remains a country worthy of their journey—a country filled with opportunity for all people.

I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.

Welcome to Baltimore and to the 5th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Baltimore. Home of Frederick Douglas and Thurgood Marshall, Edgar Allen Poe, Eubie Blake, and the Wire. Baltimore is a city that birthed integration with bilingual public schools at the turn of two centuries ago and is embracing it today by explicitly welcoming immigrants to the city for its economic renaissance.

And welcome to the 5th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference. Hosted by the National Partnership for New Americans, NIIC 2012 is the largest national convening of immigrant integration leaders and advocates from across the country. NIIC 2012 is designed to take the public dialogue on immigration beyond the border enforcement headlines and dive deep into the effort to diversify the American Dream by ensuring that immigrants have the opportunity to become integral members of the U.S. communities they call home. Together across these next few days, we will learn about best practices, innovative programs, academic research, and top organizing models that meet the goal of strengthening immigrant integration services and policies across the country.

We are at a critical juncture in this American experiment. Across this country, very different approaches to immigrants are being tested. Our challenge in these discussions is to develop the strategies that ensure that we uphold our best history by embracing all the benefits – economic, cultural, educational, social, and political – that immigrants bring to our towns, states, and country. We look forward to developing those strategies together with you.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Torres
Executive Director
CASA de Maryland
Co-Chair, NIIC 2012

William Robertson
Chief Executive Officer
Adventist HealthCare
Co-Chair, NIIC 2012

Randel K. Johnson
Senior Vice President
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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Sheldon Caplis
Regional Director
Community Relations Citi
Co-Chair, NIIC 2012

Benjamin Jealous
President and CEO
NAACP
Co-Chair, NIIC 2012



CASA de Maryland

CASA de Maryland, the host of organization of NIIC 2012, is the state's foremost Latino and immigrant organization and a national leader in supporting immigrant families and ensuring that all individuals have the core supports necessary for full participation in society. With seven offices across the state, CASA's goal is to serve and engage individual members to create a more just society by building power and improving the quality of life in low-income immigrant communities. CASA accomplishes this through an innovative combination of high quality direct services, community organizing, and political action. CASA has received numerous national awards, including: the National Council of La Raza Affiliate of the Year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation "Families Count!" award, the Center for Community Change "Champions" Award, and Bank of America "Neighborhood Excellence Award."

Read more: www.casademaryland.org



The National Partnership for New Americans

The National Partnership for New Americans advances the integration and active citizenship of immigrants to achieve a vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all. Our vision is an authentic and welcoming democracy in which new Americans achieve equal opportunity and are a powerful and organized constituency. Policies and programs at all levels will foster a high quality of life for all, and new Americans will vote, hold office and participate fully in civic life and economic prosperity.

We are a national multiethnic, multiracial partnership that harnesses our collective power and resources to mobilize millions of immigrants for integration and transformative social change. We facilitate community voices, many that been previously excluded, to speak on their own behalf. We create and implement innovative programs that help immigrants become active and engaged citizens working for a stronger and more inclusive democracy and a vibrant nation.

Read more: www.partnershipfornewamericans.org

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- **Maria Rodriguez**, Florida Immigrant Coalition
- **Michael Fix**, Migration Policy Institute
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Thank you also to all those who have gone above and beyond to make NIIC 2012 a success, including Shola Ajayi, Christina Pope, Alaa Mukahhal, Chhandasi Pandya, Elizabeth Hines, Charlie McAteer, Otts Bolisay, Diane Quest, Pablo Toledo, Sarah Curry, Lee Shainis, and Rolando Serra. Thanks, too, to Hari Niroula -- the very first registered participant of NIIC 2012.

Governor Martin O'Malley



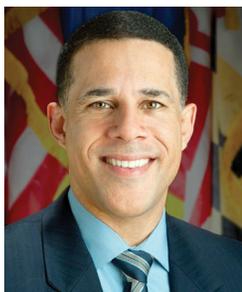
As Governor Martin O'Malley begins his second term, Maryland businesses are creating jobs again, Maryland students are achieving record success in the classroom, and the men and women of Maryland law enforcement are making Maryland's streets and neighborhoods safer for our families. The Governor's job creation initiatives have helped establish and maintain Maryland's place as a global leader in biotechnology, clean energy, cyber security, information technology, aerospace, trade, and advanced manufacturing. Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, Maryland's public school system has been ranked #1 in America for four years in a row, Maryland elementary and middle school students have achieved their highest scores ever on state tests, and Maryland high school students achieved the highest passage rate in America on Advanced Placement exams. Governor O'Malley and his wife Katie O'Malley, a District Court judge, have two daughters, Grace and Tara, and two sons, William and Jack. They are members of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards, Maryland's 4th Congressional District



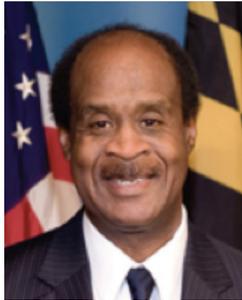
Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards of Fort Washington represents Maryland's 4th Congressional District comprising portions of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. She was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 110th Congress in June 2008, and began her first full-term in the 111th Congress in 2009. Rep. Edwards has enjoyed a diverse career as a nonprofit public interest advocate and in the private sector on NASA's Spacelab project. Rep. Edwards was the co-founder and executive director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence where she led the effort to pass the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 that was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. Just prior to serving in Congress, she was the executive director of the Arca Foundation in Washington, DC.

Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown



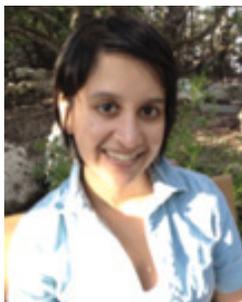
Maryland Lieutenant Governor Brown leads the O'Malley Brown Administration's work to improve health care throughout Maryland, having helped expand health coverage to over 341,000 Marylanders, half of whom are children. He has launched the innovative Health Enterprise Zones program to eliminate disparities in health outcomes among Maryland's racial groups and geographic areas. Anthony successfully led efforts to prepare Maryland for the arrival of 60,000 military base realignment and closure process-related jobs and has worked hard to improve benefits and services for Maryland's veterans. Anthony has also made it a priority to create Maryland jobs and save taxpayer dollars by increasing private investment in public infrastructure projects. A Colonel in the United States Army Reserves, Anthony is the nation's highest-ranking elected official to have served a tour of duty in Iraq. Anthony is the proud father of Rebecca, Jonathan, and stepson Anthony Walker. He and his wife Karmen reside in Prince George's County.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah “Ike” Leggett



From his roots in the hardscrabble poverty of then-segregated Louisiana, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett was elected in 2006. Mr. Leggett was elected the first African American County Executive in the County's history, winning more than 67 percent of the ballots cast in a three-way race. As County Executive, Leggett has focused on making sure that every part of an ever-more-diverse Montgomery County has a seat at the table and a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. Prior to his election as County Executive, Mr. Leggett served four terms as an At-Large Member of the Montgomery County Council (1986 - 2002). He also served as the Council's President three times (1991, 1998, 1999) and as its Vice-President three times (1990, 1997 and 2002). From December 2002 to 2004, Mr. Leggett chaired the Maryland Democratic Party.

Nisha Agarwal, Deputy Director, Center for Popular Democracy



Nisha Agarwal is the co-founder and a Deputy Director of the Center for Popular Democracy, a high-impact national organization that promotes equity, opportunity and a dynamic democracy in partnership with the most innovative community-based organizations and progressive unions in the country. Nisha oversees CPD's immigrant & civil rights policy campaigns, including coordinated state & local legislative efforts related to immigration enforcement, policing, health disparities and language access. Nisha comes to CPD from her position as the Director of the Health Justice Program at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, where she served as the primary drafter of the NYC Language Access in Pharmacies Act, the first law of its kind in the country, and New York's Statewide Language Access policy. Nisha received her BA, summa cum laude, from Harvard College and received a British Marshall Scholarship for study at the University of Oxford. Nisha received her JD from Harvard Law School in 2006.

Robert A. Annibale, Global Director of Microfinance, Citigroup



As Citigroup's Global Director of Microfinance, Bob Annibale is leading figure in the world of micro-credit, a means of advancing financial assistance to, and encouraging economic development among the world's poorest communities. Born and brought up in New York, he gained a degree in History and Political Science from Vassar College followed by a Masters in African History from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). He joined Citibank in 1982 and has held a number of senior treasury, risk and corporate positions, living and working in Athens, Bahrain, Nairobi, London and New York. As the organization's in-house micro-credit expert, he represents Citigroup on the Microfinance Network - a global association of microfinance institutions - as well as the Board of the Microfinance Information Exchange and the Council of Microfinance Equity Funds. He also represents the company on a number of community and regeneration boards in London.

Lawrence Benito, Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)



The child of immigrants from the Philippines, Lawrence Benito serves as the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director of Illinois' leading immigrant rights coalition. Prior to his current position, he led ICIRR's senior management team as deputy director, overseeing the program and political operations. He also served as the agency's in-house lobbyist. During his tenure at ICIRR, he has organized in the north and northwest suburbs of Illinois, and directed ICIRR's State-funded programs. Lawrence is also the executive director of Illinois Immigrant Action - ICIRR's 501c4 sister organization, which engages in more targeted issue advocacy work. Currently, he is a Commissioner with the Serve Illinois Commission, and the board President of the Asian American Action Fund of Greater Chicago. He earned a BA in Economics from Marquette University, and Master's in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago. Follow him on Twitter at @llbenito.

Deepak Bhargava, Executive Director, Center for Community Change



Born in Bangalore, India, Mr. Bhargava is one of the most respected progressive voices and a leading advocate for poor and minority communities. He is regularly called on to present the perspective of the grassroots at progressive gatherings, political roundtables, news television shows and print articles. Most recently, Mr. Bhargava was a guest on C-SPAN's Washington Journal where he discussed the unemployment rate, foreclosures, the deficit and the overall economic state. He has a regular column published in the Huffington Post.

Judith Browne Dianis, Co-Director, Advancement Project



Judith Browne Dianis has an extensive background in civil rights litigation, which includes fighting to protect the rights of displaced Hurricane Katrina survivors. She was instrumental in securing a victory in *Kirk v. City of New Orleans*, which barred the city from bulldozing homes without first giving home owners opportunity to challenge the demolition. Through litigation, public speaking, and field work, Browne Dianis staunchly advocates justice and equity for displaced New Orleans residents. She also served as co-counsel in *NAACP v. Katherine Harris, et al.*, representing the Florida State Conference of the NAACP and black Floridians in a lawsuit to remedy voting rights violations related to the November 7, 2000 election.

Sheldon Caplis, Regional Director of Community Relations, North America Community Development, Citi - NIIC 2012 Co-Chair



Sheldon Caplis is the Regional Director of Community Relations for the South Atlantic Region of Citi. He is responsible for all Community Relation activities including grants and contributions for Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia. Caplis has a strong background in fundraising, particularly within educational institutions. Before joining Citi, Caplis served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and also held several positions at the University of Baltimore. Caplis is also a trustee of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) and Vice Chair of the National Capital Region board of College Summit, which helps steer young people toward college.

Michael Crawford, Director of Online Programs, Freedom to Marry



Michael Crawford is Director of Online Programs at Freedom to Marry where he manages the organization's websites, email program, online fundraising, and social media presence. He has a wide range of experience in political advocacy, new media, and grassroots organizing. He was a leading strategist for the successful campaign to win freedom to marry in Washington, D.C. with a focus on public education, community outreach, and communications strategy. He was co-founder and co-chair of D.C. for Marriage, a grassroots group that engaged in thousands of conversations with District residents about gay people and marriage with a particular focus on building support in the African-American

community.

Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education



Brenda Dann-Messier was nominated by President Obama as assistant secretary for vocational and adult education on July 14, 2009. On Oct. 5, 2009, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and began her official duties on Oct. 13, 2009. As the first assistant secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) who is also an adult educator, Dann-Messier leads the Department's efforts in adult education and career and technical education, as well as efforts supporting community colleges and correctional education. OVAE's vision is for all youths and adults to have multiple opportunities to obtain lifelong education and training in order to achieve rewarding careers and

family lives, participate in their communities, and attain their personal goals. OVAE is devoted to equipping youths and adults with the literacy, numeracy, language and technical skills and the training necessary for success in the 21st-century global economy, by expanding capacity, improving quality, and increasing accountability through innovation and collaboration.

George Escobar, Director of Health and Human Services, CASA de Maryland



George has more than 10 years of experience in the services field, having held a number of positions in both the private and public sectors. Prior to joining CASA in 2011, he served as Deputy Director in the DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (OLA) where he worked closely with the OLA Director in setting policies and ensuring equal access to District services for its Latino community. He has significant experience in managing service delivery for Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals, creating and managing agency budgets, fundraising, and program evaluation. He held high-level positions at the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and the Latino Economic Development Corporation, and holds a Certificate in Public Management from George Washington University.

Robert Espinoza, Senior Director for Public Policy and Communications, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)



Robert Espinoza is the Senior Director for Public Policy and Communications at SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders), the country's largest organization focused on improving the lives of LGBT older people. In this capacity, he guides SAGE's national advocacy program, which includes a federal program based in Washington, DC, as well as 24 SAGE affiliates across 17 states. He also guides SAGE's strategic communications, which has earned widespread acclaim and numerous awards, including the 2010 GLAAD Media Award in Advertising for Outstanding Social Marketing, and two awards of distinction in 2012 from the International Academy of the Visual Arts.

Michael Fix, Senior Vice President, Migration Policy Institute



Michael Fix is Senior Vice President and Director of Studies at the Migration Policy Institute, as well as Co-Director of MPI's National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy. His work focuses on immigrant integration, citizenship policy, immigrant children and families, the education of immigrant students, the effect of welfare reform on immigrants, and the impact of immigrants on the US labor force. Mr. Fix, who is an attorney, previously was at the Urban Institute, where he directed the Immigration Studies Program (1998-2004). His research there focused on immigrants and integration, regulatory reform, federalism, race, and the measurement of discrimination. Mr. Fix is a Research Fellow with IZA in

Bonn, Germany. He served on the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on the Redesign of US Naturalization Tests. In 2005, Mr. Fix was a New Millennium Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Columbia University's School of Social Work.

Stephen Fotopulos, Executive Director, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition



Stephen was named the second Executive Director of TIRRC in 2008, and previously served as Policy Director after joining the organization in 2004. He holds a Master's in public administration from the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, having completed his thesis work studying the impact of US public policy on English acquisition among immigrants. After graduate school, he served for five years as a logistics officer in the United States Navy, living and working in the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. Stephen sits on several boards and advisory committees dealing with immigration and integration, including the Mayor's New Americans Advisory Council (Chair) in Nashville, the Mayor's Leadership Council on Children and Youth, the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, the Tennessee Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission (Disability & Language Barriers Subcommittee), the DC-based Rights Working Group (Chair), the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (Executive Committee), and the National Partnership for New Americans (Executive Committee).

Ana Garcia-Ashley, Executive Director, Gamaliel



Born in the Dominican Republic in 1958, Garcia-Ashley was just four years old when she began canvassing in a rural village as part of a public safety campaign headed by her grandmother, a neighborhood activist. Following the assassination of dictator Rafael Trujillo, Garcia-Ashley and her family fled the political violence in the Dominican Republic. They settled in New York City. Garcia-Ashley began organizing in 1981 after graduating from the University of Colorado in Denver. She joined Gamaliel in 1992 as the Lead Organizer of MICAH in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she led one of the most successful campaigns in Gamaliel's history: winning a \$500 million commitment from local

banks to invest in affordable housing. As a result, 7,000 low-income families in Milwaukee were able to buy homes. Garcia-Ashley also founded Gamaliel's statewide Wisconsin affiliate, WISDOM.

Sarita Gupta, Executive Director, Jobs with Justice & Co-Director, Caring Across Generations



Sarita Gupta is the Executive Director of Jobs with Justice (JwJ), an organization that works in coalition with community, faith, and student organizations to build a broader global movement for economic and social justice. Sarita previously served as JwJ's national field director from 2004-2007, overseeing the national field program and leading on strategic programs such as health care justice, organizing and collective bargaining rights campaigns, and immigrant workers' rights. Prior to joining the national JwJ staff in 2002 as a regional field organizer, Sarita served as the Executive Director of Chicago Jobs with Justice (JwJ) for four years, where she helped build the coalition to more than 70 member organizations and unions. Sarita began organizing as a student on campus at Mount Holyoke College. She was elected president of the U.S. Student Association (USSA), the nation's oldest and largest grassroots legislative student organization, in 1996.

Morna Ha, Executive Director, NAKASEC



From 2004 to 2007, Morna served as NAKASEC's Program Associate and then as the National Organizing Coordinator executing campaigns and developing community leadership around the DREAM Act and comprehensive immigration reform. Most recently, she was the 2010-2011 Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Legislative Fellow in the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-32). She also has broad-based experience in local city government, most notably with the New York City Mayor's Office of Operations, as well as with local communities in the Mississippi Delta and New Orleans, Louisiana. Ms. Ha received a Masters in Public Policy from the Harvard

Kennedy School and a Bachelors Degree from Dartmouth College. She is originally from Queens, New York.

Chung-Wa Hong, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)



Chung-Wa Hong is Executive Director of the NYIC, an umbrella advocacy organization made up of approximately 200 groups throughout the state that work with immigrant and refugee communities. As the coordinating body for organizations that serve one of the largest and most diverse newcomer populations in the United States, the NYIC has become a leading advocate for immigrant communities on the local, state, and national levels. The NYIC's membership includes grassroots community organizations, not-for-profit health and human services organizations, religious and academic institutions, labor unions, and legal, social, and economic justice organizations. Prior to coming to the NYIC in 2001, Ms. Hong worked at the National Korean American Service &

Education Consortium (NAKASEC), Committee of Interns and Residents and Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in English Literature.

Joshua Hoyt, Co-Chair of the National Partnership for New Americans and Chief Strategy Executive, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)



Joshua Hoyt is the Co-Chair of the National Partnership for New Americans and ICIRR's Chief Strategy Executive. Previously, he served as the director of ICIRR for almost ten years. During this time the Coalition grew from a \$1.8 million dollar a year budget to a \$7.9 million budget, and increased from 9 to 40 full and part-time employees. The Coalition has helped to make Illinois one of the most immigrant friendly states in the U.S. and is considered one of the most effective immigrant organizations in the U.S. Josh has worked a total of 33 years as an organizer for social justice in Chicago, Baltimore, and in the countries of Spain, Peru, and Panama. Josh speaks frequently about

immigration to national media and has testified before Congress. Josh was educated at the University of Illinois and the Universidad Central de Barcelona, Spain, and received his Master's Degree from the University of Chicago. Josh is a son of the American Revolution on his grandfather's side and of the Irish Potato Famine on his grandmother's side. Follow him on twitter at @joshicirr.

Janaye Ingram, D.C. Bureau Chief of National Action Network



Janaye Ingram is the DC Bureau Chief of National Action Network (NAN) and oversees NAN's legislative advocacy work under Founder and President, Rev. Al Sharpton and National Executive Director, Tamika D. Mallory. Her work in this capacity has led to a weekly blog with Loop21 (www.loop21.com), a weekly segment on the syndicated radio show, "Keepin' It Real with Rev. Al Sharpton" as well as appearances and features in other media including TVOne's "Washington Watch with Roland Martin", The Huffington Post, TheRoot.com, and TheGrio.com. While not working on NAN issues, Ms. Ingram serves as a board member for the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network (www.weenonline.org).

Her commitment to giving back led to the founding of Ambassadors of Hope, a scholarship and volunteer involvement campaign that benefits various national and international nonprofit organizations.

Deepa Iyer, Executive Director of South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)



Ms. Iyer, an immigrant from India, is the Executive Director of South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), a national, non-profit organization in the Washington DC area. Deepa has guided SAALT's direction on policy advocacy, programs and partnerships since 2004. An attorney by training, Ms. Iyer has previously worked at Asian American legal organizations as well as the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she litigated immigration-related unfair employment practices and addressed the post

September 11th backlash facing South Asian, Muslim, Sikh and Arab American communities. Regarded as an expert on the impact of September 11th on immigrants and minority communities, Deepa is the Executive Producer of a documentary on hate crimes, has written extensively on the post 9/11 backlash, and taught classes at Columbia University, Hunter College and the University of Maryland. Deepa is the Chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans and a member of the Board of Directors of the Applied Research Center.

Benjamin Jealous, President and CEO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - NIIC 2012 Co-Chair



Benjamin Todd Jealous is the President and CEO of the NAACP, and the youngest person to lead the century-old organization. Jealous began his career as a community organizer in Harlem in 1991 with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. A Rhodes Scholar, he is a graduate of Columbia and Oxford University, the past president of the Rosenberg Foundation and served as the founding director of Amnesty International's US Human Rights Program. As President of the NAACP, he has opened national programs on education, health, and environmental justice. He has also greatly increased the organization's

membership and capacity to work on issues related to the economy and to register and mobilize voters.

Randel K. Johnson, Senior Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce - NIIC 2012 Co-Chair



As Senior Vice President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Randel K. Johnson is primarily responsible for labor, immigration, and employee benefits issues pending before Congress and the federal agencies. Johnson determines the Chamber's position and sets strategy on a wide variety of issues such as civil rights and comprehensive immigration reform, including visa and border policy. Johnson regularly testifies before Congress and is widely quoted in the media on employment and immigration issues as a recognized expert in these fields. Johnson serves on the board of directors of the National Immigration Forum and the Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services agency. Previously, he was a member of the Department of Homeland Security Data Management Improvement Act Task Force on border entry and exit issues, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations Immigration Task Force and the Carnegie U.S.-Mexico Migration Study Group.

Raquiba LaBrie, Director of the Equality and Opportunity Fund, Open Society Foundations



Raquiba LaBrie is the Director of the Equality and Opportunity Fund at the Open Society Foundations. In this role, LaBrie directs grantmaking focused on ensuring justice and equality, prohibiting arbitrary and discriminatory government action, and lifting barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life. Recently, LaBrie spearheaded an Open Society Foundations initiative to respond to the subprime lending crisis. LaBrie was previously the Program Director of U.S. Programs' Sentencing & Incarceration Alternatives Project, which sought to reduce the scale of incarceration in the U.S. by: eliminating race and class disparities in sentencing and incarceration; promoting alternatives to incarceration; and limiting prison growth and prison privatization. LaBrie also directed the Soros Justice Fellowships and served as program officer for U.S. Programs' Access to Justice program, which focused on strengthening the federally funded civil legal aid field.

Valarie Long, Vice President, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)



In January 2012, Valarie Long was elected Executive Vice President of the 2.1 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU) by the union's International Executive Board (IEB). Prior to being elected Executive Vice President of SEIU, Long served as a leader at two SEIU locals and as an International Vice President. Valarie leads the union's Property Services division, representing more than 400,000 janitors, security guards and maintenance workers across the United States and Canada. In her role, Long is the primary architect of the union's strategic vision to help thousands of property services workers unite their strength to improve their jobs and their communities. A 28 year veteran of the labor movement, Long has a long-standing commitment to lifting the lives of low-wage service workers, especially in communities of color.

Francisco López, Executive Director, CAUSA



Francisco López is a Salvadoran-American that came to the United States in 1985 as a refugee from the war in El Salvador. Francisco is the Executive Director of CAUSA, Oregon's immigrant Rights Organization. In 2008 he was the Field Director with Voz Hispana Vote Project in Oregon. He earned his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of El Salvador. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors of the SHARE Foundation, the Western States Center and many other international, national and statewide boards. He has 33 years of experience in community organizing, leadership development, and social service program design in the United States and Latin

America. Mr. Lopez speaks frequently on issues of immigration, demographic change, economic inequality, and community empowerment at universities, conferences and many other public events. Mr. Lopez is a recipient of the 2011 Oregon Immigrant Achievement Award presented by American Immigrant Lawyers Association, among other awards.

Sean Lund, Messaging Strategist, The Movement Advancement Project



Sean directs MAP's work in LGBT movement messaging and communications. Prior to joining MAP, Sean served for 11 years with the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), where he directed the organization's messaging program and research initiatives, created resources for journalists and community members (including the GLAAD Media Reference Guide), and oversaw movement capacity-building work in the areas of message development and communications strategy.

Kica Matos, Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice, Center for Community Change



Kica Matos moved to the U.S. from Puerto Rico and is Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice at the Center for Community Change. Prior to joining CCC, she was head of the Reconciliation and Human Rights Program at Atlantic Philanthropies, overseeing grantmaking in the areas of Racial Justice, Immigrant Rights, Civil Liberties and Death Penalty abolition. She also served as Deputy Mayor in the city of New Haven, where she implemented the groundbreaking Elm City Resident Card, an ID card for all residents irrespective of their immigration status. Matos was previously the Executive Director of JUNTA, New Haven's oldest Latino community-based organization.

She also worked on death penalty and criminal justice issues as an assistant federal defender representing death row inmates, and as an advocate and organizer with the NAACP Legal Defense and Amnesty International. She has a B.A. from Victoria University of Wellington, an M.A. from the New School and a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

Alejandro Mayorkas, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services



Alejandro Mayorkas, an immigrant from Cuba, is the Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). As the Director of USCIS, Mayorkas leads the agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security charged with operating the largest immigration system in the world. Mayorkas is responsible for a workforce of more than 18,000 people located in approximately 230 offices throughout the world, and he oversees a budget of approximately \$3 billion. Immediately prior to becoming the Director of USCIS, Mayorkas was a partner in the law firm of O’Melveny & Myers LLP. He advised boards of directors and executives, led internal investigations, and litigated

bet-the-company matters covering a wide array of industries. He served as a member of O’Melveny & Myers’ worldwide governing Policy Committee and as Chair of the firm’s Values Awards Committee and the Warren Christopher Scholarship Committee. In 2008, the National Law Journal named Mayorkas one of the “50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America.”

Margie McHugh, Co-Director of the Migration Policy Institute’s National Center for Immigrant Integration Policy



Margie McHugh is Co-Director of the Migration Policy Institute’s National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy. The Center provides in-depth research, policy analysis, technical assistance, training, leadership development, and information resource services on a broad range of immigrant integration issues. Key areas that are the focus of the Center’s current work include Pre-K—12 education; English literacy and workplace skills development; and the involvement of state and local governments in efforts to regulate the settlement of immigrants in their communities, including the enforcement of federal immigration laws. Prior to joining MPI, Ms. McHugh served for 15 years as

Executive Director of The New York Immigration Coalition, an umbrella organization for over 150 groups in New York that uses research, policy development, and community mobilization efforts to achieve landmark integration policy and program initiatives.

Eva Millona, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and Co-Chair of the National Partnership for New Americans



Eva A. Millona is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), the state’s largest organization representing the foreign born. She assumed the position in 2008 after nearly a decade at MIRA, and she is now one of New England’s most highly quoted immigration experts. In her native Albania, Ms. Millona practiced civil and criminal law, serving as a judge in Tirana’s District Court from 1989 - 1992. She is also the co-chair of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Refugees and Immigrants, serves on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and is co-chair of the National Partnership for New Americans, comprised of 12 immigrant rights

state coalitions. Working with the Partnership, she hosted and co-chaired the nation’s largest immigrant integration conference in 2010. A graduate of Clark University and of Tirana University School of Law, Ms. Millona is the recipient of over a dozen major awards, including the prestigious

2009 US Citizenship and Immigration Service's Outstanding American by Choice Award, and 2010 Wainwright Bank Social Justice Award.

Sonia Mora, Director of the Suburban MD Welcome Back Center, Montgomery County, MD, Department of Health & Human Services



Sonia Mora is the Manager of the Latino Health Initiative and Director of the Suburban Maryland Welcome Back Center at the Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Health and Human Services. For twenty years, Sonia has been a leader working with immigrant communities on numerous cutting-edge issues in the areas of workforce development; community engagement and empowerment; access to health services; health promotion; data collection analysis, and reporting; and policy development. Sonia has successfully provided services in several areas related to health disparities and has provided technical consultation to community-based organizations in the development, implementation, and evaluation of culturally and linguistically appropriate programs and services. She has also served as technical consultant to numerous national and international organizations in the development, adaptation, and translation of education materials for Spanish-speaking audiences. In 2011, under Sonia's leadership the Welcome Back Center was a recipient of the prestigious immigrant integration E Pluribus Unum award of the Migration Policy Institute.

Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director, Voces de la Frontera



The daughter of German and Mexican immigrants, Christine Neumann-Ortiz is the founding Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera. Ms. Neumann-Ortiz is recognized as a national leader in immigration reform, serving on the board of a national coalition of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) and featured in national interviews on NPR, Democracy Now!, CNN, and a contributor to Huffington Post. She serves on the board of the Wisconsin Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (WNIRR), Wisconsin Citizen Action (WCA), and the National Partnership for News Americans (NPNA). Voces is also part of the Interfaith Worker Justice workers' center network and is affiliated with international networks National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC) and the Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras (CJM). Ms. Neumann-Ortiz earned her Masters Degree in US/ Chicano History at the University of Texas- Austin and her Bachelor of Art degree in English at the University of Wisconsin- Madison.

Beatriz Otero, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, District of Columbia



A native of Bolivia, Beatriz "BB" Otero was Appointed Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services by District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray in February 2011. BB oversees ten health and human services city agencies responsible for the delivery of services to the district's residents. Her office supports the Mayor in coordinating a comprehensive system of benefits, goods and services across multiple agencies to ensure that children, youth, and adults, with and without disabilities, can lead healthy, meaningful and productive lives. BB is a long-time resident of the District of Columbia and a highly recognized policy maker, community leader and activist. She is the recipient of numerous awards

including Leadership Washington's Betty Whaley Leadership Award, the Association of Hispanic Employees Leadership Award, the Hispanic Bar Association's Hugh Johnson Memorial Award for Social Justice, the DC Action for Children's Public Service Award and was named Washingtonian of the Year in 2000.

Ian Palmquist, Director of Regional and Program Support, Equality Federation



Ian Palmquist, Director of Regional and Program Support, is an experienced advocate and non-profit manager with a passion for social justice. Last year he completed nearly twelve years working at Equality North Carolina, a statewide LGBT advocacy organization, and was the group's Executive Director from 2006 to 2011. He previously served as Co-Director, and as Assistant Director before that. Under his leadership, the group expanded its outreach across the state, strengthened its political clout in the legislature, doubled its expenditures to elect pro-LGBT candidates, and built strategic relationships with non-LGBT allies through coalition work. In 2009, Ian lead the organization's successful campaign to pass the School Violence Prevention Act, the first LGBT-inclusive law in state history and the first statute to include protections for the transgender community in the South.

Dr. Manuel Pastor, Co-Director of the USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration



Dr. Manuel Pastor is Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California where he also serves as Director of USC's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE) and Co-Director of USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII). Founding Director of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Pastor holds an economics Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and has received fellowships from the Danforth, Guggenheim, and Kellogg foundations and grants from the Irvine Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Wellness Foundation, and many others. In recent years, his research has focused on the economic, environmental and social conditions facing low-income urban communities in the U.S., resulting in articles published in Economic Development Quarterly, Review of Regional Studies, and other publications.

Antonia Peña, Domestic Worker Organizer, CASA de Maryland



Antonia came to the U.S. from Colombia as a domestic worker 12 years ago. She worked long hours as a live-in nanny for employers that were constantly verbally abusive and disrespectful. One day, she was approached by two female CASA de Maryland members who provided her with fliers and information about the Committee of Women Seeking Justice. She eagerly joined and became a leader within the committee. Over the past eight years, she has acted on behalf of countless domestic workers who faced mistreatment in the workplace, many like herself who came to the U.S. on special visas for domestic workers who labor for diplomats. Thanks to the training and mentoring she received as a community leader, she was successful in obtaining a full-time position

when one became available at CASA in January 2012. She is a valuable asset to CASA's organizing team and brings charisma, dedication and a deeply personal commitment to her work.

Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice



A child of immigrants from the Dominican Republic, Thomas E. Perez was nominated by President Obama to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, and was sworn in on October 8, 2009. Since then, Mr. Perez has worked to restore and transform the Division, in the spirit of its traditional role as the “conscience of the nation,” to further fulfill the promise of our nation’s most treasured laws – advancing equal opportunity, leveling the playing field, and protecting the rights of all. Mr. Perez has spent his entire career in public service. Prior to his nomination, he served as the Secretary of Maryland’s Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – an agency that safeguards critical consumer and worker protections – and was a principal architect of a sweeping reform package to address his state’s foreclosure crisis. In 2002, he became the first Latino elected to the Montgomery County Council, serving with distinction until 2006.

Ai-jen Poo, Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) and Co-Director, Caring Across Generations



Ai-jen Poo, Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA), has been organizing immigrant women workers since 1996. In 2000 she co-founded Domestic Workers United, the New York based organization that spearheaded the successful passage of the state’s historic Domestic Workers Bill of Rights in 2010. In 2007, DWU helped organize the first national domestic workers convening, out of which the NDWA was formed. Ai-jen serves on the Board of Directors of Momsrising, National Jobs with Justice, Working America, and the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy. Among Ai-jen’s numerous accolades are the Ms. Foundation Woman of Vision Award, the Independent Sector American Express NGen Leadership Award, Newsweek’s 150 Fearless Women list, and the Time 100 list.

Jayesh Rathod, Assistant Professor of Law, American University



Jayesh Rathod, a child of Indian immigrants, is an Assistant Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law. His areas of expertise and scholarly interests include immigrants’ rights, labor and employment, occupational safety and health, and the intersection of law and organizing. Prior to joining the faculty, he was a Staff Attorney at CASA of Maryland, representing low-wage immigrant workers on employment law and immigration matters, and participating in worker education, organizing, and advocacy efforts. He also practiced in the litigation section at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering LLP, and was law clerk to the Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Over the course of his career, he has worked with numerous non-governmental organizations to advance the civil and human rights of communities in the United States and abroad.

William Robertson, Chief Executive Officer, Adventist HealthCare - NIIC 2012 Co-Chair



William Robertson is President and CEO of Adventist HealthCare, a faith-based, not-for-profit organization in Rockville, Maryland that provides wellness, disease management and health care services to the community. Before joining Adventist HealthCare in 2000, Robertson served for four years as CEO of Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas and as Executive Vice President and CFO of Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Texas from 1988-1996.

Robertson is involved with a wide range of community organizations, including the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland, and Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) Executive Committee, among others. He was also a Leadership Montgomery Outstanding Leader of the Year honoree in 2010.

Maria Rodriguez, Executive Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC)



Maria del Rosario Rodriguez, founding Executive Director, directs FLIC's immigrant-led, statewide network that educates, organizes and advocates for the fair treatment of all people, including immigrants. For the past 20 years she has worked to defend the basic human rights of low income and migrant peoples at home and abroad. She was active in the anti-apartheid and Central America solidarity movements as a leader in the Progressive Student Union and the Student Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism. She served as Deputy Director of the Human Services Coalition where a wide variety of groups including the Union of the Uninsured, which she helped found, benefited from

Maria's skilled facilitation, community-based participatory research, training and technical assistance. She has served on several Boards and most recently was asked to join the New World Foundation Board in NY. She earned an undergraduate degree in Linguistics with a minor in history from Georgetown University and is the mother of Dante.

Julien Ross, Executive Director, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)



Mr. Ross' background represents a combination of Mayflower pilgrims with Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Julien joined the CIRC as its first full-time Director in 2006. Julien also serves on the Executive Committee of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), a national alliance of state coalitions working for just and humane federal immigration reform. During Julien's tenure, CIRC has fought vigorously for citizenship for the undocumented, to protect civil liberties and human rights of immigrant workers and families, and for a full integration of immigrants into community life in the U.S. CIRC has emerged as a reliable and factual source on immigration for policymakers, educators and

the media. In 2008, CIRC membership elected its first statewide governing body with equal representation from throughout Colorado, achieving a unified statewide voice to make Colorado a more immigrant friendly state.

Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)



Since becoming CHIRLA's Executive Director in 1999, Angelica Salas has spearheaded several ambitious campaigns locally, state-wide, and nationally. Angelica helped win in-state tuition for undocumented immigrant students and established day laborer job centers that have served as a model for the rest of the nation. She also led efforts to allow all California drivers to obtain a driver license and is a leading spokesperson on federal immigration policy as an active member of FIRM and RIFA. Angelica comes by her understanding of the immigrant experience firsthand. As a five year old, she came to the U.S. from Mexico to rejoin her parents who had come to the U.S. to find work and better provide for their family. One of Angelica's greatest accomplishments at CHIRLA has been the transformation of a coalition of social service providers into an organization that empowers immigrants to engage in advocacy on their own behalf.

Fatima Shama, Commissioner, New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg appointed Fatima A. Shama as Commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs in August, 2009. Commissioner Shama had previously served as Senior Education Policy Advisor at the Mayor's Office. Prior to joining the Bloomberg Administration in 2006, Ms. Shama served for four years as Executive Director of the Greater Brooklyn Health Coalition. Ms. Shama earned a Bachelor of Arts from Binghamton University and a Masters of Public Administration from Baruch College's School of Public Affairs Executive Program.

Charles L. Short, Special Assistant to the County Executive, Montgomery County Maryland



Charles L. Short has more than 35 years of experience leading and administering local public and private human service agencies. He currently serves as Special Assistant to Montgomery County Md. County Executive Ike Leggett, responsible for health, human services, housing, immigration and other policy areas for a diverse community of nearly one million people. He previously served as Secretary for Justice and Service for Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, D.C. where he advised the Cardinal on social issues and developed and oversaw the largest private non-profit human services agency in the Washington region.

Steven A. Silverman, Director of Economic Development, Montgomery County Maryland



Steven A. Silverman was appointed by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett as Director of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development in April 2009. Just prior to his appointment, Silverman served as Director for Aging, Healthcare and Special Projects in the Office of Maryland Attorney General. Silverman received a B.A. from the American University (School of Government and Politics) and a J.D. from George Washington School of Law. He served as a co-chair of the Silver Spring Redevelopment Steering Committee (1998) which was instrumental in the revitalization of Downtown Silver Spring, Maryland. Silverman lives in Silver Spring, Maryland

with his wife Sheila and three children, Sage, Kaden and Lane. His son Jordy attends the University of Maryland.

Rich Stolz, Executive Director, OneAmerica



Rich Stolz was born in Seoul, South Korea. His parents met in Korea, when his father, an American citizen, worked there in the construction field. Rich's family moved to the United States when he was three, and his Korean mother became a naturalized American citizen. Over the last fifteen years, Rich has worked at the Center for Community Change, a national organization based in Washington, D.C. During that time, he focused on the intersection of policy, politics and organizing across a broad spectrum of issues impacting low-income and minority communities, including jobs and income support policy, immigration policy, infrastructure investment and environmental justice. Rich first cut his teeth in organizing while a student at Stanford University in

California to create ethnic studies programs that would resource investment in research and instruction on Asian American, Chicano, African American and Native American Studies. Follow him on Twitter @rstolz11.

Michael Strautmanis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement, The White House



Michael Strautmanis is the Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement to the Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett. In this role, Michael is responsible for coordinating communication and engagement strategies. In addition, he serves as a senior advisor to the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. Formerly, Michael was the Chief of Staff to the Senior Advisor for the offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs. Prior to his time with the President, Michael practiced complex litigation and employment law in Chicago at Sidley Austin. He then joined the Clinton Administration as Chief of Staff to the General Counsel at the United States Agency for

International Development. After his time at USAID, Michael moved to the Hill where he worked for then-Congressman Rod Blagojevich as his Legislative Director. Michael received a B.S. from the University of Illinois, and a J.D. from the University Of Illinois College Of Law.

Damian Thorman, National Program Director, James L. Knight Foundation



Damian Thorman joined Knight Foundation in 2007 as National Program director. The National Program supports innovative ideas and leadership with the potential to drive transformative change nationally and in Knight's resident communities. He helps develop new grant opportunities at a national level that target systemic change within the framework of informed, engaged communities. Thorman most recently served as assistant prosecuting attorney of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Kansas City, Mo. He founded and ran the Thorman Strategy Group, a consulting practice that assisted foundations, nonprofits and for-profit organizations from 2002 to 2005. He served as adjunct political science professor at Avila College in Kansas City, Mo. Thorman was the director of public affairs and policy at the Ewing Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City from 1994 to 2002. His previous work in Washington, D.C. included serving as assistant director of the American Academy of Pediatrics and as a staff member of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland - NIIC 2012 Co-Chair



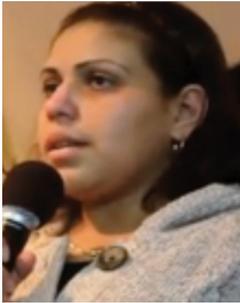
Gustavo Torres is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the immigrant rights movement in the United States. Originally a union leader from Colombia, Mr. Torres came to the U.S. to escape political persecution. He joined CASA's staff as a community organizer, and has served as CASA's Executive Director since 1994. Under his leadership, CASA has grown from a three staff program to a nationally awarded multi-service immigrant advocacy and support agency with a \$7 million budget. Mr. Torres leads statewide advocacy for immigrant rights and has served on the transition teams for Governor Martin O'Malley, the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and more. CASA is a co-founder of several national organizations and Mr. Torres served as a founding co-chair of the Partnership. Among his many recognitions are the Ford Foundation's prestigious "Leadership for a Changing World," feature biographical articles in the Washington Post, Washingtonian, and more, and numerous state and congressional citations.

Monica Trasandes, Director of Spanish Language Media, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)



Monica Trasandes is the Director of Spanish-Language Media at GLAAD. She was born in Montevideo, Uruguay and grew up in San Diego. She has a B.A. in International Relations from U.C. Santa Barbara and an MFA from Emerson College in Boston. She has worked as a reporter and as a magazine editor. At GLAAD, she has media trained dozens of community members and leaders, and has herself done more than 30 interviews on local news casts as well as nationally aired shows like Noticiero Telemundo and Al Rojo Vivo. She works every day with journalism professionals, serving as a resource and also pitching and placing LGBT stories and spokespeople.

Maria Bolaños, Freedom from Fear Award Recipient



On Christmas Eve 2009, Maria Bolaños Hernandez had a heated, violent argument with the father of her two-year-old daughter and she called the police for help. Rather than assisting her, the Prince George’s County, Maryland police officer who responded to her call for help chose to later charge her with illegally selling a \$10 phone card to a neighbor – an unsubstantiated allegation that Bolaños denies and the police dropped. Due to the Secure Communities program, Bolaños’ arrest started a spiral of deportation efforts that continue today but converted the hardworking mom into a national activist against the program. Unwilling to accept her deportation as a *fait accompli*, Bolaños

decided to speak out against “Secure Communities,” the dangers of I.C.E. access programs to local communities and their detrimental effects on people’s access to protection and justice. Her story was profiled in *The Washington Post* and the Univision program “Primer Impacto,” among others. She has led protests and picket lines to draw attention to Secure Communities’ devastating impact including how it is destroying families in her neighborhood. On November 2010, she traveled to Washington with activists from CASA de Maryland and directly confronted David Venturella, a high level I.C.E. official and the Director of Secure Communities. In dramatic fashion, she told her story and demanded that her deportation be terminated. Maria continues to face deportation. Meanwhile, as a single mother, she raises her daughter Melisa in suburban Maryland.

Gaby Pacheco, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Matos and Carlos Roa of the Trail of DREAMs, Freedom from Fear Award Recipients



When progress toward immigration reform stalled in 2009, four young people from Miami, FL, two of whom (Juan and Felipe) are openly gay, decided that it was time to take dramatic action. They would walk 1500 miles to Washington DC to dramatize the barriers facing undocumented students and their family. Along the way, they would share their stories with “regular people” throughout the Southeast and give and receive encouragement from thousands of other immigrants struggling for a future.

Gaby Pacheco, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Matos, and Carlos Roa began walking 15-20 miles a day with little more than faith and determination. They pushed their bodies to the extreme and faced the threat of detention and deportation every day. Yet, they were also met by the love and generosity of grassroots supporters—faith leaders, farm workers, immigrant families, and fellow students— who walked by their sides and gave them three meals a day and a place to lay their heads at night. By the time they reached Washington, the Trail of DREAMs walkers had gained 60,000 online and text followers, been covered widely by English and Spanish press, and had sparked solidarity marches around the country. The four-month odyssey was instrumental in moving the President to speak out on behalf of the DREAM Act, and to the House of Representatives passing of the DREAM Act in December 2010.

Gaby Pacheco, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Matos, and Carlos Roa faced intense fears and hardships on the Trail but, with each step, gained the courage to move forward despite them. Today, the four Trail of DREAMs walkers continue to inspire people around the country through their leadership and humanity.

Diversifying the American Dream

A Welcome to the 5th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference

Sunday, September 23, 2012, 9am to 10am (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

Diversifying the American Dream, the opening plenary of the 5th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference, will feature host Gustavo Torres welcoming conferees, reflecting on a year of integration advances, and welcoming Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to the stage. Governor O'Malley, serving his 6th year as Governor of Maryland, has made immigrant integration a priority hallmark of his administration and speaks frequently regarding the need to attract and retain immigrants to Maryland as a key component of the region's economic recovery and growth. Joshua Hoyt and Eva Millona will also share the vision and accomplishments of the National Partnership for New Americans.

Featuring

The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland

Opening Remarks

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland

Joshua Hoyt, National Partnership for New Americans Co-Chair

Eva Millona, National Partnership for New Americans Co-Chair

Active Citizenship – National Models for Success

Sunday, September 23, 12:30pm – 1:30pm (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

In light of the lack of passage by Congress of fundamental immigration reform, naturalization and integration have come to the fore as the imperative long-term strategies to move our country forward and revitalize our democracy. This plenary session offers a panoramic look at the national integration landscape, highlighting initiatives that have yielded successful results through far-sighted innovation, technology, and multi-sector collaboration.

USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas will discuss steps to be taken toward a national naturalization and integration strategy from the federal government's perspective. Raquiba Labrie, of the Open Society Foundations, will put forth ideas on the possibilities for private-public partnerships to advance naturalization and integration campaigns at the national level. Damien Knight will highlight innovative practices that the Knight Foundation has spearheaded to promote integration and achieve high numbers of naturalizations. Deepak Bhargava will feature civic engagement efforts beyond the naturalization basics.

Featuring

Alejandro Mayorkas, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Panelists

Deepak Bhargava, Executive Director, Center for Community Change

Raquiba LaBrie, Director of the Equality and Opportunity Fund, Open Society Foundations

Damian Thorman, National Program Director, James L. Knight Foundation

Moderator

Eva Millona, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Economic Innovations in Citizenship

Sunday, September 23rd, 2012, 3:30pm - 5:00 pm (Plenary Room A, Key 1-2-5)

Nationwide, ground-breaking programs are emerging to respond to the aspirations/financial limitations of potentially millions of citizenship-eligible immigrants. Leading practitioners in the field present an informative panel based-discussion to showcase the best economic innovations in assisting New Americans complete the citizenship process. Research has shown that a primary barrier to completing the naturalization process is the high cost of naturalization fees and the inability of low-income immigrants to pay those fees. This cross-conference session will feature presenters from two different innovative program models, the results of collaborative partnerships between public, private, and non-profit entities, who will share their perspectives and experiences in removing economic obstacles to U.S. citizenship for legal permanent residents.

Opening Remarks

Randel K. Johnson, Senior Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Presenters

Robert A. Annibale, Global Director of Microfinance, Citigroup

George Escobar, Director of Health and Human Services, CASA de Maryland

Fatima Shama, Commissioner, New York City's Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Question and Answer

Sheldon Caplis, Regional Director of Community Relations, Citi

Innovative Research on Government's Role in Integration

Sunday, September 23rd, 2012, 3:30pm - 5:00 pm (Plenary Room B, Key 3-4-6)

Every day, universities, researchers, and non-profit organizations produce new research unveiling the complexities of the integration process. In this cross-conference session, exciting new research in the field of immigrant integration will be presented. Audience members will be prompted in thought-provoking conversations exploring the policy and campaign implications of innovative research addressing how government can better serve immigrants in the integration process. Presenters will discuss new research highlighting the impact of racial/ religious profiling, the status of Washington DC's Language Access Act of 2004, and a scorecard measuring how California's urban to rural localities are incorporating their newcomers.

Presenters

Deepa Iyer, Executive Director, South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)

Dr. Manuel Pastor, Co-Director, USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

Jayesh Rathod, Assistant Professor of Law, American University

Moderator

Nisha Agarwal, Deputy Director, Center for Popular Democracy

The Civil Rights Continuum

Monday, September 24, 2012 8:30am - 10:00am (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

Women national leaders from diverse sectors will explore the history and current challenges to perfecting the “American Dream” for communities of color. A panel of dynamic speakers explore lessons learned from the civil rights movement and draw linkages to new opportunities in the expansion and protection of the rights for all Americans. Nationwide, organizations have sought to connect the immigrant rights movement to the unfinished battle for civil rights for African-Americans. This plenary will address the value of such linkages that connect all individuals seeking greater inclusion into American Society.

Featuring

Benjamin Jealous, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Panelists

Judith Browne Dianis, Co-Director, Advancement Project
Ana Garcia-Ashley, Executive Director, Gamaliel
Janaye Ingram, DC Bureau Chief, National Action Network
Valarie Long, Vice President, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Moderator

Kica Matos, Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice, Center for Community Change

Welcoming Remarks

Morna Ha, Executive Director, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium

2012 *E Pluribus Unum* Prize Winner Showcase

Monday, September 24, 2012, 12:30pm- 1:45pm (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

The Migration Policy Institute’s *E Pluribus Unum* Prizes have helped to place immigrant integration issues on the national agenda by shining a spotlight on the very significant and innovative integration efforts that community organizations, businesses, government agencies and individuals are undertaking across the U.S., and by underscoring the challenges and opportunities facing this vast field of endeavor, which is of such critical importance to the success of our nation.

The 2012 Prize winners will be presented for the first time at this luncheon plenary session. The Prize winners will be presented with a \$50,000 award check by a representative of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, the primary supporter of the Prizes. The program will feature a moderated discussion among leaders of the winning initiatives that will cover key elements of their

discussion among leaders of the winning initiatives that will cover key elements of their work, threats and opportunities in the fields in which they operate, and lessons for broader integration policy and practice.

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Margie McHugh, Co-Director, MPI National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy

Moderator

Michael Fix, Senior Vice President and Co-Director, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute

Prize Winners

Sheldon Caplis, Regional Director of Community Relations / Citi

Aida Cardenas, Executive Director, Building Skills Partnership

Hassan Jaber, Executive Director, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services

Shelly Spiegel-Coleman, Executive Director, Californians Together

Closing Remarks

Brad Davidson, J. M. Kaplan Fund

Pathways to the Dream: Ensuring that Adult Education and Community College Programs Meet the Needs of Immigrants and their Children (Plenary Room B, Key 3-4-6)

Monday, September 24, 5:00 pm – 6:00pm

Pathways to the Dream will provide a fast-moving cross-sector conversation on a range of topics facing immigrant youth and adults and their ability to access adult education and community college programs that help them gain the language skills and education and training they need to succeed in the workforce. The session will take a hard look at the difficulties currently facing these systems, and the urgent need to support funding and reforms that will allow them to better meet the needs of first- and second-generation immigrants, including young adults who must meet the education requirements for DACA protection or future DREAM legislation. *Light refreshments will be served.*

Featuring

Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

Participants

Lawrence Benito, Executive Director, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Brad Stewart, Vice-President and Provost, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College

Moderator

Margie McHugh, Co-Director, MPI National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy

A Paramount Democracy: The Federal Role in Protecting Civil Rights (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 9am to 10am

This plenary, featuring Tom Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, explores the unfinished business of civil rights protection in the United States and the work of the federal government in perfecting that access. Mr. Perez's speech will be followed by questions from NPNA Executive Directors from election battleground states in a year in which the presidency could be determined by immigrant voters.

Featuring

Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Question and Answer

Julien Ross, Executive Director, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director, Voces de la Frontera

Welcoming Remarks

Maria Rodriguez, Executive Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition

Integrating Lessons from the LGBTQ Equality Movement (Plenary Room, Key 1-6)

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 10:30am - 12:00pm

The Integrating Lessons from the LGBTQ Equality Movement forum will highlight the ways in which a cross-section of LGBTQ organizations have been able to change public perceptions, policies and attitudes towards the LGBTQ community. The goal of the session is to provide lessons learned, best practices and experiential knowledge to immigrant serving organizations that are dealing with the current wave of anti-immigrant sentiment in the country. This session is designed to highlight specific tactics that LGBTQ organizations have used to effect policy, cultural, and attitudinal change within society. The goal of this session is to spark ideas and discussions on how those tactics can be applied to immigrant integration. The panel/question and answer forum focus on pro-active state-based strategies for securing LGBTQ equality, message discipline and strategies for connecting with non-LGBTQ communities about LGBTQ equality, public education and advocacy for marriage equality, and how to engage traditional and popular media.

Panelists

Ian Palmquist, North Carolina Executive Director, Equality Federation
Sean Lund, Messaging Strategist, Movement Advancement Project
Michael Crawford, Director of Online Programs, Freedom to Marry
Monica Trasandes, Director of Spanish Language Media, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

Moderator

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland

Welcoming Remarks

Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

Perspective from the White House - Remarks on the State of National Immigrant Integration in 2012. Where do we go from here?

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 12:00pm to 12:20

Michael Strautmanis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement, The White House, will offer a closing speech reflecting on the state of immigrant integration in 2012 and offer recommendations for the next most critical steps for the movement for immigrant integration. Closing remarks will include an invitation to NIIC 2013 and partnership priorities in the upcoming year from Chung-Wha Hong of the New York Immigration Coalition.

Presenter

Michael Strautmanis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement, The White House

Welcoming and Closing remarks

Chung-Wha Hong, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition

Breakout Sessions

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Key 7	Receiving Communities
Key 8	Reinventing Immigrant Education
Key 9	Economic Success for Immigrant Youth and Adults
Key 10	Promoting Integration: The Refugee Perspective
Key 11	African-American and Pan-Immigrant Communities
Key 12	We Are America
Tubman A	Issues in Active Citizenship
Tubman B	Citizenship Boot Camp

DAY 1 / Saturday, September 22nd, 2012

1:00 pm - 5:00pm	<p align="center">The New Americans Street Festival</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by the Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives</p> <p>Featuring a U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services naturalization ceremony, cultural performances by local dance and vocal groups, and special guests Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and Montgomery County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett</p>	Eutaw Street, next to the Hilton Baltimore
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<p>Registration & Check-in</p>	Eutaw Street, next to the Hilton Baltimore
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<p align="center">Celebrating the Economic Renewal Driven by Refugees and Immigrants</p> <p align="center">A reception and film screening hosted by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service</p> <p align="center">Welcome from Stephen Fotopulos, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition</p>	LIRS Headquarters 700 Light St. at the corner of Light St. & Hughes St.

DAY 2 / Sunday, September 23rd, 2012

7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration & Check-in	Second floor
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Plenary Room Key 1-6
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Diversifying the American Dream A Welcome to the 5th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference Featuring Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland Welcoming Remarks by Gustavo Torres, CASA de Maryland and Josh Hoyt & Eva Millona, National Partnership for New Americans	Plenary Room Key 1-6
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break – Continue the Conversation Activities	Second floor
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Breakout 1: Track Sessions	Key 7-12 & Tubman A/B
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch Served	Plenary Room
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Active Citizenship: National Models for Success Featuring Alejandro Mayorkas, Director of U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services Raquiba Labrie, Open Society Foundations Damian Thorman, Knight Foundation Deepak Bhargava, Center for Community Change Moderated by Eva Millona, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition	Plenary Room Key 1-6
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Break	
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Breakout 2: Track Sessions	Key 7-12 & Tubman A/B
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break	Second floor
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Economic Innovations in Citizenship Opening Remarks from Randy Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Bob Annibale, Citi Fatima Shama, New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs George Escobar, CASA de Maryland Q&A led by Sheldon Caplis, Citi	Plenary Room A Key 1-2-5
	Innovative Research on Government's Role in Integration Manuel Pastor, USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration Jayesh Rathod, American University Deepa Iyer, South Asian Americans Leading Together Moderated by Nisha Agarwal, Center for Popular Democracy	Plenary Room B Key 3-4-6
5:20 pm - 6:20 pm	Caring Across Generations Reception & Panel Ai-jen Poo, National Domestic Workers Alliance and Caring Across Generations Antonia Peña, CASA de Maryland	Plenary Room B Key 3-4-6

	<p>Dr. Henry Pacheco, National Hispanic Council on Aging Angelica Salas, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles Moderated by Sarita Gupta, Jobs with Justice and Caring Across Generations Welcoming Remarks from Francisco Lopez, CAUSA Oregon</p>	
<p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Integration on the Chesapeake Regional Governments Welcome Conferees Opening Remarks from Gustavo Torres Featured speakers include leaders from Baltimore County, Montgomery County and Prince George's County, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>South Foyer</p>
<p>8:00 pm - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>Caucuses</p>	<p>Key 8-12</p>

DAY 3 / Monday, September 24th, 2012

<p>7:00 am - 5:50 pm</p>	<p>Registration & Check-in</p>	<p>Second floor</p>
<p>8:00 am - 9:00 am</p>	<p>Breakfast Buffet</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>8:30 am - 10:00 am</p>	<p>The Civil Rights Continuum Ben Jealous, President & CEO of the NAACP Roundtable Discussion Judith Browne Dianis, Advancement Project Ana Garcia-Ashley, Gamaliel Janaye Ingram, DC Bureau Chief, National Action Network Valarie Long, Service Employees International Union Moderated by Kica Matos, Center for Community Change Introductions by Morna Ha, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>10:00 am - 10:30 am</p>	<p>Break – Continue the Conversation Activities</p>	<p>Second floor</p>
<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Breakout 3: Track Sessions</p>	<p>Key 7-12 & Tubman A/B</p>
<p>12:00 pm - 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Served</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>12:30 pm - 1:45 pm</p>	<p>2012 <i>E Pluribus Unum</i> Prize Winner Showcase</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>1:50 pm - 3:20 pm</p>	<p>Breakout 4: Track Sessions</p>	<p>Key 7-12 & Tubman A/B</p>
<p>3:20pm - 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>3:30 pm - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Breakout 5: Track Sessions</p>	<p>Key 7-12 & Tubman A/B</p>
<p>5:00 pm - 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	<p>Second floor</p>

<p>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm</p>	<p align="center">Pathways to the Dream Ensuring that Adult Education and Community College Programs Meet the Needs of Immigrants and their Children</p> <p>Featuring Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education Lawrence Benito, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights Brad Stewart, Vice-President and Provost, Montgomery College Moderated by Margie McHugh, Migration Policy Institute <i>Light refreshments will be served</i></p>	<p>Plenary Room B Key 3-4-6</p>
<p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">Freedom from Fear Awards</p> <p>Awardees include Maria Bolaños Hernandez, Maryland community activist, & Gaby Pacheco, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Matos and Carlos Roa of the Trail of DREAMs Moderated by U.S. Representative Donna Edwards (MD 4th) Welcoming Remarks from Rich Stolz, OneAmerica</p>	<p>Plenary Room B Key 3-4-6</p>

DAY 4 / Tuesday, September 25th, 2012

<p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p align="center">Registration & Check-in</p>	<p>Second floor</p>
<p>8:00 am - 9:00 am</p>	<p align="center">Breakfast Buffet</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>9:00 am - 10:00 am</p>	<p align="center">A Paramount Democracy The Federal Role in Defending Civil Rights</p> <p>Tom Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice Q&A led by Julien Ross, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, & Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Voces de la Frontera Welcoming Remarks from Maria Rodriguez, Florida Immigrant Coalition</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>10:00 am - 10:30 am</p>	<p align="center">Break – Continue the Conversation Activities</p>	<p>Second floor</p>
<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p align="center">Integrating Lessons from the LGBTQ Equality Movement</p> <p>Ian Palmquist, Equality Federation Sean Lund, Movement Advancement Project Michael Crawford, Freedom to Marry Monica Trasandes, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Moderated by Gustavo Torres, CASA de Maryland Welcoming Remarks from Angelica Salas, CHIRLA</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>
<p>12:00 am - 12:20 pm</p>	<p align="center">Perspective from the White House Remarks on the State of National Immigrant Integration in 2012. Where do we go from here?</p> <p>Michael Strautmanis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor for Strategic Engagement, The White House Opening and Closing Remarks from Chung-Wha Hong, New York Immigration Coalition</p>	<p>Plenary Room Key 1-6</p>

Receiving Communities

(Key 7)

Over the last 20 years, cities and towns across America have witnessed significant demographic changes as a result of immigration. Change on this scale can bring challenges — both to immigrants themselves resettling in a new community, and to longer-term members who may not know their new neighbors. The Receiving Communities track will explore approaches for engaging everyday Americans as an important element of ensuring success in immigrant and refugee integration programming, and in building economically vibrant and successful communities. The track will offer strategies and ideas to successfully bridge divides between newcomers and longer-term residents and build meaningful connections through leadership, positive contact, and communication.

Receiving Communities sessions were organized by Suzette Brooks Masters of the J.M. Kaplan Fund and David Lubell and Susan Downs-Karkos of Welcoming America.

Reinventing Immigrant Education

(Key 8)

This track spans the full education continuum from early childhood to adult education, addressing critical issues from the perspectives of practitioners, students, advocates and researchers. Sessions will identify educational policies and strategies designed to speed immigrant integration. More specifically, the track will provide an update on major federal policies and how they're shaping the immigrant education landscape. Another session will focus on controversies surrounding student assessment and alternatives to current approaches. Looking beyond the classroom walls, the track will showcase promising practices in engaging the broader community to educate students and prepare them for the future. Addressing legal barriers to student success, the track will explore how undocumented students and their allies are fighting for equity and opportunity through the DREAM movement. Finally, the track will engage participants in a strategy session exploring opportunities to amplify the immigrant voice in educational advocacy, especially in the vital area of adult education.

Reinventing Immigrant Education sessions were organized by Kim Sykes of the New York Immigration Coalition, Teresita B. Wisell of the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education, and Nicholas V. Montalto of Diversity Dynamics, LLC.

Economic Success for Immigrant Youth and Adults

(Key 9)

Immigrant workers and business owners have great potential to fuel economic growth by effectively increasing and applying their human capital, by making smart savings and consumption decisions, and by contributing to local and regional economies by owning and growing their own businesses. An array of programs and supports exists to promote economic success, but too often these initiatives do not tailor their efforts to be relevant and accessible to newcomer populations and consequently fail to reach them. Amid high unemployment rates and budget austerity across the country, it is essential that economic success programs and initiatives reach immigrants and their children and are relevant to their needs and aspirations. This track will explore a range of approaches being taken to unleash the energy and economic potential of immigrants and their children. Diverse actors from the local government, nonprofit and private sectors will discuss strategies to assist newcomers in growing their skills, businesses, earnings and savings.

Economic Success sessions were organized by Margie McHugh of the Migration Policy Institute and Sheldon Caplis of Citi.

Promoting Integration: The Refugee Perspective

(Key 10)

Refugees and asylees make up an important subgroup of America's immigrant population. Fleeing persecution in their homelands, they bring unique hardships, experiences and skills to cities throughout the United States. An increasingly diverse population with new residents recently arriving from Burma, Iraq, Ethiopia and elsewhere, supporting refugees on their path to self-sufficiency and full community integration presents challenges as well as tremendous opportunities for success. Building on the overall theme of the conference, this track focuses on the intersection between refugee integration compared with the experiences of other immigrant populations and how advocates across the immigration spectrum can collaborate more effectively. The track explores refugee resettlement, the value and challenges of labeling different immigrant groups, advancements in community education, proven tactics for engaging refugee communities, and strategies for addressing the increase in anti-refugee bias for the benefit of refugees and immigrant at large.

Promoting Integration: The Refugee Perspective sessions were organized by Laura Garcia of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights, Cheryl Hamilton of RefugePoint, Stacy Martin of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Colleen Mahar-Piersma of the Center for Applied Linguistics.

African-American and Pan-Immigrant Communities

(Key 11)

It is increasingly important to understand the intersections of African-American and immigrant communities in the face of rapidly changing demographics and real and perceived lines of difference, particularly with respect to race, ethnicity and immigration. This track will equip participants with the tools necessary to create thriving communities and organizations among African Americans and diverse immigrant groups. Topics include understanding the diversity within the immigrant community, building alliances amongst African Americans and immigrant communities, harnessing the power of faith communities, and creating a unifying narrative around race and immigration.

African-American and Pan-Immigrant Communities sessions were organized by Rhonda Ortiz of the University of Southern California's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, Dushaw Hockett of SPACES, and Ana Garcia-Ashley of Gamaliel.

We Are America

(Key 12)

The question of what immigrants themselves must sacrifice in order to integrate into broader American society is often overlooked in efforts to promote immigrant integration. Must immigrants shed their native languages, separate themselves from any affiliation with their countries of origin and express their culture differently in order to adapt to their new homes? Or can the preservation of these traditions and bonds enhance their capacity to cope with the stresses of living in a new country, promote social cohesion, and in fact improve their ability to integrate? This track will explore these topics and analyze issues of identity, culture, national pride and generational conflict through the perspective of immigrants themselves in an effort to share how one's cultural background may be used as an asset for integration.

We Are America sessions were organized by George Escobar of CASA de Maryland, Morna Ha of the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium, Francisco Lopez of CAUSA Oregon, and Angelica Salas of Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

Issues in Active Citizenship	(Tubman A)
Citizenship Boot Camp	(Tubman B)

Non-profit organizations and other service providers have been at the forefront of assisting legal permanent residents on their path to citizenship, a crucial element of immigrant integration. Creating and implementing successful community naturalization programs enables immigrants in local communities to become civically engaged citizens. But it's not enough for eligible immigrants to become naturalized citizens: Citizenship programs must be well developed with a holistic approach to create a more welcoming democracy in which new Americans can fully participate. The Active Citizenship track is designed to provide legal and community service providers, researchers, advocates, and policy-makers a space to share best practices, resources, tips for citizenship advocacy and new technologies. Participants will also receive hands-on training on the mechanics of running a workshop, training volunteers and becoming accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals. This track brings together experts in naturalization and citizenship from across the country and aims to educate and train citizenship service providers to better serve and understand their communities.

Issues in Active Citizenship and Citizenship Boot Camp sessions were organized by Joshua Hoyt of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) and Eva Millona of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA Coalition).

Engaging State and Local Leadership in New Gateways

(Key 7)

Immigrants and longer-term members of the receiving community often do not interact with one another in meaningful ways. Language and cultural barriers make this gulf particularly difficult for many to overcome, and the result is that many longer-term community members may feel ambivalent at best about their new neighbors. This session focuses on innovative programs that develop meaningful connections between receiving and incoming communities. Learn from both new and well-established programs with successful initiatives that involve alliance-building, dialogue, and volunteerism. This discussion will also address the very real challenges of engaging those beyond the “choir” and sustaining such work over time to maximize its impact.

Opening Remarks

- Julien Ross, Executive Director, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Panelists
- Tom Wahrab, Welcome Dayton, City of Dayton, Ohio
- Theresa McLeod, Assistant to the Mayor for Special Projects, City of Boise, Idaho
- Steve Tobocman, Managing Partner, New Solutions Group, LLC / Global Detroit and Welcoming Michigan

Moderator

- Suzette Brooks Masters, Program Director, Migrations, J.M. Kaplan Fund

Engaging and Empowering Students, Parents and Communities

(Key 8)

This session will showcase innovative school- and college-based programs that engage students, families and the surrounding community in a lasting and meaningful way. Schools and colleges can serve as critical centers within the community, and this session will showcase model partnerships with local CBOs, governments, businesses and more. It will look at how, working together, schools and their partners are increasing college readiness, breaking down barriers to parent engagement, enhancing student retention and achievement, preparing students for employment and job skills training, and collaborating with corporate partners to create new career pathways and increase students' access to health care and families' literacy.

Panelists

- Tamara Estrella, Parent Coordinator, PS 24 - The Dual Language School for International Studies
- Beth Harper, Associate Vice President for Student Services and Enrolment Management at Northern Virginia Community College
- Christie McKay, Executive Director of the Mary's Center Charter School and Director of Education for Mary's Center.

Moderator

- Rich Stolz, Executive Director, OneAmerica

Pathways to Meaningful Workforce Skills for All Types of Workers

(Key 9)

Providing immigrants of all education and skill levels with avenues for participating in adult education and skill programs is critical. However, differences in English-language ability,

socioeconomic status and technical skills mean that a range of approaches and program models are required to meet the diverse needs of immigrants seeking to advance in the workforce. This session will focus on programs that have been effective in meeting the needs of immigrant workers of different starting skill and education levels, helping them to obtain meaningful workforce credentials for jobs that pay a family-sustaining wage.

Panelists

- Sonia Mora, Manager, Latino Health Initiative, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (Maryland)
- Allison Kokkoros, Chief Academic Officer, Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School

Moderator

- Margie McHugh, Co-Director, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute

Refugees vs. Immigrants? Explore the Divide and Strengthen the Bond (Key 10)

Does status matter? In this dynamic interactive session, explore how labels both positively and negatively affect refugee and immigrant integration. Discover the unique challenges of refugee integration compared with those of other immigrant groups and learn how we can support one another to improve immigrant integration for all newcomers to the United States. Join this important conversation with national, state and local refugee and immigrant advocates and help strengthen the bridge between our shared networks.

Framing Remarks

- Mr. Mitiku Ashebir, Director for Division of Refugee Assistance, U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement
- U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services Spokesperson
- Martin Ford, Associate Director, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees

Facilitators

- Cheryl Hamilton, Communications Officer, RefugePoint
- Fabio Lomelino, Project Director for Community Conversations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

The Black “Community and the “Black Experience” in the 21st Century (Key 11)

This is primarily a knowledge-building session to share information on the shifting demographics in the country and the questions, challenges and opportunities these shifts present for use of the terms “Black,” “African-American,” and “African.” We will present research on the demographics of immigrants of African descent across the nation and the changing demographics of traditionally African-American communities. African immigrants will share why and how they have come to reside in the United States. Finally, we will discuss on-the-ground work to connect the dots between constituencies, specifically the intersections of immigrant and African-American communities and the opportunities for building alliances together.

Panelists

- Amaha Kassa, Executive Director, African Immigrant Diaspora Alliance

- Francesca Menes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Florida Immigrant Coalition
- Ejim Dike, Executive Director, Human Rights Network

Moderator

- Manuel Pastor, Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity, University of Southern California / Co-Director, USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

Why Multilingual? Preserving and Promoting Heritage Languages (Key 12)

Far from being an obstacle or a problem, cultural and linguistic differences can be a strategic asset in fostering cultural integration and social cohesion. Examples of conflict among various linguistic and cultural groups in the United States demonstrate that not respecting these differences can lead to tension and alienation. The teaching and learning of heritage languages of immigrant communities provides a strong example of how education can play a major role in respecting diversity, fostering integration, and enforcing social cohesion. In this panel session, presenters describe these dynamics in four language communities in the United States: Spanish speakers, Chinese speakers, French speakers from Haiti and African countries, and Ukrainian speakers. Presentations will be followed by opportunity for discussion.

Panelists

- Celia Chomón Zamora, Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, Georgetown University
- Dr. Na Liu, Chinese Language and Assessment Specialist, Center for Applied Linguistics
- Benoit Le Devedec, Coordinator, French Heritage Language Program
- Corinne Seals, Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, Georgetown University

Moderator and Discussant

- Dr. Joy Kreeft Peyton, Senior Fellow, Center for Applied Linguistics

Why Active Citizenship Is Important (Tubman A)

With 8 million legal permanent residents who could become U.S. citizens today, there is a large untapped immigrant power in our communities. This session will explore the continuum of citizenship from immigrants' perspectives as they make their way from legal permanent resident (LPR) to citizen to voter, and finally, to a civically engaged leader. The panel will also explore what drives an LPR to begin and continue the process into active citizenship and how community organizations can take a role in leadership development in immigrant communities.

Panelists

- Lawrence Benito, Chief Executive Officer, ICIRR
- Evan Bacalao, Senior Director of Civic Engagement, NALEO
- Miriam Hernandez Murill, Community Leader, OneAmerica
- Cecilia Murach, Interpreter and Translator / former AmeriCorps member, CASA de Maryland
- Horacio Arroyo, Director of Citizenship and Civic Engagement, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

Moderator

- Joseph Villela, Policy Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

Citizenship Boot Camp: Volunteer Training

(Tubman B)

Volunteers are at the heart of every citizenship workshop; without volunteers, community-based organizations would be hard pressed to sustain citizenship programs. This boot camp training session will explore different models to train volunteers. The session will also teach service providers about best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers in order to build the infrastructure needed for a successful citizenship campaign.

Trainers

- Adaobi Nebuwa, New Americans Initiative Manager, ICIRR
- Tamara R. Bloom Esq., Legal Coordinator, The City University of New York (CUNY)
- Sophia Carreno, Communications Coordinator, CUNY
- Patience Lehrman, National Director, Project SHINE

Communications Training: Talking to the “Unsure” about Immigrants (Key 7)

Communications consultant Drew Westen likes to say that wherever you are heading, ideas provide the road map, but emotions provide the fuel. A successful message is one that moves people; it doesn't overwhelm them with facts and figures. As a clinical, personality and political psychology specialist, and as a professor at Emory University, Westen has spent years learning and writing about mainstream Americans' attitudes toward immigrants, their ongoing concerns, and how to speak to people in a way that promotes unity rather than unintentionally reinforcing divisions. This communications training from one of the nation's top communications experts will teach participants to speak effectively to the ambivalent and unsure and to consider how and when to adjust their own communication strategies to appeal to a broader segment of the community.

Presenter

- Drew Westen, Westen Strategies

Accessing Opportunity: DREAM and Deferred Action (Key 8)

DREAMers have led the fight for equal access to higher education and citizenship for America's undocumented youth, and that fight is ongoing. As a result of DREAMers' unrelenting efforts, in June 2012, the Obama administration announced the deferred action process and its path to work authorization. Deferred action will benefit college-bound and at-risk youth. Now, local and state education departments and our community's schools must be engaged to help undocumented youth access deferred action's benefits. Spotlighting the breadth of DREAM-related work, this session will feature DREAMers' current work in Maryland and across the country to fight for in-state tuition and the outlook for federal DREAM Act reform. It will also explore the demographics of potential deferred action beneficiaries, best practices in helping facilitate access to deferred action, and insight into campaign strategies and tactics in Maryland and nationwide.

Panelists

- Cindy Kolade, CASA de Maryland Youth Committee Member
- Cesar Vargas, Government Affairs Managing Director, DRM Capitol Group
- Jeanne Batalova, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute
- Erin Howard, Bluegrass Technical and Community College in Lexington, KY and member of United We DREAM Board of Directors

Moderator

- Chung-Wha Hong, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition

Taking Action to Improve Immigrants' Wages and Working Conditions (Key 9)

A number of community organizations and intermediaries have been created with and by immigrant workers to secure workplace protections, raise the wage floor in different occupations and industries, increase family income and assets, and increase immigrants' access to information and services for workforce advancement. This session will present several models of replicable programs that are helping immigrant workers in traditionally low-wage jobs to earn more and improve their conditions of employment.

Panelists

- Hector Cordero Guzman, Professor, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, City

University of New York

- Diana Robinson, Campaign and Education Coordinator, Food Chain Workers Alliance
- Aida Cardenas, Executive Director, Building Skills Partnership
- Sarita Gupta, Executive Director, Jobs with Justice
- Laine Romero-Alston, Program Officer, Ford Foundation

Moderator

- Virginia Kase, Director of Employment, Training, and Education Programs, CASA de Maryland

Connect with America: Strategies for Improving Your Communication Efforts (Key 10)

Why are refugees moving into my town? Every year, thousands of refugees fleeing war and persecution from countries like Burma, Sudan and Iraq are resettled to cities across the United States where they are able to rebuild their lives in safety and with dignity. Hear how national experts including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Center for Applied Linguistics effectively use storytelling, multi-media and social media platforms to provide cultural information, to ease local resistance and to strengthen relationships between residents and newcomers in resettlement communities. Pick up creative tips for improving your communication awareness campaigns.

Panelists

- Sanja Bebic, Director, Refugee and Immigrant Integration, Center for Applied Linguistics
- Charity Tooze, Public Information Officer, UNHCR Washington Regional Office
- Kursten Pickup, Coordinator, Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) Refugee Youth Project
- Moira Fratantuono, Volunteer Specialist, BCCC Refugee Youth Project
- Refugee Youth Project Members, BCCC Refugee Youth Project

Moderator

- Jonathan Lucas, Director, Higher

A New Place on Race: Thinking, Talking, and Acting on Race and Immigration (Key 11)

This highly interactive session will introduce participants to the tools and approaches that social justice organizations and local governments use to create spaces for relationship-building across real and perceived differences. This includes exploring how we can harness the power of our minds to further intergroup alliance-building. The session will invite participants into a discussion about a new vision for intergroup relations work and introduce online and offline aspects of a resource center designed to help people navigate these differences and build a deeper sense of community.

Facilitators

- Angela Stuesse, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- Dushaw Hockett, Executive Director, Safe Places for the Advancement of Community and Equity (SPACES)

Building on Community Assets to Promote Immigrant Health

(Key 12)

Individuals attending this dynamic and informative panel session will learn how acculturation processes in the United States can enhance or decrease health protective factors of immigrant groups. Participants will have an opportunity to interact with local leaders representing diverse sectors currently implementing innovative asset-based approaches, including community engagement, to promote positive health outcomes among immigrant communities.

Panelists

- Uma Ahluwalia, Director, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
- Olivia Carter-Pokras, Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Maryland, College Park
- Eme Martin, Project Coordinator, Adventist HealthCare
- Diego Uriburu, Executive Director, Identity, Inc.

Moderator

- Sonia Mora, Manager, Latino Health Initiative, Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Health and Human Services

Mapping Best Practices for a Naturalization Campaign

(Tubman A & B)

(Combined session for Issues in Active Citizenship / Citizenship Boot Camp)

Naturalization can and should be supported at all levels of civil society. This panel will offer specific approaches, tips, checklists, and best practices for running a multi-faceted citizenship campaign. Attendees will design and share action plans to create effective partnerships with local businesses, the private sector, municipal and state governments, and educational institutions.

Panelists

- Jessica Scruggs, Citizenship Coordinator, OneAmerica
- Anna Anderson, Immigrant Integration Programs Manager, CASA de Maryland
- Leah Muse-Orlinoff, Best Practices Manager, New Americans Collaboration
- Julissa Gutierrez, Northeast Director of Civic Engagement, NALEO
- Adolfo Hernandez, Director of Office of New Americans, City of Chicago

Harnessing the Power of Volunteers to Build Meaningful Connections (Key 7)

Volunteers are a powerful force for engaging mainstream Americans in immigrant integration. Working side-by-side or one-on-one, volunteers and newcomers can together overcome language and cultural barriers and build meaningful relationships with each other. Increasingly, advocacy and service programs recognize volunteers as important actors able to reach out to others in their social networks and the broader community to share their positive, authentic experiences with immigrants. This session will explore three innovative programs that use volunteers in community-based, advocacy and integration programming contexts.

Panelists

- Laura Garcia, Uniting America Director, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
- Margarita Vega, Northern California Director, Building Skills Partnership
- Jocelyn Skolnik, Executive Director, El Sol, Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center

Moderator

- Susan Downs-Karkos, Receiving Communities Initiative Specialist, Welcoming America

Strategies and Practices for Effective Assessment of English Language Learners (Key 8)

Comprehensive and effective assessment is critical to the success of immigrant students across all phases of the learning continuum. This session will address challenges in the assessment process and effective practices in K-12, adult education and college and workforce readiness environments. Topics will include performance-based assessment (PBA) alternatives, the new computer based GED, changes in the National Reporting System, and assessment as a means to access college and workforce training programs. Panelists will share their work and examples of diverse approaches to measure proficiency, address cultural differences and capture the full picture of immigrant students' unique needs and strengths.

Panelists

- Christine Rowland, ELL Educator, UFT Teacher Center Site Staff and Member of AFT's ELL Cadre
- Nell Eckersley, Director, New York City Regional Adult Education Network, Literacy Assistance Center
- Anson Green, Director, Work-Based English Solutions, Alamo Colleges
- Patricia Loera, Senior Program Officer, Education, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Moderator

- Claire Sylvan, Executive Director and President, International Network for Public Schools

Preparing Youth for Economic Success (Key 9)

Many programs are pioneering new ways of helping immigrant youth get on a path toward economic success. Myriad programs and partnerships have been created to provide immigrant youth with tailored opportunities for personal exploration, work experience, career planning, money management and other skills that promote upward mobility. This session will explore some of these cutting-edge models as well as the activist roles that government agencies and community organizations can play to ensure that the particular needs of immigrant youth are reflected in programming in this area.

Panelists

- Irma Rodriguez, Executive Director, Queens Community House
- Amne Darwish Talab, Social Services Director, ACCESS
- Linda Stroman, Director of Financial Education Programs, Capital Area Asset Builders

Moderator

- Chhandasi Pandya, Policy Analyst, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute

Unite Voices: Community Organizing with Refugees

(Key 10)

Refugee and immigrant advocates are increasingly discovering the benefits of working together to improve immigrant integration and achieve shared goals in their communities. Meet trailblazing community organizers from the national refugee network that have reached out beyond traditional partnerships to improve the quality of life for all newcomers. During this panel discussion, hear lessons learned from the front lines, what mistakes organizers made, and more importantly, what milestones they accomplished. With scarce resources and reduced funding, partnerships between refugee and other immigrant groups are more important than ever.

Panelists

- Patience Lehrman, Director, Project Shine
- Keh Moo, Organizer, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
- Stephen Fotopulos, Executive Director, TIRRC

Moderator

- Fred Tsao, Policy Director, ICIRR

Understanding the Issues that Crosscut Communities

(Key 11)

Disparities in education and health care persist between African-American and pan-immigrant communities and across the nation at large. This session seeks to explore the history and nature of joint issues that equally affect African Americans, the children of immigrants, and recent immigrants. This will include discussions of how African-American and immigrant rights groups can engage in campaigns to create healthier and stronger communities.

Panelists

- Ai-jen Poo, Executive Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance
- Beth Glenn, Director of Education Programs, NAACP
- Hassan Jaber, Executive Director, ACCESS

Moderator

- Ana Garcia-Ashley, Executive Director, Gamaliel

Beyond the Ivory Tower: How Research Hurts & Helps Immigrant Communities (Key 12)

The world of academia can seem far-removed from the social and economic realities of immigrants' lives. But university and think tank studies often provide the data used to frame political debates about immigration, inform funding decisions, and portray immigrants in the media. How can academic research benefit immigrants and their families? What role can community organizations and immigrant voices play in the research process? And what happens when researchers' conclusions are at odds with immigrants' interests? Join us as a panel of researchers examines the interplay of academic research, immigrant integration efforts, and activism.

Panelists

- Karthick Ramakrishnan, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, Riverside
- Westy Egmont, Professor, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work / Immigrant Integration Lab
- Manuel Pastor, Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity, University of Southern California / Co-Director of USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

Moderator

- Gustavo Andrade, Community Organizing Director, CASA de Maryland

New Technologies and Communications Best Practices in Naturalization (Tubman A)

Keeping up to date with new technologies and developments in communications is crucial for a successful naturalization campaign. This session will explore innovations in communications and new technologies to be used for campaign management and citizenship instruction, as well as best practices in messaging for outreach.

Panelists

- Ada Williams Prince, Policy and Advocacy Director, OneAmerica
- Lizette Escobedo, Director of National Programs and Community Relations, NALEO
- Wendy Rhein, Director, Advancement, Advancement, Marketing & Communications, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
- Rommel Calderwood, New Americans Collaboration Project Coordinator, CLINIC

Moderator

- Charlie McAteer, Communications Director, OneAmerica and National Partnership for New Americans

Naturalization Legal Issues: Red Flags (Tubman B)

Board of Immigration Appeals accredited institutions and representatives make a program better prepared to serve its clients. It's also important to keep up-to-date on changes in immigration laws and codes in order to be aware of red flags and to avoid deportation traps. This session, led by BIA accredited Megan Granados of Erie Neighborhood House in Illinois and Michelle Sardone of CLINIC, will cover what to watch out for when leading citizenship workshops.

Trainers

- Megan Granados, Citizenship Program Coordinator, Erie Neighborhood House
- Michelle Sardone, Field Support Coordinator, CLINIC

From Seed to Soil: What Works in Reaching Receiving Communities? (Key 7)

This highly interactive session is primarily designed to provide participants with an opportunity to share their own efforts and struggles in engaging receiving communities. Come ready to meet others who are working to promote a positive community climate for immigrant integration and to share your successes and challenges in this arena.

Opening Remarks

- Izzy Patoka, Executive Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- Jennifer Brennan, IMPRINT
- Darcy Tromanhauser, Program Director, Immigrant Integration & Civic Participation Program, Nebraska Appleseed / Welcoming Nebraska

Facilitator

- Susan Downs-Karkos, Receiving Communities Initiative Specialist, Welcoming America

Current Issues in Federal Education Policy (Key 8)

This session will review key developments in federal education policy across the education continuum. One critical area is early childhood education, which has been proven to be an important determinant of school success. The session will examine prospects for new investments in this critical area. Additionally, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind Act has had an enormous impact on the educational prospects of immigrant and disadvantaged students. This workshop will review the opportunities and risks contained in proposals for reauthorization of the Act. Another act, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), provides resources for adult education programs, including ESL classes for immigrants and career and job training activities. The session will discuss how current proposals in Congress to reauthorize the Act will affect immigrants. Finally, we will learn about a new initiative of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (U.S. Department of Education) to develop technical assistance capability in the area of immigrant integration.

Panelists

- Miriam Calderon, Senior Advisor on Early Learning Policy, Obama Administration
- Raul Gonzalez, Legislative Director, Office of Research, Advocacy & Legislation, National Council of La Raza
- John Segota, Director of Advocacy, Standards, and Professional Relations; Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Johan Uvin, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Vocational and Adult Education; U.S. Department of Education

Moderator

- Margie McHugh, Co-Director, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute

Helping Immigrants Keep and Grow the Money They Earn (Key 9)

This session will explore the ways in which organizations are improving workplace protections, financial literacy and financial services to help immigrants make the most of the money they earn — both for themselves and for their community. The session will provide practical knowledge and

program and policy approaches ensuring that immigrant families can keep and grow the money they have earned.

Panelists

- Robin McKinney, Director, Maryland CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Campaign
- Luis Granados, Executive Director, Mission Economic Development Agency

Moderator

- Sheldon Caplis, Regional Director, North America Community Development, Citi Community Development

Refugee Leaders Reflect on Immigrant Integration

(Key 10)

No one knows better how to engage refugees than refugees. Come talk directly with refugee leaders about what they have learned about promoting integration in the United States and mobilizing different refugee communities to participate more fully in the public sphere. Hear the leaders' remarkable stories of survival, and explore how refugee integration experiences mirror the experiences of other immigrant groups. You will also learn how to be a better ally in their remarkable journeys. Presenters represent a cross-section of recent refugee arrivals.

Panelists

- Checago Bright, Checago Bright Foundation
- The Rev. Thon Moses Chol, Board of Directors, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- Ahlam Mahmood, Iraqi Mutual Aid Society
- Dr. Khulood Al Nuaimi, Community Leader

Moderator

- Colleen Mahar-Piersma, Associate Director, Cultural Orientation Resource Center, Center for Applied Linguistics

Building "Community" and Power When Communities are Changing

(Key 11)

America is becoming a true world nation that is increasingly multiracial and multicultural. The media focuses on the tensions and conflicts between African Americans and immigrants as they overlap more and more in their neighborhoods and the workforce. But several stories are missing in that portrayal: the daily accommodations in our neighborhoods and schools; the common struggles to reduce disproportionate incarceration; and organizing efforts around housing, jobs and the environment that have crossed the boundaries of race. Missing is the story of collaboration in the face of conflict. This session will focus on strategies to build strong African-American/immigrant alliances that deal honestly with points of tension and work toward a stronger, more just community.

Panelists

- Cathy Montoya, Director of Field Immigration and Capacity Building Initiatives, the Leadership Conference
- Saket Soni, Executive Director, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
- Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland

Moderator

- Gerald Lenoir, Executive Director, Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Temporary Permits to Permanent Residency: Next Steps for TPS and Deferred Action (Key 12)

The Obama Administration's recent decision to defer the deportation of certain immigrant youth and provide a process for work authorization was a significant victory for the immigrant rights movement. This victory was largely attributable to a successful advocacy campaign that was founded on lessons learned through the earlier struggle to obtain Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for thousands of primarily Central American immigrants. Although providing relief from deportation and an opportunity to work, neither program provides a path to legal permanent residency and citizenship. This diverse array of panel participants with experience in both TPS and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) will share their personal stories of triumph through taking action as well as discuss the next steps to be taken in fighting for permanent status.

Panelists

- Abel Nuñez, Associate Director, Centro Romero
- Diego Tapia, CASA de Maryland Youth Committee
- Joel Sati, CASA de Maryland Youth Committee
- Jenny Seon, Immigration Project Director, Korean Resource Center

Moderator

- Francisco Lopez, Executive Director, CAUSA

Reducing Barriers to Citizenship through Advocacy and Policy (Tubman A)

There are currently 8 million legal permanent residents in the U.S. who could apply for citizenship today but who have not done so. This indicates that there are many serious barriers to naturalization. These barriers range from lack of information to high cost to limited English proficiency. Many stakeholders are actively working to reduce these barriers, from the federal U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to advocates to local governments. In this workshop we will discuss the major barriers to citizenship and efforts to reduce these challenges. Then the group will engage in an open conversation with the Naturalization Working Group to strategize about what steps we can take to reduce these barriers via naturalization and integration advocacy.

Panelists

- Laura Patching, Acting Chief, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
- Flavia Jimenez, Special Assistant, U.S. Department of Education
- Max Sevilla, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, NALEO

Moderators

- Joshua Hoyt, Co-Chair, National Partnership for New Americans
- Maurice Belanger, Director of Public Information, National Immigration Forum

How CitizenshipWorks Works (Tubman B)

This session will provide an overview of CitizenshipWorks (www.citizenshipworks.org), an award-winning online portal that provides access to multi-lingual information, resources, and interactive self-help tools on citizenship and naturalization for low and moderate-income immigrants and

the nonprofit legal services organizations that serve them. Panelists will provide an overview of CitizenshipWorks, share best practices for incorporating CitizenshipWorks into naturalization programs, and highlight innovative ways that CitizenshipWorks can be used to provide more effective and efficient naturalization application services. We will also share new resources and features and give participants a preview of what's in store for the future.

Trainers

- Matthew Burnett, Director, Immigration Advocates Network
- Lizette Escobedo, Director of National Programs, NALEO Educational Fund
- Tony Lu, CitizenshipWorks Project Coordinator, Immigration Advocates Network

How Do We Define a “Welcoming Community”?

(Key 7)

Recognizing the need to further define and promote efforts to change the community climate and foster more welcoming communities, a growing number of cities are beginning to work together with Welcoming America, the German Marshall Fund and a host of other partners to spark a “race to the top” to encourage communities across the country to become more welcoming of newcomers. Come learn more about the Welcoming Indicators Project and join a cadre of thought leaders in sharing promising ideas during an interactive session that will explore how communities can define and chart their progress toward becoming more welcoming, and incorporate receiving communities’ results into broader success measures.

Presenters

- Hamutal Bernstein, Program Officer, Immigration and Survey Research, German Marshall Fund of the U.S.
- David Lubell, Executive Director, Welcoming America
- Fatima Shama, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, City of New York
- Adolfo Hernandez, Director, Office of New Americans, Mayor’s Office, City of Chicago

Respondents

- Vanessa Carter, Data Analyst, USC’s Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration
- Hannah Gill, Assistant Director, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC Chapel Hill
- Mai Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC Chapel Hill

Moderator

- Rachel Steinhardt, Director, Communications & Strategic Partnerships, Welcoming America

Advocacy Strategies in Immigrant Adult Education

(Key 8)

This session will look at strategies and models to amplify the immigrant voice in adult education. How can immigrants and immigrant-serving organizations have greater impact on policy and resource discussions on the national, state and local levels? Can existing literacy coalitions, professional associations and think tanks serve as vehicles for such involvement, or should new organizations be created to more effectively articulate an immigrant-focused agenda? Join us as a panel of adult education advocates discusses these questions and searches for consensus on future directions.

Panelists

- Sean Abajian, Campaign Organizer & Digital Strategist, Save Adult Education (Los Angeles)
- Claudia Green, Director of Workforce Development and English for New Bostonians, MIRA Coalition
- Kevin Douglas, Policy Analyst, United Neighborhood Houses (NY Coalition for Adult Literacy)
- Heather Ritchie, Program Manager, Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy
- Jackie Taylor, President Elect and Public Policy Chair, Commission on Adult Basic Education; Advocacy Chair, National Coalition for Literacy
- Teresita Wisell, Executive Director, Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education

Moderator

- Nicholas V. Montalto, President, Diversity Dynamics, LLC

Immigrant-owned Small Businesses: Tools to Accelerate Their Success (Key 9)

Given high rates of unemployment in many regions of the country, starting a small business could provide a path to economic success for many immigrants. That path can be treacherous, however, so having the right road map and key supports is essential to succeeding. Some government and community programs that have traditionally provided information, loans and technical assistance to mainstream communities have begun to adapt their services for immigrant business owners, and other efforts specifically targeted to immigrant business owners exist in a number of communities across the United States. This session will present leaders in this field who will talk about the elements of successful efforts, and discuss policy and program administration changes that would result in more efforts that better meet the needs of immigrant entrepreneurs who are starting or running small- to medium-sized businesses.

Panelists

- Manny Hidalgo, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Corporation
- Eva Millona, Executive Director, MIRA Coalition
- Robert Feldstein, Partnership for a New American Economy / Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategic Planning, New York City

Moderator

- Steve Tobacman, Director, Global Detroit

Protect Refugee Resettlement: How anti-refugee policies affect all immigrants (Key 10)

For decades, the United States has offered hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers life-saving protection through the federal government's Refugee Resettlement Program. While many people in America welcome refugees and empathize with their plight, refugee resettlement is not without critics. Recently, several local and state governments and private citizens have tried to restrict refugee resettlement through increased anti-refugee legislation and negative public campaigns. In this session, hear how national and local actors within the refugee network have effectively responded to protect the refugee program and change public opinion. Also, learn how anti-refugee rhetoric impacts all immigrants and how advocates can work together to celebrate America's diverse immigrant landscape.

Panelists

- Ahlam Jbara, Associate Director, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
- Amy Marchildon, Director, Services for New Americans, Lutheran Social Services
- Joshua Snowden, Fusion Project Coordinator, Asian Community and Cultural Center
- Jen Smyers, Associate Director, Immigration & Refugee Policy, Church World Service

Moderator

- Melanie Nezer, Senior Director, U.S. Policy and Advocacy, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

The Power of Spirit and Culture to Make a Way out of No Way

(Key 11)

Particularly tailored for religious institutions and others that lead with faith, spirit, and culture in their work, this session aims to harness the power of faith to create stronger and closer communities. We will discuss faith-based organizations' efforts to bring people together via faith, beliefs and spirituality by highlighting models for using multilingual faith initiatives, responding to changing congregations and utilizing places of worship to celebrate culture and traditions.

Panelists

- Reverend Dennis Jacobsen, Incarnation Lutheran Church
- Rev. Craig Roshaven, UUA Witness Ministries Director
- Other faith and spiritual leaders from various congregations

Moderator

- Ana Garcia Ashley, Executive Director, Gamaliel

Hometown Associations: Integration through Development

(Key 12)

Hometown associations are organizations formed by migrants sharing a common identity who seek to maintain ties with and materially support their places of origin. Through their activities, hometown associations create a new sense of community among recent immigrants with similar backgrounds. They represent a transnational identity rooted as much in the migrant's country of origin as in the migrant's adopted home. Panel participants will discuss how these entities enhance the integration of their members into their host country while fostering a significant philanthropic legacy to the benefit of their communities of origin.

Panelists

- Efrain Jimenez, President, La Villita Hometown Association
- Odilia Romero, Binational Women's Issues Coordinator, Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales
- Jose Artiga, Executive Director, SHARE El Salvador

Moderator

- Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

Mobilizing the Immigrant Vote

(Tubman A)

Our vote is our future – and one of the most basic ways to ensure that immigrant communities' voices are heard. This session will cover some of the different programs and organizing strategies being implemented across the country and across diverse immigrant communities to educate, register and get out the immigrant vote.

Panelists

- Abdelnasser Rashid, New Americans Democracy Project Program Manager, ICIRR
- HeyKyung Eum, Community Organizer, Korean American Resource and Cultural Center
- Sayu Bhojwani, Executive Director, New American Leaders Project
- Evan Bacalao, Senior Director of Civic Engagement, NALEO

- John Miyasato, Managing Principal, Crossroads Campaigns

Moderator

- Horacio Arroyo, Director of Citizenship and Civic Engagement, CHIRLA

Citizenship Boot Camp: Running a Successful Workshop (Tubman B)

Learn how to bring all the pieces and key partners of a workshop together to run a successful and smooth citizenship workshop, including outreach and marketing to eligible legal permanent residents. Part of this training will include a mock citizenship workshop that participants can engage in.

Trainers

- Mireya Luna, Citizenship Program Coordinator, Family Focus
- Krystina Francois, Citizenship Coordinator, Florida Immigrant Coalition
- Nasim Khansari, Citizenship Network Manager, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
- Michelle Sardone, Field Support Coordinator, CLINIC



The New Americans Street Festival

Saturday, September 22nd - 1-5pm

Eutaw Street, next to the Hilton Baltimore

1-2:30pm U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization ceremony

2:30pm – 5pm Cultural dance and vocal presentations by local performers

Join us as we kick off NIIC 2012 with the New Americans Festival – the first of its kind! – sponsored by the Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) and the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. This celebratory festival will draw on the talents of Maryland's local communities to showcase the diversity of our broader American communities. The festival will begin with an always awe-inspiring U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization ceremony. Then join us for cultural performances by dance and vocal groups from around the State with introductions from the Governor's Ethnic and Cultural Commissions. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, County Executive Ike Leggett, and Alexander Sanchez, the chief of staff to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, will welcome you to the diverse city of Baltimore, Maryland.

Celebrating the Economic Renewal Driven by Refugees and Immigrants

A reception and film screening hosted by LIRS

Saturday, September 22nd - 5:30-8pm

700 Light Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Enjoy cocktails and light fare compliments of LIRS along with a screening of the PBS documentary, "America By the Numbers." In under 30 minutes this film by Maria Hinojosa powerfully portrays the shifting demographic landscape in a moving account of that shift in the microcosm of Clarkston, GA. Refugee resettlement is depicted as a powerful force for economic renewal. Former refugees demonstrate deep investment in civic engagement and becoming American. Meet a Burmese family, a Somali businessman, an African-American mayor, a conservative white resident, and a tea-party-supporting council woman whose campaign manager is an Obama-supporting Somali woman who wants to be the mayor of Clarkston when she gets her citizenship. It is sure to spark meaningful conversation about immigrant integration.

Located on the Inner Harbor at the corner of Light Street and Hughes Street, the LIRS headquarters is just a short distance from the Hilton and offers spectacular views of the harbor and sports stadiums. 700 Light St Baltimore MD 21230.

Caring Across Generations Panel and Reception

Sunday, September 23rd - 5:20pm-6:20pm

Hilton Baltimore (Plenary Room A)

Caring Across Generations is a campaign to reform long term care by bringing together home care workers, seniors, people living with disabilities, and family caregivers. Immigrants are members of all of these groups but, most centrally, are understood as the future care workforce. The Caring Across Generations campaign, which explicitly promotes pro-immigrant reforms based on appeals to the common and critical interests of all American families, provides a model pathway forward to successful federal reform. Panelists will share how the different perspectives of these constituencies provide us with an opportunity to model interdependence and proactive change for families across the country.

Panelists

Ai-jen Poo, Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) and Co-director, Caring Across Generations

Antonia Pena, Domestic Worker Organizer, CASA de Maryland

Dr. Henry Pacheco, Director of Medicine and Public Health at the National Hispanic Council on Aging

Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

Moderator

Sarita Gupta, Jobs with Justice and Caring Across Generations

Integration on the Chesapeake - Regional Governments Welcome Conferees

Sunday, September 23rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Hilton Baltimore (South Foyer)

Local governments spanning the Chesapeake Watershed invite conferees to a casual reception to hear about integration efforts in the host region. Speakers will include top leaders from Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County governments, and Washington, D.C.

Freedom from Fear Awards

Monday, September 24rd - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Hilton Baltimore (Plenary Room A)

Fifteen months after the Freedom from Fear Awards were first announced, all progress toward more humane immigration policies — especially ending the separation of mixed status families— has been driven by ordinary people. Five winners of the award, who were chosen for their extraordinary acts of courage on behalf of immigrants and refugees, will reflect upon their journeys – both personal and political – and what they have learned about taking risks, connecting with other movements, and holding to the long view. Join us to celebrate with light refreshments from 6:00pm on. The Awards begin at 6:30pm.

Awardees

Maria Bolaños Hernandez, Maryland community activist

Gaby Pacheco, Trail of DREAMs

Juan Rodriguez, Trail of DREAMs

Felipe Matos, Trail of DREAMs

Carlos Roa, Trail of DREAMs

Moderator

Congresswoman Donna Edwards, 4th Congressional District, Maryland

Participate in a **new kind of networking** at this conference!

Because we can benefit from more opportunities to connect with, learn from, and share ideas with people who are doing work in similar fields within immigrant integration

You can still network informally, but we are also offering **structured activities** and **small roundtable conversations** to **intentionally connect you with others working on similar issues**. These sessions will help you **share and learn about concrete tools and ideas that mutually benefit organizations**.

The **intentional networking** will take place during **all three Breakfast sessions, all three of the 10-10:30 networking time slots, and between 8-9:30pm on Sunday night**. Intentional networking activities will include:

1. Small table conversations according to topic areas that focus on **concrete tools and resources (curriculum, workshops, trainings, etc) that may be shared to mutually benefit organizations**.
2. Small table conversations focused on **solution exploration to major challenges in your fields**.
3. **One-on-one** conversations focused on sharing **specific programs' successes and Challenges**.
4. Small table conversations to **connect people in similar regions to enhance partnerships**.

Some of the networking activities will designate moderators to ensure equal participation opportunities for all participants and to keep conversations focused.

You will have the opportunity to choose from a list of topics or you can propose your own discussion topics, **so be thinking about topics you would like to discuss**. Topics include:

- ESL/ELL classes
- Financial literacy education
- Computer literacy classes
- Receiving communities
- Engaging volunteers in your program
- Citizenship classes
- Cultural orientations
- The DREAM movement
- Collaborating with local government
- Intersections of African American and immigrant communities
- Faith-based communities
- Working positively with the media
- Events that integrate communities
- How to tell the stories
- Social media and advocacy
- New incoming refugee groups
- Immigrant entrepreneurship
- Collaborating with local government

We look forward to having you participate in these sessions and meeting new people. Thanks!

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Participate in a **caucus at this conference!**

Academics Exploring Integration Research

Sunday, Sept. 23, 5:15-6:30pm, Key 12

Faculty and research center staff are encouraged to come and meet each other. Discover what translational research is underway and explore the issues of research and practice integration as well as discuss how immigrant integration relates to on-going work in cultural competency and race. What resource tools are we missing and how might researchers participate in the development of the field?

Business: A Partner in Immigrant Integration

Sunday, Sept. 23, 8-9:30pm, Key 8

How can community groups better collaborate with the business community and vice versa? This discussion will bring together business leaders and community organizations to provide expert insight on the role of the private sector in facilitating integration and how to design and implement partnerships with community groups.

This is a critical topic since the business community plays an important—though sometimes overlooked—role in facilitating integration. From the service industry to manufacturing and financial services, immigrant employees are a fundamental part of the labor force and immigrant consumers are a critical component of the customer base. Many businesses show their commitment to immigrants by offering ESL courses, facilitating civic participation, and providing technical training, among other things, to their employees. The private sector also provides employees and immigrant consumers with better access to financial services. In many instances, businesses collaborate with local or national community groups but more robust partnerships are still needed. Join us to share your experience and exchange ideas.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Open Discussion

Monday, Sept. 24, 8-9:30pm, Key 8

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) caucus will be an open opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned with DACA implementation from regions across the country.

Other Caucus Space Available!

Sunday, Sept. 23, 8-9:30pm, Key 9-12

Throughout the day on Sunday, conference attendees can indicate topics they are interested in further discussing at the stations available in the plenary room. NIIC organizers will assign caucus rooms and times based on which themes receive the most requests. Caucus themes and rooms will be announced at the afternoon plenaries on Sunday.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore: from point of entry to point of entertainment

Baltimore, the 12th largest city in the US, has been home to numerous celebrated figures and historical moments in American history. While Baltimore is well-known as a battlefield during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the city also has a long history of immigration. Locust Point opened in 1706 and quickly became the second most travelled port after Ellis Island. Baltimore rapidly grew into a city full of diverse communities with a focus on local development – a trend that has continued to this day. The city embraces its various cultures and offers a variety of attractions, including the Inner Harbor, National Aquarium, and the opportunity to view early American architecture in Baltimore's historic neighborhoods.

Baltimore Restaurant Neighborhoods

Baltimore is home to several dense restaurant clusters in neighborhoods near to the hotel. These include:

The Cross Street Market and surrounding Federal Hill

1065 South Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21230

With around two dozen stalls in this Federal Hill institution, Cross Street offers variety that attracts neighborhood old-timers, area young professionals and tourists venturing from the inner harbor just a few blocks away, including fresh seafood made to order. The market is surrounded by a classic Baltimore rowhouse neighborhood filled with restaurants and pubs.

Fell's Point

*1717 Aliceanna Street Baltimore, MD 21231
(410) 327-9191*

<http://www.fellspoint.us/>

Fells Point is a historic waterfront community located one mile from the inner harbor. Established in 1763, Fells Point is a city, state

and National Historic District and boasts over 161 buildings on the National Register, along with the oldest standing residence in Baltimore City, the Robert Long House. The neighborhood is home to dozens of unique retail shops, restaurants and pubs.

Harborplace & the Gallery

*200 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6103
(410) 332-4191*

<http://www.harborplace.com/>

The heart of Baltimore's renowned Inner Harbor features a mix of unique shops, restaurants and diverse eateries plus live seasonal entertainment.

Lexington Market

*400 W. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21201*

<http://www.lexingtonmarket.com/>

One of the world's longest running markets is a must-see hotspot today in Baltimore. With its wide variety of eateries, food selection, and historic buildings, this market offers a great excursion for all.

Baltimore Attractions

National Aquarium

*501 East Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 576-3800*

<http://www.aqua.org/>

Stunning exhibits and more than 11,000 aquatic animals make this Inner Harbor destination Baltimore's most popular attraction.

Power Plant Live!

*34 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202
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The Walters Art Museum

600 North Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 547-9000

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<http://www.rflewismuseum.org/>

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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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Charm City Circulator - a fast, friendly, and free transportation service circulator bus. Hotel located on orange line and connects easily to blue for areas north through historic Mount Vernon to Penn Station (Amtrak/Marc station). Orange line also connects easily to the east to the green line which brings passengers to the east side neighborhoods of Fells Point and through the City Hall corridor. The Orange Line itself goes through the University of Maryland campus to the west of the hotel and on the east side through the inner harbor and into the city's historic Little Italy neighborhood. For more info visit www.charmcirculator.com

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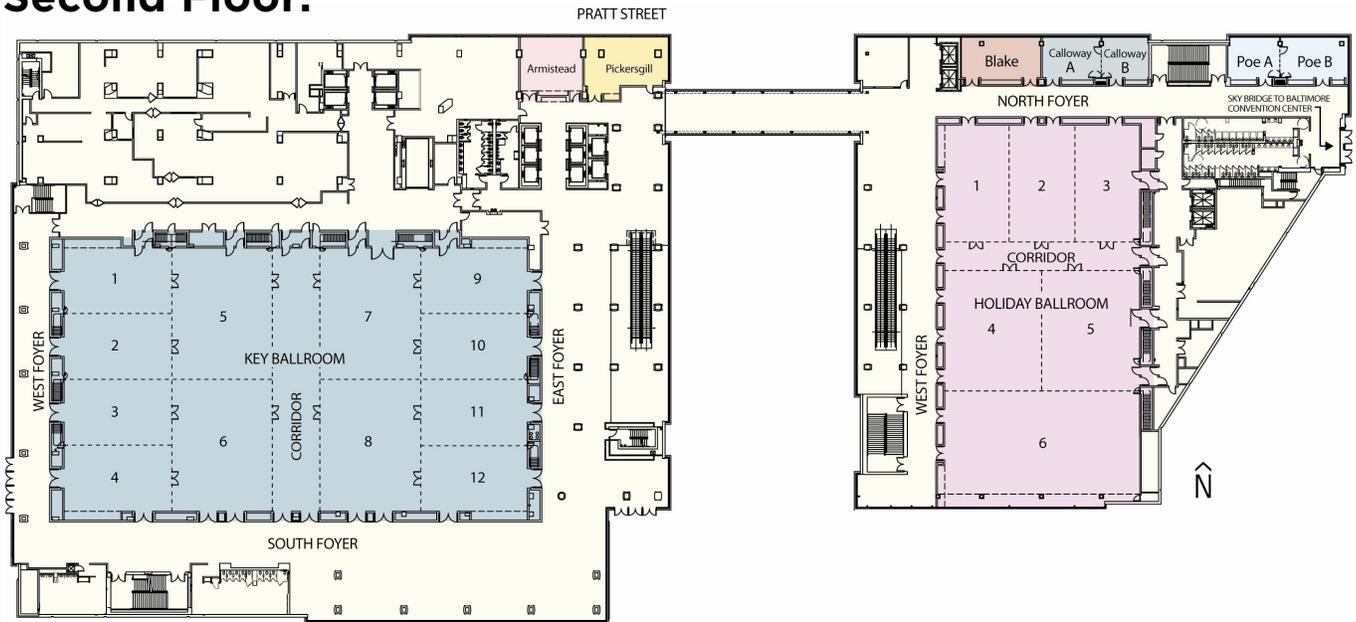
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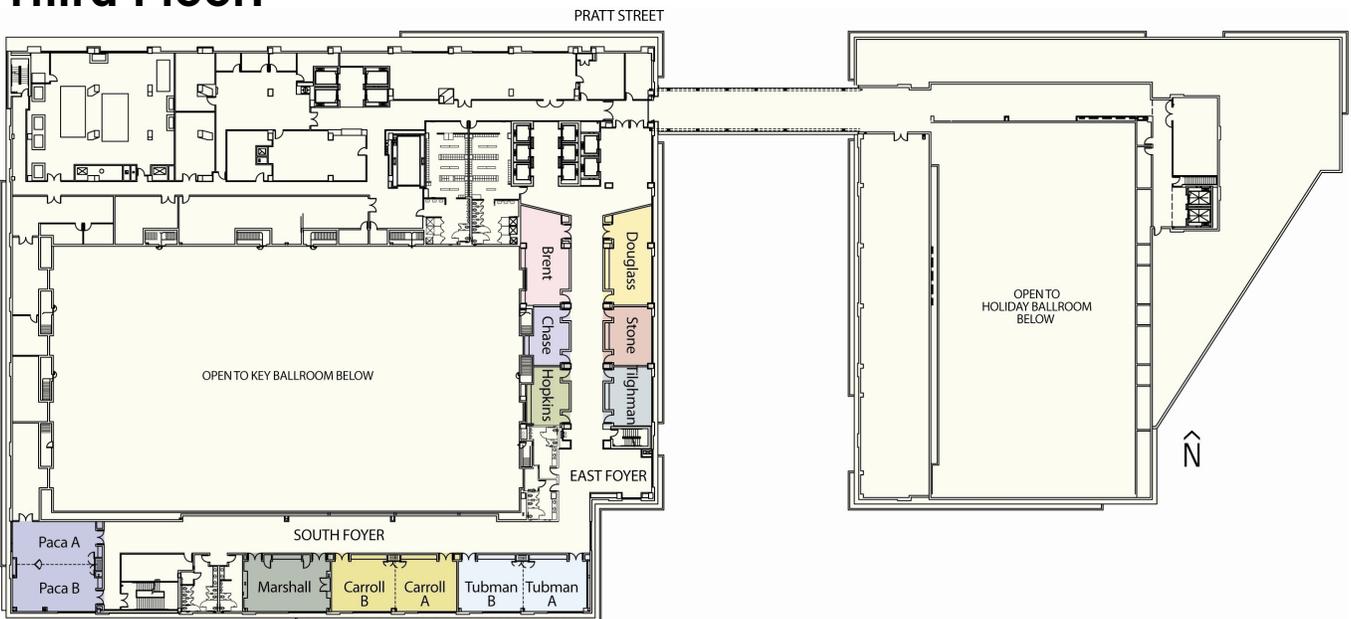
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