

Baltimore IMMIGRATION SUMMIT



STAND UP, BE HEARD, GET INVOLVED

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

WEST VILLAGE COMMONS
TOWSON UNIVERSITY

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

The **2016 Baltimore Immigration Summit** is a one-day event which brings together academics, government, service providers, activists, community leaders, and others working with and for immigrants in our region. Baltimore and its surrounding suburbs is an area with a growing and diverse immigrant population, and has a local government that views immigrants as an important part of the region's ongoing resurgence.

The theme of this year's Summit is **Stand Up, Be Heard, Get Involved**.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE EIGHTH BALTIMORE IMMIGRATION SUMMIT

Mayor's Office of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Baltimore Jewish Council

Jewish Museum of Maryland at the Herbert Bearman Campus

Towson University:

Center for Student Diversity

College of Liberal Arts

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice



- 8:30 – 9:00** **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** (West Village Commons)
- 9:00 – 9:15** **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS** (Ballroom A & B)
Ilene Dackman-Alon (Jewish Museum of Baltimore)
Timothy J. L. Chandler (Towson University Provost)
Bilphena Yahwon (Towson University student)
- 9:15 – 10:15** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** by *Khaled A. Beydoun* (University of Detroit Mercy) (Ballroom A & B)
- 10:30 – 12:00** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS I**
- The Role of Immigrants in Growing Baltimore's Economy* (Ballroom C)
Catalina Rodríguez Lima (Mayor's Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs)
Oswaldo Acosta (Latino Economic Development Center)
Kevin Meadowcroft (International Rescue Committee)
Lindsey Bishop (Mayor's Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs)
moderated by Catalina Rodríguez Lima
- Hidden Immigration Detention System & Return to the Homeland* (Room 305)
Saba Ahmed (CAIR Coalition)
Julia Coffin (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)
Roberta and Dick Dunning (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)
Susan Cruz (Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia)
Sister Valdete Wilemann (Center for the Assistance of Returned Migrants)
moderated by Santiago Solis
- Know Your Rights: Empowering & Educating New Immigrant Workers* (Room 306)
Luz V. Lopez-Ortiz (U.S. Department of Justice)
Douglas Weimer (Baltimore City Community College)
Akalu Paulos (Baltimore City Community College)
Haydee M. Rodriguez (Baltimore City Community College)
Amanda Olmstead (Baltimore City Community College)
Michael Carlo (Baltimore City Community College)
moderated by Haydee M. Rodriguez
- Promoting Safety, Wellbeing, Reconciliation & Inclusion* (Room 307)
Glenda Valenzuela (Unidos y Seguros, Johns Hopkins Hospital)
Shirley Stitt (The Family Tree)
Marcelo Batkis (Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center)
Sadie Peters (East Baltimore Medical Center)
Marco Grados (Johns Hopkins Hospital)
Aida Medina (Gallery Church)
Donna Batkis (Johns Hopkins Hospital)
moderated by Miho Iwata

12:00 – 1:00

LUNCH AND SPECIAL REMARKS (Ballroom A & B)

Kevin Kamenetz (Baltimore County Executive)
Rachel Peric (Welcoming America)

1:15 – 2:45

BREAKOUT SESSION II

Building Community & Breaking Down Barriers (Ballroom C)

Marc Rodriguez (Ward 5, City of Annapolis)
Casey Thomas (Soccer Without Borders)
Stephanie Wolfe (Soccer Without Borders)
Judy Salinas (CASA de Maryland)
Lourdes Ortega (CASA de Maryland)
moderated by Catalina Rodríguez Lima

Building Interfaith Communities (Room 305)

Patricia Shannon Jones (Immigration Outreach Service Center)
Rev. Joseph Muth (St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church)
Shukri Khan (Masjid Bait-us-Samad)
Kul Mani Acharya (Baltimore Association of Nepalese in America)
moderated by Patricia Shannon Jones

Service Learning and Social Justice Activism for Latinxs (Room 306)

Leslie Salgado (Howard County Friends of Latin America)
Bahram Zandi (Green Party US)
Marina Adler (University of Maryland Baltimore County)
Lea Ann Christenson (Towson University)
moderated by Santiago Solis

Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Immigrant Youth (Room 307)

Sarah Polk (Johns Hopkins Bayview)
Monica Guerrero Vazquez (Centro SOL)
Eric Haber (Baltimore City Public Schools)
Carey Haberman (Baltimore City Public Schools)
moderated by Eric Haber

3:00 – 4:00

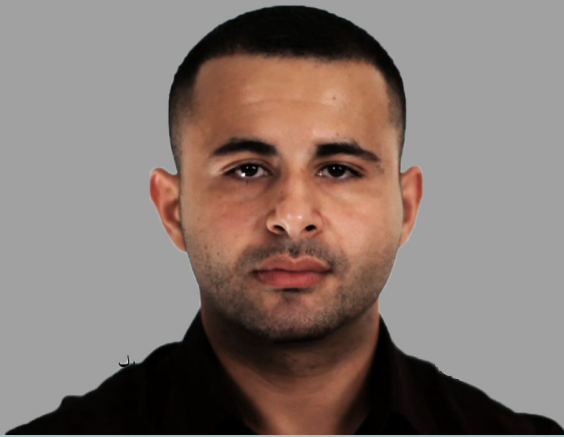
SPECIAL NETWORKING SESSION (Ballroom A & B)

moderated by Noah Mitchel (Baltimore Jewish Council)

4:00 – 4:30

CLOSING REMARKS (Ballroom A & B)

Miho Iwata (Towson University)



KEYNOTE KHALED A. BEYDOUN

Khaled A. Beydoun is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and Senior Affiliated Faculty at the University of California Berkeley Islamophobia Research & Documentation Project.

A Critical Race Theorist, Professor Beydoun's research examines the legal construction of Arab and Muslim American identity, the foundational and modern development of Islamophobia, and the intersection of national security and citizenship. A leading scholar on legal matters germane to civil rights and Muslim America, Professor Beydoun's scholarship has been featured in top law journals, including: the Columbia Law Review, the California Law Review, the UCLA Law Review, the Harvard Journal of Racial & Ethnic Justice, and the Illinois Law Review.

Complimenting his legal research and scholarship, Professor Beydoun is an active public intellectual. In addition to his regular commentary in Al-Jazeera English, Professor Beydoun's insight has been featured in the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time, Salon, and ESPN; and television and radio news programming including CNN, the BBC, NBC and ABC News. In addition, Professor Beydoun has served as a consultant for the U.S. Census Bureau, the African American Policy Forum, and a number of colleges and universities. A mainstay on social media, Professor Beydoun tweets @khaledbeydoun.

A native of Detroit, Professor Beydoun earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan; a Master's in Law from the University of Toronto; and his Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law. Before academia, Professor Beydoun practiced in the areas of racial justice, criminal defense, and international rule of law.

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