



INVESTING  
IN THE  
**DREAM,**  
BUILDING  
**OUR**  
**FUTURE**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**NOV. 14, 2012**

**8AM - 4PM**

TOWSON UNIVERSITY  
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BALLROOMS A, B, C

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## THE BALTIMORE IMMIGRATION SUMMIT

Towson University's Baltimore Immigration Summit is a one-day event which brings together academics, service providers, activists, community leaders, and others working with and for immigrants in our region. Baltimore is an area with a growing and diverse immigrant population, as well as local government that views immigrants as an important part of the city's resurgence.

The theme of this year's Summit is "Investing in the Dream, Building Our Future"

# 6<sup>th</sup> Baltimore Immigration Summit: “Investing in the Dream, Building Our Future”

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00-8:30      **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Lobby)
- 8:30-9:00      **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS** (Ballrooms A & B)  
Elizabeth Clifford, Towson University, Summit Co-Coordinator
- 9:00-10:00     **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** (Ballrooms A & B)  
Deeana Jang, Immigrant Rights Advocate  
*“Immigrant Rights ARE Civil Rights: Reflections on 50 years of Progress”*  
Introduction by Harjant Gill, Towson University, Assistant Professor of Anthropology
- 10:15-11:40    **BREAKOUT SESSION I**
- The Other Shore: Promoting the Integration of Refugee Communities in Baltimore** (Ballroom C)  
Kevin Meadowcroft, International Rescue Committee  
Sara Bedford, International Rescue Committee  
Charan Bajgai, International Rescue Committee  
Paul Chandler, International Rescue Committee
- The Power of the Immigrant Youth Movement: What’s Next for Maryland’s DREAMers?** (Room 306)  
Elizabeth Alex, Casa de Maryland  
Luis Salgado, Salgado & Associates, PLLC  
Baltimore DREAMers
- Unknown Risks and Well-known Myths: Legal Consequences of Criminal Conduct for Immigrants** (Room 307)  
Nadine Wettstein, Office of the Public Defender  
Emily Datnoff, Office of the Public Defender
- 11:45-1:00     **LUNCH** (Ballrooms A & B)
- Special Remarks By:**  
Towson University President Maravene Loeschke  
Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
Introduction by Debbie Seeberger, Towson University, Assistant to the President for Diversity

1:15-2:15

**BREAKOUT SESSION II**

**Resolving Barriers to Employment for Immigrants (Ballroom C)**

Jennifer Sultan, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
Maria Odom, Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman

**The Wasafiri Voices: Investing in the American Dream and Building Our Futures by Singing Songs in Our Mother Tongue(s) (Room 305)**

Fr. Joseph Muth, St. Matthew Catholic Church  
Dionisia Mwaura, Wasafiri Voices  
Catherine Muthoni, St. Matthew Catholic Church  
Jane Kamau, Wasafiri Voices

**Together *En Route* Toward Academic Success: Theory and Practice of Relationship Building between Refugee Youth and Their Educators (Room 307)**

Amy Pucino, Community College of Baltimore County and UMBC  
Kursten Pickup, Baltimore City Community College's Refugee Youth Project

2:30-3:30

**BREAKOUT SESSION III**

**Soccer without Borders: Investing in the Dream through the World's Most Popular Sport (Room 306)**

Martin Ford, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees and Soccer Without Borders  
Frank Olszewski, Towson University Men's Soccer  
Jill Pardini, Soccer Without Borders  
Warshan Hussin, Soccer Without Borders and Digital Harbor HS  
Josef Nathanson, Urban Information Associates, Inc.

**Free Health Screenings for Immigrants at a Local NGO in Baltimore: A Transformative Approach to Traditional Nursing Education (Room 307)**

Joanna Basuray, Towson University  
Nelly Kangethe, Regis University  
Manjula Malik, Towson University

**Immigrant Struggles and Challenges in the Workplace (Ballroom C)**

Jeremy Pollack, UNITE HERE  
Luis Larin, United Workers  
Sheena Wadhawen, Casa de Maryland

3:30-4:00

**CLOSING REMARKS (Ballrooms A & B)**

Santiago Solis, Towson University, Summit Co-Coordinator

## Keynote Speaker

Deeana Jang, Immigrant Rights Advocate

### ***“Immigrant Rights ARE Civil Rights: Reflections on 50 years of Progress”***

**Deeana Jang** has been involved in the immigrant rights movement for over three decades. She currently works as a civil rights attorney at the United States Department of Justice. She formerly served as the Policy Director for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) heading up the Washington, DC office. She was a Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy working to improve access to early care and education programs for immigrant families. A native Californian, she came to D.C. in 2000 to work for the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

She was a legal services attorney for many years representing low-income families in domestic violence, immigration, school discipline and housing issues at San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, Asian Law Alliance and the Asian Law Caucus. She also served as Special Assistant to the Honorable Yvonne Lee, a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She is a co-founder of the Asian Women’s Shelter, one of the first battered women’s shelters in the country to address the needs of Asian immigrant women and their children. She served on the boards of the National Immigration Project, the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Services, and the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum. She is a founder of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, a coalition that addresses the intersection of immigration and violence against women.

She is a frequent speaker and trainer for health providers, advocates, attorneys, judges, students and policy makers and has testified before three House subcommittees. She received the Trailblazer Award from the National Immigration Law Center, the Legal Services Achievement Award from the State Bar of California Legal Services Section, the Pacific Asian Women Bay Area Coalition Woman Warrior Award and Community Leader Award from the Family Violence Prevention Fund. She received her BA from Oberlin College and her JD from King Hall School of Law at UC Davis.



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