The 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 are issuing a call for presentations for the 8th Baltimore Immigration Summit. We encourage proposals for full panels, but will also accept proposals for individual presentations that could be part of panels. Proposals should engage the theme of “Stand Up, Be Heard, Get Involved”

Immigrants often face hardships and undertake challenging journeys to arrive in this nation seeking a better future for themselves and their families, and to be part of our diverse community in the greater Baltimore region. How can we, at local, state, and national levels support immigrant communities in our region through this transition, making sure their rights are protected and their voices are heard? We welcome presentations about “best practices,” i.e. examples of how individuals and groups – immigrant and native-born – are working together to overcome challenges related to immigration and help promote an integrated and supportive environment that provides opportunities for understanding and growth for all. Political participants, community involvement, civic responsibility, public policy, healthcare, education, economic development, employment and the arts, are among the areas that can be explored given this year’s theme, and we encourage submissions in those areas.
We encourage activists, scholars, practitioners, government representatives, and other to submit proposals. Preference will be given to panel proposals that include representatives of more than one of these groups, and/or that include representatives of various immigrant and native communities. For example, a panel on immigrants and education could include a teacher, a researcher, a student and a representative of a non-profit agency helping to improve educational opportunities for immigrants, or a panel on immigrant organizations could include representatives of three or four different immigrant communities. If you are interested in presenting, but do not have contacts to put together a panel, the BIS Planning Committee would be happy to try to help you get in touch with others in your area of interest. Please email us at immigrationsummit@towson.edu

Each panel should be limited to one hour, and some of that time should be devoted to discussion. Panels should include two to four participants, allowing for 10-20 minute presentations for each participant.

For your proposal, please include the following:

- **Title** of the session
- **Name** of each participant
- **Institutional/Organizational Affiliation** of each participant
- **Full Contact Information** for each participant
- **Description** of the session: In 200-250 words, please describe the panel topic, as well as the make-up of the panel (i.e., how will each participant contribute to the discussion). Topics should focus on some aspect of immigration and/or immigrants in Baltimore, which would be of interest to scholars, activists, practitioners, and/or government workers in attendance at the Summit.

Please submit proposals as MS Word or RTF files to: 

immigrationsummit@towson.edu by September 1st 2016.

If you lack access to email, please mail the proposals to:

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Important Dates:

- **September 1st 2016**: Due date of proposals  
- **September 15th 2016**: Notification of Acceptances  
- **September 28th 2016**: Deadline to register (registration is free)  
- **September 30th 2016**: 8th Baltimore Immigration Summit

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