

## Welcoming Interactive + Welcoming Economies Convening 2019

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MAY 15 • WEDNESDAY

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1:00pm – 2:30pm

Breaking New Ground: A Conversation on Art, Culture and Immigration

Kelly Strayhorn Theater

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1:00pm – 4:00pm

Community Tours

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6:00pm – 7:30pm

Welcoming America's Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Andy Warhol Museum

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MAY 16 • THURSDAY

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9:00am – 10:10am	<b>Morning Plenary</b> <i>Moderator: Janera Solomon</i> <i>Speakers: Christina Pope, Daniel Valdez, Steve Tobocman, Rachel Peric, Betty Cruz, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, 1Hood, Rep. Edward C. Gainey</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Building and Evaluating Programs Through a Racial Equity Lens</b> <i>Moderators: Molly Hilligoss</i> <i>Speakers: Jaqueline Tucker, Federico Rios, Christa Yoakum</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Communicating Inclusion in Contentious Times</b> <i>Speakers: Wendy Feliz, Rachel Brown</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Lessons in Welcoming from Germany and Other Parts of the International Welcoming Movement</b> <i>Speakers: Ze Xiao, Mara Kimmel, David Lubell, Susan Downs-Karkos</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Moving the Needle on Workforce Integration</b> <i>Speakers: Katherine Gebremedhin, Bryan Warren, Nicole Pumphrey, Karen Phillippi</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Tailor Your Approach – Welcoming Economies 101</b> <i>Speakers: Steve Tobocman, Christina Pope</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Open Networking Lunch</b>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Assisting Professional Immigrants with their US Job Search</b> <i>Speakers: Tadd Wamester, Annie Fenton, Mahlet Mamo, Elizabeth Jones</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Building Resilience in Welcoming Communities</b> <i>Speakers: Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Mara Kimmel, Bryan Warren</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Forming and Utilizing Peer Networks that Matter</b> <i>Speakers: Earl Buford, Katherine Gebremedhin, Mihailo Temali</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Gathering Community Input to Inform a Welcoming Plan: Lessons From Gateways for Growth</b> <i>Speakers: Rich Andre, Robin David, Sanjita Pradhan, Michael Bridges</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Understanding and Responding to Federal Immigration Policies and Priorities</b> <i>Speakers: Matthew Lopas, Katie Aragon, Moonson Eninsche, Stefania Arteaga, Kelsey Ellingsen</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>10th Anniversary Listening Session: Help Welcoming America Chart the Next 10 Years</b> <i>Speakers: Susan Downs-Karkos, Mahvash Hassan</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Bundle it – Asset Building and Immigrant Integration</b> <i>Speakers: Carmen Shorter</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Changing the Frame: Engaging Hateful Rhetoric in a Charged Political Environment</b> <i>Speakers: Patrice O'Neil, Natalie Ringsmuth</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>How to Use Data to Support or Advocate for Integration in Your Community</b> <i>Speakers: Kate Brick, Brittany Ford, Eva Hassett, Adam Hunter</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Working Session: What Does it Mean to be a Welcoming State? Building Our Ask</b> <i>Speakers: Meg Shoemaker Little</i>
5:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>WE Global Network Mixer - Come Find Out What Welcoming Economies Are All About!</b>

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9:00am – 10:00am	<b>Morning Plenary</b> <i>Moderators: Mila Sanina</i> <i>Speakers: Sarah Allan, Rachel Peric, Daniel Gilman, Rabbi Hazzan Dr. Jeffrey Myers, Ebru Demonstration by Gulay Baltali, Wasiullah Mohamed, Daniela Naumov, Brittany Ford, Patty Hernandez</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Building Welcoming Economies – Including African-American Communities in Your Neighborhood Development Work</b> <i>Speakers: Brian Burley, Wendy Ake, Gracie Xavier</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Developing a Second Phase Welcoming Plan or Initiative</b> <i>Speakers: Ricardo Gambetta, Zulma Maciel</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Dialogue in Divided Times</b> <i>Speakers: Christine Suave, Mariana Martinez, Megan Sigesmond</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>How Serving Neighborhood Businesses can Build Inclusive Alliances</b> <i>Speakers: Betty Cruz, Mihailo Temali, Leigh Solomon Pugliano, Zelalem Gemmeda</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Two-Generation Approaches for Immigrant Family Advancement</b> <i>Speakers: Monica Martin, Kaori Hiramawa</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Lunch Plenary</b> <i>Moderators: Brian Burley</i> <i>Speakers: Mama Kadiatou, Janera Solomon, Rachel Peric, Molly Hilligoss, Jordyne Krumroy, Ivonne Smith-Tapia, Jasiri X, Paul Kim</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Engaging Faith Leaders in Welcoming Work</b> <i>Speakers: Dr. Christian Scharen, Dr. Erica Ramirez</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Everything You Want to Know About Hiring and Supporting Refugees in the Workplace</b> <i>Speakers: Dan Wilkinson, Kheir Mugwaneza, Allegra Elson, Tadd Wamester</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Finding Allies for Immigrant and Refugee Workforce Development Initiatives in Unlikely Places</b> <i>Speakers: Karen Phillippi, Rachel Vilsack, Mike Zimmer</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Like a Puzzle: Designing a Language Access Plan</b> <i>Speakers: Manar-ul Islam Swaby, Emily Yaffe, Jodie Stanely</i>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>Perspectives and Realities of Immigrant Youth in America</b> <i>Speakers: Jillian Jayde Hastings, Robin Johnson, Pittsburgh Area Youth</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Be Counted – How to Ensure the 2020 Census is Inclusive of All</b> <i>Speakers: Sandy Close, Feyisola Alabi, Valerie Mills</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Creative Placemaking: Harnessing the Power of Arts and Culture to Advance Welcoming</b> <i>Speakers: Christina Patiño Houle, Henry Reese, Jun-Li Wang</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Strategies for Advancing The Urban Farming and Local Food Movements</b> <i>Moderators: Molly Hilligoss</i> <i>Speakers: Ze Xiao, Aley S. Kent</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Trusted Connectors: How to Connect Immigrant Entrepreneurs to Opportunities</b> <i>Speakers: Sarah Allan, Steve Driehaus, Guadalupe A. Velasquez, Raquel Garcia</i>