



***A NATION
OF IMMIGRANTS
in the 21st Century***

MOVING FORWARD IN A TIME OF NEW CHALLENGES

**National Immigration Forum's
Annual Conference**

January 31 & February 1, 2002

**The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D.C.**

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Join us as we come together as a community to stand up for immigrants and refugees who contribute so much to this great nation.

Join us as we come together to stand up to the anti-immigrant forces who seek to exploit the September 11th tragedies.

Join us as we come together to move forward in this time of new challenges.



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We Open Doors[®]

Bringing together the broad spectrum that is the pro-immigration community.

The National Immigration Forum will bring together the diverse pro-immigration community for its first annual conference of the 21st Century.

Facing New Challenges

As we are faced with a host of new challenges following the September 11th tragedies, we will come together to create strategies for our future.

- What will the impact be on immigrants and on immigration policy at both the national and local levels?
- How do we ensure that this nation of immigrants improves its security without undermining the freedoms, diversity, and traditions so central to our identity?
- When and how will we press forward on our proactive priorities?

Finding New Answers

The conference will bring together hundreds of immigrant, refugee, labor, business, community, ethnic, and state and local government advocates to help answer these questions.

We will hear from high-ranking Administration officials and Members of Congress, recognized legal and policy experts, business and labor leaders, reporters and pollsters, and community leaders from both gateway cities and new immigrant areas.

The conference will feature prominent keynote speakers, informative breakout sessions, and substantive panel discussions. We will learn about pending policy proposals, organize to build support for immigrants and refugees, and break up into distinct strategy sessions around key immigration issues.

The conference's closing session will feature a panel of immigrants and refugees telling their moving stories – providing attendees with a reminder of why they do the work they do.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday, January 31, 2002

7:30 am **Registration**

8:30-8:45 am **Greetings and Opening**

8:45-10:15 am OPENING PLENARY PANEL:
The Pro-Immigration Agenda: What Does September 11th Mean for Our Work?

10:30 am-Noon BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1:
Where Are We Now? The Current Political, Economic, and Social Climate

- Feeling the Backlash: Racial Profiling, Hate Crimes, and Harassment in the Aftermath of September 11
- Exploiting the Tragedy: The Anti-immigrant Movement's Opportunistic Agenda
- Now as Always: Immigrants' Continuing Benefit to the Economy
- From North Carolina to Nebraska: The Reaction in New Immigrant Communities
- Climate Change: Immigration and the Mood in Congress
- Weathering the Storms: Building and Maintaining Broad Coalitions to Support Immigrants and Refugees

12:15-1:45 pm **Luncheon Keynote** (speaker to be announced)

2:00-3:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2:
Where Are We Now? Immigrant and Immigration Policy

- Learning from the Past: Previous Crises and Their Effect on Immigrants and Immigration Policy
- Collateral Damage: Civil Liberties and Due Process Rights of Non-citizens
- Welcoming New Americans: The Role of State and Local Governments
- Unfinished Agenda: Attitudes and Policies Towards Undocumented Immigrants
- Covering the Story: The Media's Perspective on the Immigration Debate
- Getting Back on Track: What's Happened to the Proactive Agenda?

3:30-4:00 pm **Networking Break**

4:00-5:00 pm Plenary Panel:
Public Opinion and Immigration: Pollsters Reveal New Findings

7:00-8:00 pm **"Waking the American Dream,"** World Premiere
A new play written and performed by Sarah Jones (additional charge)

CONFERENCE AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Friday, February 1, 2002

8:30-9:30 am **A Breakfast with Washington Insiders**

(speakers to be announced)
(additional charge)

9:30-11:00 am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3:
How Do We Move Forward? Building Support
for Immigrants and Refugees**

- Immigrant Homeownership: Building the American Dream
- The New American Vote: Building Political Power
- Working Toward Common Goals: Building Coalitions Across Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Lines
- Labor and Community Organizing: Building an Immigrant Movement
- Educating the Public on Immigration: Building Connections with the American People
- Refugees and Asylees: Building Support for the World's Most Vulnerable
- Raising Funds for Advocacy: Building Your Organization

11:15 am-12:45 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4:
Strategy Sessions: Devising Political and
Public Strategies on Key Immigration Issues**

- Ensuring Due Process and Equal Justice: Preserving Our Democratic Values
- Securing Our Borders and Facilitating Entry: Keeping Our Doors Open Safely
- Making Immigration Legal: Reuniting Families, Bringing in Needed Workers
- Reforming the INS: Balancing Service and Enforcement
- Restoring Public Benefits: Mending the Safety Net
- Integrating New Americans: Addressing the Needs of Immigrants and their Communities
- Critiquing Identity Systems: Enhancing or Undermining Our Security?

1:00-3:00 pm Luncheon Panel:
Speaking for Ourselves: Voices of Immigrants and Refugees

3:00-3:30 pm **Networking Break**

3:30-4:30 pm **Special Meeting of National Immigration Forum Associates**

JAN. 30, 2002
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

National Immigration Forum's Strategic Communications Training

During this time when it is difficult to know exactly what to say in the media, we urge you to attend the Forum's renowned Strategic Communications Training. This program enables you to carry out comprehensive communications programs that result in enhanced advocacy around policy issues and greater visibility for your organization and the communities you serve. The training increases your effectiveness in the following specific areas:

- **Gaining frequent access to the press**
- **Developing effective messages and delivering these messages powerfully and persuasively**
- **Identifying, understanding, and reaching targeted audiences through strategic use of the media**
- **Identifying and preparing effective spokespeople for general and targeted communications**
- **Delivering effective public presentations before live audiences**

You will acquire invaluable skills in developing effective messages and becoming expert messengers at this full-day training. You will have the opportunity to practice your message on-camera, learn to "stay on message", and develop a persuasive and effective on-camera presence.

Former trainees have raved about the benefits of the Strategic Communications Training. Here's what some of them have had to say:

"The workshop has demystified my fears of the media and has improved my skills in public speaking."

"It has led to a great increase in media coverage..."

"...the most intensive and the best (training) I have ever experienced."

"...the training...has equipped us with better tools and strategies to have a strong voice..."

Availability is extremely limited, and all participants must pre-register. Don't miss this opportunity! This special training normally costs \$1,000/trainee. Register today!

Note: See "Additional Events" section on registration form for cost.

Waking the American Dream

The world premiere of a one-person play on immigrant life in America

Written and performed by Sarah Jones

JAN. 31, 2002

7:00 PM



Internationally-known and award-winning poet and actor Sarah Jones will present the premiere of her new play, *Waking the American Dream*, a moving collage of hopes and struggles of ten diverse immigrants to the United States. Ms. Jones will portray characters personally affected by the September 11th tragedies, as well as other immigrants who strive each day to achieve the American dream. The play celebrates the contributions of immigrants and tackles the difficult circumstances in which immigrants often find themselves.

Sarah Jones is an impeccable mimic with the ability to move from character to character with ease and believability. Ms. Jones' previous work has been honored with a Drama Desk Award nomination and she has graced the cover of *Ms.* magazine. Don't miss this exciting production!

Note: see "Additional Events" section on registration form for ticket prices.

Registration Policies

- **Early Registrations** received before December 21 receive a discounted rate (see form).
- **Cancellations** must be made in writing.
Registrations cancelled prior to December 21 will be refunded, less a \$25 processing fee.
Registrations cancelled prior to January 11 will be refunded less a \$50 processing fee.
Registrations cancelled after January 11 will not be refunded.

Hotel Reservations

Make guestroom reservations by calling Renaissance reservations at (800) HOTELS1 or The Mayflower Hotel directly at (202) 347-3000. Be sure to ask for the discounted "National Immigration Forum" rate. **These rates are not available after January 9**, so reserve early. (Regular rates are \$375/Guest Room.)

Guest Room:	\$175/Single or Double Rate
Executive Suites:	\$275/Single or Double Rate

To help you keep costs down, we would be pleased to match you with a roommate. Please call Rena Surana-Nirula at (202) 544-0004, ext. 42 for more details.

Note: Conference participants who stay at The Mayflower Hotel and register for the conference by December 21 receive an additional \$25 discount off the registration fee. Please indicate on the registration form if you will be staying at The Mayflower.

Airline Discounts

United Airlines and US Airways are official co-carriers for the conference, and offer special discounts to attendees. Attendees may contact our travel agent, Ms. Marika Delgado of EWA Travel, at (800) 368-4055, ext. 111 or e-mail: marika@ewatravel.com. Attendees may also contact the airlines directly, and reference these travel codes:

United Airlines:	Meeting #: 500RD
US Airways:	Gold File #: 56152156



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