

## Winter Colloquium Series 2013

## Building Welcoming, Caring and Inclusive Communities in St. Thomas-Elgin: Opportunities and Challenges

The establishment of Local Immigration Partnerships in Canada has become an important opportunity for community dialogue and collaboration across sectors and levels of government. Partnerships are presented as a way to facilitate effective program delivery, build capacity and enhance policy responsiveness to the issues of immigration and immigrant integration. This presentation will focus on the history, the process and the strategies associated with the establishment of the St. Thomas-Elgin Local Immigration Partnership as a community initiative to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable solutions for the successful integration of newcomers to St. Thomas and to Elgin County.



ST. THOMAS • ELGIN Local Immigration Partnership Building Welcoming, Caring, and Inclusive Communities

Thursday October 24 th 4:00 pm - SSC 5220 Refreshments 3:30 pm



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Alfredo is a global educator, an activist and a speaker at national and international events with extensive experience in global and social justice, international cooperation, anti-racist education, and equity issues. Alfredo has worked and continues to work with others in that social justice issues impacting marginalized populations and minorities, such as discrimination and systemic racism through lobbying, advocating, activism, direct provision of services, research and education.

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