

**Twelfth Annual
Conference
Cambio de Colores
Latinos in the
Heartland**

**Positive Steps
toward a Pluralist
Society**

University of Missouri –
St. Louis
June 12-14, 2013

**A Multi-State
Conference about
Integration of
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**CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS
(CEUs)**

The University of Missouri will offer 1.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in "Building Cultural Competencies" to service providers and professionals that attend the Cambio de Colores 2013 conference. There is no additional payment required to obtain the certificate, but it's necessary to indicate the request at the time of registration.

CEUs Description

Title: Cambio de Colores - Building Cultural Competencies

Description (for CEU Transcript): Sharing of Best Practices and Research in order to understand immigrant integration and sharing communities

Dates: From June 12 through June 14, 2013

Contact Hours: Twelve hours

CEUs offered: 1.2

Cost: Included in Conference full registration fee

Granting Department: Division of Applied Social Sciences, University of Missouri-Columbia

Participants will be exposed to innovative best practices and rigorous research that will help to understand immigrant integration and better serve newcomers.

The Cambio de Colores themes are Education, Health, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, Civil Rights, and Change & Integration. Additional information can be found in the following pages. For updated information, please visit the website.



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMBIO DE COLORES CONFERENCE

“Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors)” is an annual conference that, since 2002, focuses on issues related to the integration of Latino and other immigrants to Missouri and other new destination states in the American Heartland. The conference goal is to provide knowledge towards a smooth and lasting integration of the new population, through the following specific objectives:

- To assess the changes brought about by the presence of new Latino urban and rural settlers in Missouri and other new destination states of the Midwest, the South and elsewhere.
- To inform about the multiple contributions—economic, social, and cultural—that these newcomers are bringing to many communities in Missouri and in these regions.
- To understand the opportunities this demographic change is bringing to the people, communities, businesses, and educational institutions.
- To provide a forum to discuss the challenges that growth and change generate for institutions and people—both new and long-term residents of these new immigrant destinations.
- To share relevant scholarship and best practices, as well as identify knowledge and service needs that should be addressed.

The three-day conference convenes academic research and extension specialists, public and private service providers, grassroots organizations, state and local government institutions, politicians, corporations, and newcomers themselves. The conference is sponsored by the University of Missouri, in cooperation with community and state partners. It is mostly funded by participants (who have numbered between 100 and 300 in past conferences) and sponsors.

The 2013 conference theme is “Positive Steps toward a Pluralist Society,” and it reflects the urgent need to incorporate newcomers into every segment of society. The conference is a collaborative effort with the twelve-state North Central Extension and Research Activity "Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities" (NCERA 216), an initiative that brings together a large number of universities and institutions addressing similar changes in the Midwest.

The first three conferences were created and led by the Hispanic and Latin American Faculty & Staff Association of the University of Missouri-Columbia (HLAFSA). The Cambio Center led the organization of the subsequent events.

First: Columbia in 2002 – “Latinos in Missouri: A call to action!”

Second: Kansas City in 2003 - “Neighbors in Urban and Rural Communities”

Third: St. Louis in 2004 - “Gateway to a New Community”

Fourth: Columbia in 2005 - “Connecting Research to Policy and Practice - Hoy y mañana.”

Fifth: Columbia in 2006 – “Beyond Borders”

Sixth: Kansas City in 2007 - “Everyone Together – Todos Juntos.”

Seventh: Columbia in 2008 - “Uniting Cultures – Uniendo Culturas”

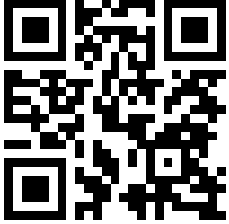
Eighth: St. Louis in 2009 - “Latinos in the Heartland”

Ninth: Columbia in 2010 - “Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities”

Tenth: Kansas City in 2011 – “Migration and Shifting Human Landscapes”

Eleventh: Columbia in 2012 – “At the Crossroads: ¿Incorporation or Marginalization?”

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Cambio de Colores has expanded its reach, continuing its unique tradition of bringing participants and presenters from across the spectrum of stakeholders. The diverse and enthusiastic participation in these very inclusive events demonstrates the relevance and urgency of addressing both the challenges and the opportunities that arise in Missouri and all other new destination states as Latinos and other newcomers settle as workers, families and members of communities.

The twelfth conference will take place at the University of Missouri - St. Louis on June 12-14, 2013. Preparations are already under way, supported by a Planning Committee that draws on leadership from across the nation. This year's conference is organized along themes that include:

- Change and Integration,
- Civil Rights and Political Participation,
- Education,
- Health,, and
- Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

The main institutional support for the conference comes from the **Cambio Center for Research and Outreach on Latinos and Changing Communities**, established by the University of Missouri - Columbia in the fall of 2004.

Please find up-to-date details at the conference web site: www.cambiodecolores.org or www.LatinosInTheHeartland.com.