



**MU Cambio Center to Host 14th Annual Cambio de Colores:
Latinos in the Heartland Conference**

A multistate conference about integration of immigrants

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WHAT: From June 10 to 12, 2015, the MU Cambio Center will host the 14th annual Cambio de Colores: Latinos in the Heartland Conference. This year's theme is "Shaping the Future: Leadership for Inclusive Communities." www.cambiodecolores.org

WHEN: June 10 to 12, 2015

WHERE: University of Missouri – Kansas City, Student Union at 5100 Cherry St, Kansas City, MO 64110

The Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) conference focuses on issues related to the integration of Latino and other immigrants in the American Heartland. This year's theme, "**Shaping the Future: Leadership for Inclusive Communities**," is meant to encourage the discussion of research and best practices that can be used by communities to assist integration efforts in areas with a recent intake of immigrants.

Speakers and workshops will address the many interest areas that fall under this theme, including **positive youth development, education, intercultural communication, change and integration, civil rights and political participation, entrepreneurship and economic development.**

Keynote speakers will include regional experts. "**Latino Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Lessons from Yesterday and for Tomorrow**" will be presented by Mario Hernandez, VP and COO of the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC). LEDC is Minnesota's statewide, membership, and ethnic based organization focused on transforming communities by creating economic opportunity for Latinos. "**Harvesting The Heartland's Promise Latina/o Learning Catalyzing School and Community Change**" will be presented by Katherine Richardson Bruna, an associate professor in the School of Education at Iowa State University and Director of the ISU 4U Promise.

This inclusive event convenes research and extension academics, public and private service providers, grassroots organizations, state and local government institutions, business professionals, and newcomers themselves. The diverse and enthusiastic participation in this conference demonstrates the relevance and urgency of addressing both the challenges and the opportunities that arise as Latinos and other newcomers settle as workers, families, and members of communities.

Please visit our website for more information: www.CambioDeColores.org
Permanent URL: <http://cambiodecolores.org/2015/Documents/Program2015.html>