



## Floreciendo-Resilience and Changing Communities in Uncertain Times

June 22-24, 2022

St. Louis, Missouri

### Call for Proposals

#### KEY DATES:

*March 7, 2022: Presentation proposals, posters, and lightning round deadline*

*March 31, 2022: Notification of accepted abstracts*

*April 22, 2022: Author/presenter registration deadline*

*May 13, 2022: Last day for Early Bird Registration*

*June 22-24, 2022: 20th Cambio de Colores Conference*

#### About the Cambio de Colores 2022 Conference

Rural and urban communities throughout the Midwest and beyond have been reshaped by the presence of immigrants and refugees, many of whom identify as Latin@, Latinx, or Hispanic. Over the past 20 years, the Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) Conference has served as a hub for stakeholders to explore how our communities are adapting to and benefiting from these changes and to share how to enhance immigrant integration and community wellbeing. This multidisciplinary conference has traditionally focused on native and foreign-born Latin@/Latinx/Hispanic and immigrant communities. It is also interested in the experiences of all newcomers to the Midwest.

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Cambio de Colores Conference. The theme for this year's conference—"Floreciendo-Resilience and Changing Communities in Uncertain Times"—addresses the uncertainties communities are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, global warming, forced displacement, and social unrest in the US and around the world. The term "floreciendo" translates to *blooming*. This represents the need to change the negative rhetoric of exclusion against immigrants and Latin@s/Latinxs/Hispanics to speaking about belonging. These communities belong and are an essential part of the growth and well-being of the areas where they arrive. Immigrant and Latin@s/Latinxs/Hispanics communities are resilient and face the attempts to be marginalized. They are an integral part of their communities.

This conference seeks to explore the many questions around integrating immigrant and other new populations when internal and external forces push them to move and act.

- How does the rhetoric of exclusion affect how people engage with each other and the communities where they live?
- What successful practices are used to build trust in the current environment?
- How are communities and organizations forming collaborative networks to facilitate access to information and resources?
- What are the impacts of global warming, the pandemic, forced displacement, and social unrest on children and families?



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- How do communities foster a sense of belonging when large segments of the population are disenfranchised?
- How do we take this knowledge and direct it towards action and policy change at local, state, and federal levels?

The conference convenes public and private service providers, artists, grassroots and advocacy organizations, education and healthcare providers, academic researchers, students and extension specialists, state and local government institutions, policymakers, corporations, and Latin@s/Latinxs/Hispanics and immigrants. The conference program focuses and builds on the sharing of university, government, and community resources, linking academic studies to the more applied perspective and best practices of people and institutions working at the heart of changing communities.



The conference organizers seek presentations, posters, and panels on the conference themes described in this call, as well as workshops targeted to community members, leaders, and officials with the tools necessary to address these changes in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to all. We strongly encourage submission by artists whose work focuses on social justice and issues on immigrant and changing communities. See details about submissions and theme groups in the following pages.

Please follow and share the Conference event on Facebook and follow the Cambio Center on Twitter. Questions about submissions can be sent to: [decolores@missouri.edu](mailto:decolores@missouri.edu).

Abstracts should be submitted online through the link located on the conference homepage ([https:// cambioconference.wordpress.com/](https://cambioconference.wordpress.com/)) by March 7, 2022. If you have difficulties uploading your abstract, or if you have any questions regarding this call, please send a message to [decolores@missouri.edu](mailto:decolores@missouri.edu).