

# STRENGTHENING & VALUING

Latino/a  
Communities in  
IOWA

CONFERENCE

October 9, 2009

Hecho en Iowa  
Made in Iowa

Grand View University • Des Moines, Iowa

featuring



**La Historia de Nuestras Vidas:** The Story of Our Lives is a play created and performed by Teatro Indocumentado, a group of seven detainees from the May 12th, 2008 Postville Raid. Pastor David Vasquez from Luther College arranged for the Teatro to partner with theatre directors Alex Skitolsky and Kate Blair create the production. The community contributed to the process for the reflection and healing that the play would bring to the entire community.



Calle Sur, play a wide variety of instruments native to Latin America and sing melodies which illustrate the variety of Latin American musical styles. Group members include Edgar East, from Panama, and Karin Stein ("La Negra Karin"), from Colombia. Calle Sur will share their musical talents and experiences in the Latino community. They speak eloquently about what it means to be Latino. Calle Sur will be part of 3 workshops throughout the day.

# registration

STRENGTHENING AND VALUING LATINO/A COMMUNITIES IN IOWA CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

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Type of Organization:

- education     social services     government  
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college students/seniors @ \$25\* \_\_\_\_\_

early registration by 10.01.09 @ \$40\* \_\_\_\_\_

late registration after 10.01.09 @ \$50\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*lunch is included in the fee*

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[www.uiowa.edu/~socialwk/LatinoConference2009.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~socialwk/LatinoConference2009.html)  
or email [latinoconference@uiowa.edu](mailto:latinoconference@uiowa.edu)

# schedule

8:00-9:00	registration	11:55-12:20	sponsor scavenger hunt
8:30-9:30	early-bird networking / workshops	11:30-12:20	adult lunch • johnson wellness center
9:30-10:15	welcome blessing • opening comments	12:30-1:35	workshop 2 (youth depart afterwards)
10:20-10:25	travel time • sponsors	1:35-1:40	travel time
10:25-11:35	workshop 1	1:40-2:45	workshop 3
11:30-11:55	youth lunch • pizza in student center	2:45-3:00	break
		3:00-4:00	workshop 4

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# conference mission

The **Strengthening and Valuing Latino/a Communities in Iowa Conference** is an opportunity to explore the changing demographics and dynamics of the Iowa Latino/a community. The conference also looks at the responsiveness of educators, policy makers, institutions, communities, businesses and organizations to the fastest growing population in Iowa and the U.S. The goal of the conference is to provide opportunities for networking and information sharing about Iowa's population on issues specific to Latino culture and to explore and celebrate their Latin American heritage. Iowans of Latino/a and non-Latino/a origin will be able to choose from a variety of workshops at the institute and conference, and develop new skills for both personal and professional interests. Workshops will be in English, Spanish or both.

There will be five workshop tracks: **Education, Business, Advocacy and Immigration, Health & Arts/Culture**. The conference will include workshops as well as theatre performance and traditional Latin American music & rhythms.

This year the youth summit, serving approximately 200 Latino junior and senior high school students, will be held on the same day as the conference. This is one of the largest gatherings of Latino youth in the state.

Following the conference, there will be a theatre performance and music free to the community, followed by a fund-raising dinner and dance to benefit HOLA Center in Des Moines. More details are on the conference web site or call HOLA Center at 515.299.4652.

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