

**THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL STRANGERS IN NEW HOMELANDS
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2, 2018**

Canad Inns Destination Center Polo Park
Winnipeg, Manitoba

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

- 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM: REGISTRATION
(Lobby Areas in front of TYC Events Center)
MODERATOR/MC: **Nadia Kidway**, CBC Winnipeg
- 5.45 PM – 6.15 PM Light Dinner
- 6.15 PM Welcome: **Dr. Michael Baffoe**, University of Manitoba, Conference Chair
- 6.20 PM: *Topic: Vulnerability of Refugee Claimants on their Perilous Journeys into Canada*
(Personal Stories by former Refugee Claimants into Manitoba)
Seidu Mohamed & Razak Iyal (Introduction by **Margaret Yeboah**)
- 6.30 PM: Entertainment Interlude: MOSAIC Cultural Dancers, led by **Halimah Cassimo**
- 6.45 PM - 7.15 PM: **PANEL DISCUSSIONS:**
Topic: The Vulnerability of Newcomers in Host Societies: The Canadian and American Perspectives?
Prof. Carlos Parra, La Sierra University, USA
Prof. Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba
Dr. Hieu Ngo, University of Calgary
Abdikheir Ahmed, Immigration Partnerships, Winnipeg
- 7.15PM – 7.30PM: *Topic: Influx of Refugees across the US border into Canada Three years on: Any lessons learnt?*
Speaker: Rita Chahal, Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council
- 7.45 PM – 8.15 PM: **YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSIONS**
In their own words: *Personal Migration and Resettlement Experiences of Newcomer Youth in Canada*
Mandela Kuet, African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI)
- 8.20 PM - 8.50 PM: **PANEL DISCUSSIONS:** *Experiences of Immigrant Mothers in New Homelands in the face of Insurmountable Obstacles and Challenges*
- Part 1: Afsana Nodrat: *Striving to succeed in Canada amid challenges with domestic violence and other challenges in Canada*
- Part 2: *Feminist Perspectives Students facilitate small group dialogue on challenges facing newcomer women*
- 8.50 PM - 9.00 PM : Closing Entertainment Segment : **MOSAIC Cultural Dancers**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Opening Session in the Ambassador Room 2 & 3

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1405 St Mathews Street, Winnipeg

8.00 AM - 8.30 AM	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST (Lobby Areas in front of Ambassador Room 2)
8.30 AM	Welcome: Dr. Michael Baffoe , Conference Chair Entertainment Interlude: Hugh John MacDonald School Jazz Welcome Remarks: Hon. Ian Wilshart , Legislative Assistant to Minister for Education & Training, Manitoba Dr. Jay Doering , Associate Vice President (Partnerships), OVPI, University of Manitoba Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy , Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba
9.15 AM	Introduction of Key-Note Speaker By: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Forsberg , Wilfrid Laurier University
9.20 AM	Keynote Speech: Dr. Gillian Creese , University of British Columbia, Vancouver <i>Topic: "As Long as I keep getting asked where I'm from, I'm not from Here": Racialization, Home, and Belonging for Second-Generation Canadians</i>
10.15 - 10.45 AM	Opening Plenary Presentation Presenter: Elder Marlene Gallagher , Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba <i>Topic: Historical and Contemporary Issues surrounding Treaties in Canada</i>
11.00 - 12.00 PM	CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS Ambassador Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4
12.10 - 12.40 PM	LUNCH TYC Event Center, (across from Ambassador Rooms)
12.45 - 2.15 PM	LUNCHEON PANEL PRESENTATION Ambassador Rooms 2 & 3
2.30 - 3.30 PM	CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS Ambassador 1, 2, 3 & 4
3.45 - 4.15 PM	CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS Ambassador 1, 2, 3 & 4

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Opening Session in the Ambassador Room 2 & 3

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- 8.30 AM SECOND DAY PLENARY SPEECH: **Dr. Meb Rashid**
Medical Director of the Crossroads Clinic, Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Topic: Barriers to Health Care for Refugees within current political divide on Refugee Migration
- 9.30 AM PANEL PRESENTATION
Presenters: **Araia Kidane Redae**, Employment Facilitator, Immigrant Centre Manitoba
Success Skills Center

Topic: Newcomer Integration into the Canadian Labour Market: Challenges, Obstacles & Opportunities
- 10.45 AM CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS
Ambassador 1, 2, 3 & 4
- 12.30 PM PANEL PRESENTATION
Presenters: **Blandine Tona**, Sexuality Education Resource Center (SERC)
Krishna Lalbiharie, Noelle DePape, Got Citizenship? Go Vote Campaign

Topic: Engaging Newcomers in the Civic Process
- 1.45 - 3.00 PM CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS
Ambassador 1, 2, 3 & 4

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CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS 11.00 AM – 11.30 AM	
SESSION 1 Ambassador ROOM 2	<p>Presenter: Dr. Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p> <p><i>Black, ethnic migrant & Title IX: Should college professors of ethnic origins in North American educational institutions worry about implicit bias in the era of the #Me-Too Movement?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Michael Baffoe, University of Manitoba</p>
SESSION 2 Ambassador ROOM 1	<p>Presenters: Dr. Bhrarati Sethi, King's College, Western University Dr. Sepali Guruge, Ryerson University Dr. Nimo Bokore, Carleton University</p> <p><i>"The Fear was from the Unknown": Refugee (Re)Settlement in London, Ontario</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Hieu Ngo, University of Calgary</p>
SESSION 3 Ambassador ROOM 4	<p>Presenters: Doreen Rosvold, KCR Community Resources, Kelowna Siham Salhi, KCR Community Resources, Kelowna Anima Anand, KCR Community Resources, Kelowna</p> <p><i>It Takes A Village.....A Story of Refugees' Resiliency and Capacity</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Forsberg, Wilfrid Laurier University</p>
SESSION 4 Ambassador ROOM 3	<p>Presenter: Cathy Rocke, University of Manitoba</p> <p><i>Bridging the Divide between Newcomers and Indigenous Peoples: The Promise and Challenges of Intergroup Dialogue</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marleny Bonnycatle, University of Manitoba</p>
CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS 11.35A.M -12.05 PM	
SESSION 5 Ambassador ROOM 2	<p>Presenters: Quan Nguyen, University of Calgary Yeonjung Lee, University of Calgary Hieu Van Ngo, University of Calgary</p> <p><i>The Perceived Discrimination and Sense of Belonging among youth in Canada</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. David Este, University of Calgary</p>
SESSION 6 Ambassador ROOM 4	<p>Presenter: Marva J. Ferguson, Mount Royal University, Calgary</p> <p><i>Community Service Learning: Engaging the Community: A Reflection on the Integration of Community Service Learning at Mount Royal University</i></p> <p>Moderator: Aklilu Teferi, University of Manitoba</p>
SESSION 7 Ambassador ROOM 3	<p>Presenters: Peter Bush, Westwood Presbyterian Church</p> <p><i>Religious Institutions as Sources of Support and Resilience for Strangers in Canada</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alfred Sahr Koineh, AURORA Family Therapy</p>

<p>Session 8 Ambassador ROOM 4</p>	<p>Presenter: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Forsberg, Wilfrid Laurier University <i>Great Expectations: Perspectives of Young African Immigrant Men Transitioning to the Labour Market</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p>
<p>LUNCHEON PANEL PRESENTATION 12.45 PM – 1.50 PM Room Ambassador 2 & 3</p>	
<p>Title: “Challenges & Opportunities in integrating New Comer Youth in the School System”</p> <p>Presenters: Ted Fransen, Superintendent, Pembina Trails School Division, Winnipeg Troy Scott, Principal, Acadia Junior High School, Winnipeg Geri Harder-Robson, Assistant Superintendent, Hanover School Division, Steinbach, MB Rose Kimani, Intercultural Support Worker, Winnipeg School Division One Paul Kambaja, Educator, Grant Park High School, WSD1</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p>	
<p>CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS: 2.00 PM – 4.15 PM</p>	
<p>2.00 P.M -2.30 PM</p>	
<p>SESSION 9 Ambassador Room 1</p>	<p>Presenter: Dr. Hai Luo, University of Manitoba <i>Refugee experience and gambling in older Chinese-Canadians: A life course analysis</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Don Fuchs, University of Manitoba</p>
<p>SESSION 10 Ambassador Room 2</p>	<p>Presenters: Omar Rivera, State of Connecticut Department of Mental and Addiction Services Yacihuilca Moni, William James College, Connecticut.</p> <p><i>Correlates of Substance Use Among Latino College Students in Connecticut</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Pierre Nzokizwa, Southern Adventist University</p>
<p>SESSION 11 Ambassador Room 3</p>	<p>Presenters: Dr. Consoler Teboh, St. Cloud State University Dr. Sylvester Amara Lamin, St. Cloud State University <i>Strengthening Diversity and Acceptance of Somali/Muslims through Islamic Art-forms: An interface for a Sustainable and Culturally Inclusive United States</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alfred Sahr Koineh, AURORA Family Therapy, University of Winnipeg</p>
<p>SESSION 12 Ambassador Room 4</p>	<p>Presenter: Prof. Carlos Parra, La Sierra University <i>Indigenous, and Indians across National Borders: (Mexi)ifornia</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr, Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p>
<p>2.45 PM – 3.15 PM</p>	
<p>SESSION 13 Ambassador Room 1</p>	<p>Presenters: Naomi Gichungu, Newcomers Employment and Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S.) Adesuwa Ero, Newcomers Employment and Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S.) Levi Labelle, Newcomers Employment and Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S.)</p> <p><i>Newcomer Youth Civic Engagement Project – A Catalyst for Youth-Led Advocacy</i></p> <p>Moderator: David Sullivan, University of Manitoba</p>

SESSION 14 Ambassador Room 2	Presenters: Muhammad Ahsan , Rainbow Resource Centre, Winnipeg & Edmund Machona , Rainbow Resource Centre, Winnipeg <i>Canada: A safer haven for LGBTQ+ refugees and immigrants?</i> Moderator: Muuxi Adam , AURORA Family Therapy
SESSION 15 Ambassador Room 3	Presenter: Traicy Robertson , Society for Manitobans with Disabilities <i>Ethno-Cultural program at the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities: "Navigating the spaces between" - Cultural Brokering in the disability, health and social service sectors.</i> Moderator: Prof. Don Fuchs , University of Manitoba
SESSION 16 Ambassador Room 4	Presenter: Ghezae Hagos Berhe , Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Welcome Place <i>Meeting the Needs of Refugee Claimants in the face of changing challenges</i> Moderator: Omar Abdullahi , ANCR, Winnipeg

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8.30 AM – 9.15 AM SECOND DAY PLENARY SPEECH	
<p>Dr. Meb Rashid, Medical Director of the Crossroads Clinic, Women’s College Hospital, Toronto.</p> <p><i>Topic: Barriers to Health Care for Refugees within current political divide on Refugee Migration</i></p>	

9.30 – 10.30 AM PANEL DISCUSSION	
<p>Topic: <i>Newcomer Integration into the Canadian Labour Market: Challenges, Obstacles & Opportunities</i></p> <p>Presenters: Araia Kidane Redae, Employment Facilitator, Immigrant Centre Manitoba Success Skills Center</p> <p>Moderator: Aklilu Teferi, University of Manitoba</p>	

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10.45 AM – 11.15 AM	
<p>SESSION 17 Ambassador Room 4</p>	<p>Presenter: Verma Meredith, Surrey Schools District, BC</p> <p><i>A Continuum of support: A Surrey Schools response to supporting newcomer families and youth.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Forsberg, Wilfrid Laurier University</p>
<p>SESSION 18 Ambassador Room 3</p>	<p>Presenters: Ned Dean and Elaine Dean</p> <p><i>Becoming Canadians: Two Seniors’ Personal Reflection on Successful Integration</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Hieu Ngo, University of Calgary</p>
<p>SESSION 19 Ambassador Room 2</p>	<p>Presenter: Prof. Pierre Nzokizwa, Southern Adventist University, Tennessee</p> <p><i>Resettled Women in the West: Intergenerational Conflicts, Disruption of Parenting Practices, and Compromised Family Structure and Values.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marleny Munoz Bonnycastle, University of Manitoba</p>
<p>SESSION 20 Ambassador Room 1</p>	<p>Presenters: Nina Condo, Elmwood Community Resource Centre Laureen Barker, Elmwood Community Resource Centre</p> <p><i>Awakening Women: A conversation around domestic violence and trauma-informed practice.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Muuxi Adam, AURORA Family Therapy, University of Winnipeg</p>

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 11.20 AM – 11.50 AM	
SESSION 21 Ambassador Room 1	<p>Presenter: Dr. Olufunke Oba, University of Regina</p> <p><i>From the Tropics to the Prairies: Belonging and Integration Among Blacks in Saskatoon</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Pierre Nzokizwa, Southern Adventist University</p>
SESSION 22 Ambassador Room 2	<p>Presenters: Dr. Ifeyinwa Mbakogu, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>Inclusion or Exclusion: Unpacking the Admission and Retention of Students of African Descent in Social Work Programs</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Michael Baffoe, University of Manitoba</p>
SESSION 23 Ambassador Room 3	<p>Presenter: Marva J. Ferguson, Mount Royal University, Calgary</p> <p><i>"I have to go back home" The Complexity of Caregiving from Afar</i></p> <p>Moderator: Omar Abdullahi, All Nations Family Resource Centre</p>
SESSION 24 Ambassador Room 4	<p>Presenters: Dr. Christine Lwanga, African Canadian Resorce Networ, Saskatoon Dr. Michael Baffoe, University of Manitoba Dr. Oleksandr (Sasha) Kondrashov, Thompson Rivers University</p> <p><i>Addressing the Human, Social and Economic cost of the Intersection of Oppression based on Perceived "Race", Gender and Religious Differences experienced by African Descent Canadians, Immigrants and Refugees in Western Canada</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p>

12.30 PM – 1.30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION
<p>Topic: <i>Engaging Newcomers in the Civic Process</i></p> <p>Presenters: Blandine Tona, <i>Sexuality Education Resource Center (SERC)</i> Krishna Lalbiharie, <i>Got Citizenship? Go Vote Campaign</i></p> <p>Moderator: Abdikheir Ahmed, Immigration Partnerships, Winnipeg</p>

CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS 1.45 PM – 2.15 PM	
SESSION 25 Ambassador Room 4	<p>Presenters: Dr. Hieu Van Ngo , University of Calgary & Kelli Stevens, University of Calgary</p> <p><i>Identity-Based Wraparound Intervention: Results, Insights and Implications</i></p> <p>Moderator: Judy Williams, Community Development Branch, Municipal Relations, Province of Manitoba</p>
SESSION 26 Ambassador Room 2	<p>Presenter: Dr. Consoler Teboh, St Cloud State University</p> <p><i>Push Factor Migration: A Pictorial Narrative of the Cameroons in the last 57 Years</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Buster Ogbuagu, University of St. Francis</p>
SESSION 27 Ambassador Room 3	<p>Presenter: Maysoun Darweesh – Volunteer Matching Program, Specialist at MIIC – Welcome Place</p> <p><i>Volunteer Matching Program as the most friendly way to welcome refugees into community</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Stacey Wilson-Forsberg, Wilfrid Laurier University</p>
CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS 2.30 PM – 3.00 PM	
Session 28 Ambassador Room 4	<p>Presenter: Ahmed Farid, Helwan University & Samir Mohamed, Helwan University, Egypt</p> <p><i>Xenophobia and its implications for refugee policies: a Cross-National Collaborative study</i></p> <p>Moderator: Abdikheir Ahmed, Immigration Partnerships, Winnipeg</p>
SESSION 29 Ambassador Room 1	<p>Presenter: Lydia Ouma Radoli, Brandenburg University of Technology-Cottbus Seftenberg, Germany</p> <p><i>Resisting Stereotypes: “Migration Crisis” and the Representation of Migrants in Diasporic Media</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Carlos Para, La Sierra University</p>
SESSION 30 Ambassador Room 3	<p>Presenter: Dr. Oleksandr (Sasha) Kondrashov, Thompson Rivers University</p> <p><i>Welcome to Kamloops” Course: Social Work Educator’s Contribution in Connecting Newcomers to Local Community Resources.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Aklilu Teferi, University of Manitoba</p>