

IMMIGRATION 2013

**Sunday
March 17
2:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.
At Good Shepherd Soul Cafe
A Safe Place for a Public Conversation**

**A Public Conversation on Healing our Immigration System.
Show up. Listen. Learn. Practice being a good neighbor.**

Sunday March 17 2:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.

At Good Shepherd Church

7420 Fourth Avenue

{R Train to 77th St. And 2 blocks back to 75th St.(Bay Ridge Parkway) on 4th}

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Alan A. Aja, Ph.D

Brooklyn College Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies.

(simultaneous translation in Spanish & Mandarin)

In Collaboration with the Christian Faith Communities of:

Good Shepherd Lutheran (Bay Ridge Parkway and 4th Ave)

Trinity Lutheran 46th Street and 4th Avenue,

St. Jacobi Lutheran (54th St. and 4th Ave.)

Fourth Avenue United Methodist (28th Street and 4th Ave.)

Bay Ridge Methodist (Bay Ridge Parkway and 4th Ave.)

New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City

And

Bay Ridge Interfaith Peace Coalition {Bay Ridge Parkway and 4th Ave.}

Dr. Alan Aja will separate assumption from fact embedded in the preliminary blueprints of immigration reform. Issues involving immigrant identity, language acquisition, economic integration, religious participation, educational attainment and other factors will be discussed. He will lead the group in a fun and informative brief "quiz" on immigration history.

Immigration 2013

A Blueprint of Immigration Reform

Alan A. Aja, Ph.D. is an assistant professor and deputy chair in the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at Brooklyn College (CUNY). Aja has published in a variety of scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers and has appeared on local and national media programs on issues of race, politics and immigration. Before academia, Aja worked as a labor organizer with the Texas State Employees Union, as an environmental education researcher in Cuba, a human rights organizer with Amnesty International-Argentina and a participation coordinator at a refugee hostel in London. Aja lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his wife and 5-year old son. While he grew up in Louisville, Kentucky and Miami, Florida, he considers Brooklyn "home" and is an avid Brooklyn Nets fan.