

# THE WELCOME PROJECT AND TUFTS UNIVERSITY

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**OUR IMMIGRANT CITY** Nearly a third of Somerville residents were born outside of the United States. Who are we in this immigrant city? What dreams and aspirations brought us here? How did we cope in a new community and in a new country? What brings us together—what pulls us apart—across generations of immigrants?

Hear the stories of over 30 people of immigrant heritage in Somerville—from those whose families arrived generations ago, to recent immigrants from around the world. Through stories, photos, art and artifacts, *Immigrant City: Then and Now* explores Somerville's immigrant roots and the lives of today's newest residents. Participate in this creative and eclectic celebration of our immigrant city.

AT THE

**SLATER CONCOURSE GALLERY, AIDEKMAN ARTS CENTER, TUFTS UNIVERSITY** **NOV. 1 — DEC. 31**

# Immigrant City Then and Now

## PROGRAMS

- **THURSDAY, NOV. 6** Opening Reception, 5:30–8:30 pm
- **THURSDAY, NOV. 13** Educator Workshop: Incorporating Immigration into the Classroom, 3:15–5:45 pm
- **TUESDAY, NOV. 18** Teacher/Student Workshop: Incorporating Immigration into the Classroom



[www.welcomeproject.org](http://www.welcomeproject.org)

The Welcome Project, housed at the Mystic Public Housing Development in Somerville, builds a stronger city-wide community in Somerville by diminishing racism and empowering refugee and immigrant communities. We create opportunities for residents of all backgrounds to work together to improve their social, economic and personal well-being.

The Welcome Project is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. We appreciate your tax deductible donations to support our Youth Aspirations Program, adult English classes, and advocacy with Somerville's immigrant community. For more information visit: [www.welcomeproject.org](http://www.welcomeproject.org).

**“The city has always been a gateway city, immigrants coming here forever.”**  
—Victor Docouto

**“Being an immigrant is like being a ghost.”**  
—Javier X

**“When I first moved to Somerville, there were no immigrants but me... Now things are different, now everyone is an immigrant.”**  
—Hubble Affonso

**“Turkey dinner you discussed, meatloaf you discussed but never calamari.”**  
—Evelyn Battinelli

**“Once you are an immigrant, people will always see you differently.”**  
—Cecil Fitzgerald Adjetej



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AIDEKMAN ARTS CENTER, AND TISCH COLLEGE OF  
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## Special Events

**OPENING RECEPTION THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 5:30—8:30PM** for Immigrant City: Then and Now Exhibition. Explore the exhibit as it opens to the public. Enjoy international cuisine from local family-owned restaurants together with Somerville artists, narrators, authors, Tufts faculty, and Welcome Project staff and board. This event features the premiere of short new digital stories produced by Somerville youth from immigrant families. Location: Slater Concourse Gallery, Aidekman Arts Center, 40R Talbot Avenue, Medford. Show details at [www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery)

**EDUCATOR WORKSHOP: INCORPORATING IMMIGRATION INTO THE CLASSROOM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 3:15-5:45PM.** This workshop is designed for educators interested in using the materials from Immigrant City in the classroom. You will learn about and have access to innovative curriculum materials developed from the Immigrant City exhibit. Location: Remis Sculpture Court, Aidekman Arts Center, 40R Talbot Avenue, Medford. This event is free and open to the public. Due to space limitations pre-registration is required. For information or to pre-register, please contact [Jennifer.Burtner@tufts.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Burtner@tufts.edu) or [warren@welcomeproject.org](mailto:warren@welcomeproject.org)

**TEACHER/STUDENT WORKSHOP: INCORPORATING IMMIGRATION INTO THE CLASSROOM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH** In this workshop, a select group of Somerville Public School teachers and 8th grade students will be given the opportunity to learn more about immigration through videos, artwork, and various interactive lessons, all based on personal accounts of immigrant experiences from Somerville residents. Location: Remis Sculpture Court, Aidekman Arts Center, 40R Talbot Avenue. This workshop has already been filled.

## Directions to the Slater Concourse Gallery

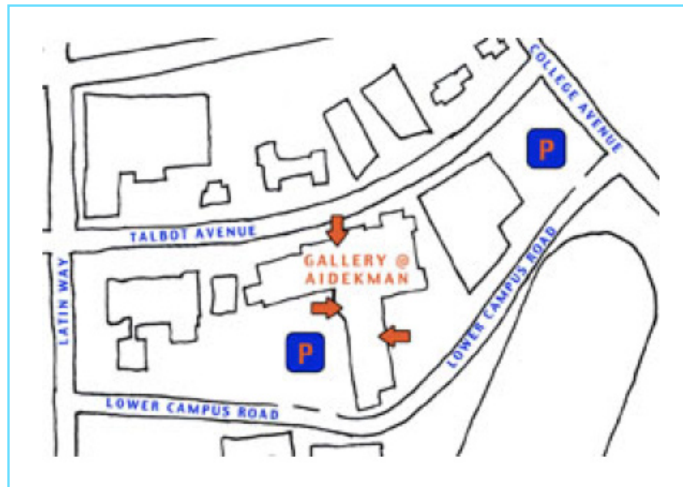
### DIRECTIONS

The Tufts University Art Gallery is located in the Aidekman Arts Center on Talbot Avenue on the Tufts University Campus in Medford, MA. For detailed directions visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/gallery/info/directions.html>

### PARKING

Free daytime visitor parking is available in the two parking lots off lower campus road. Parking passes must be obtained at the front desk of the Art Gallery and displayed on your dashboard.

Free event parking is available without a pass in the lots around the Aidekman Arts Center off Lower Campus Road: Jackson lot, Music Center lot, Talbot Avenue.



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