Coming to America:
Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration

University of Southern Maine * April 30, 2010 * 8 am – 3:30 pm

A Continental Breakfast will be available at 8 am

8:30 – 9:30 am	*The Making of Multicultural America* Professor Edward O'Donnell, College of the Holy Cross
9:30 - 10:30 am	*Justice and Identity: The Ethics of Immigration* Professor Greg Fahy, University of Maine at Augusta
10:30 - 11:30 am	*High School and College Students Discuss their Immigrant Experiences: A Panel discussion,* Facilitated by Priya Natarajan, Deering High School
11:35 am – 12:20 pm	Breakout sessions a. *Beyond Genealogy: The Challenges and Rewards of Researching and Writing Family History*, Joseph Conforti b. *Immigrant Perceptions and Perceptions of Immigrants in Literature,* Greg Fahy c. *Immigrant Autobiographies: A Look at Primary Sources*, Edward O'Donnell d. *Many Eyes, Many Voices: Maine Humanities Council's Literature-based curriculum for Early Childhood Educators*, Denise Pendleton e. Screening and Discussion of 1920's video *The Making of An American*, Facilitated by Eileen Eagan (This showing will be geared towards student attendees. The afternoon showing will be for a general audience) f. *The Facts and Myths of Refugee Resettlement and Services in Maine Today*, Arian Giantris, Catholic Charities of Maine and Regina Phillips, City of Portland
12:20 – 1 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:55 pm	*American Immigration: New England Exceptionalism?* Professor Joseph Conforti, University of Southern Maine
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Breakout sessions a. *Beyond Genealogy: The Challenges and Rewards of Researching and Writing Family History*, Joseph Conforti b. *Immigrant Perceptions and Perceptions of Immigrants in Literature,* Greg Fahy c. Screening and Discussion of 1920's video *The Making of An American*, Facilitated by Eileen Eagan (For general audience) d. *The Facts and Myths of Refugee Resettlement and Services in Maine Today*, Arian Giantris, Catholic Charities of Maine and Regina Phillips, City of Portland e. *An Ongoing Discussion with Student Panelists,* Facilitated by Priya Natarajan
3 – 3:30 pm	Final panel discussion with presenters