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## PANEL DISCUSSION AT SHELDON ART GALLERIES WILL EXPLORE IMMIGRATION IN ST. LOUIS

- Event:** “The History of Immigration in St. Louis” Panel Discussion  
led by Anna Crosslin, CEO of the International Institute
- When:** Tuesday, November 27 at 6 p.m.
- Where:** Sheldon Art Galleries, Gallery of Photography
- Tickets:** Admission free, but reservations suggested. Call Paula Lincoln at 314-533-9900 x 37 or email [plincolln@TheSheldon.org](mailto:plincolln@TheSheldon.org) to reserve your seat.

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon Art Galleries presents a panel discussion in conjunction with its fall exhibitions focusing on immigration. Anna Crosslin, president and CEO of the International Institute, will lead a discussion about St. Louis’ evolving immigrant landscape and immigrants will share their stories.

In 1850, St. Louis was the eighth largest U.S. city, with a population that was 50% foreign-born. German and Irish immigrants were among the largest communities. Today, the St. Louis region is 21st in size and the foreign-born population is less than 5%. The city’s immigrant communities now boast hundreds of ethnicities and countries represented, with Mexican, Chinese and Bosnian groups among the largest. This discussion will explore how our changing immigrant representation has led to a rich tapestry of arts and culture in St. Louis.

For more information, call The Sheldon during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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