

# Symposium on Immigration and Alternative Healing Systems

**November 3, 2005, New York City.**

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**The Immigration and Health Initiative (IAHI)** at Hunter College is pleased to announce a **Symposium on Immigration and Alternative Healing Systems**.

The event will take place at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Skylight Lounge on **November 3, 2005 from 5 to 7 PM**. A wine and food reception will follow.

The symposium will gather experts in the field of urban health and in immigration and alternative healing practices who will present data on immigrants' access and utilization of diverse healing systems in the US.

Members of the IAHI team will highlight the study results on the healing beliefs and practices of Latino folk healers who treat Latino immigrants in NYC, many of whom work at botánicas (ethnic religious-healing stores). A slide show will display the research activities conducted by the Immigration and Health Initiative Team.

Join us in our effort to welcome our distinguished list of guests and to commemorate the IAHI's first year of multi-level activities aimed at

developing expertise, research, and teaching in the field of immigration and alternative healing systems in the US.

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## **Program**

### **Opening Remarks:**

Dr. Laurie Sherwen, Dean Schools of the Health Professions, Hunter College, CUNY

Dr. Nicholas Freudenberg, Distinguished Professor, Urban Public Health Program, Hunter College, CUNY

### **Presenters:**

**Dr. Ina Vandebroek**, Institute of Economic Botany, New York Botanical Garden

*“Knowledge and use of medicinal plants by Dominicans in New York City”*

**Dr. Anahí Viladrich**, Immigration and Health Initiative, Urban Public Health Program, Hunter College, CUNY

*“Botánicas in America’s Backyard: Revealing the World of Latino Immigrants’ Folk Healing Practices in NYC”*

### **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sana Loue,**

Department of Bioethics, Case Western University; Editor of the Journal of Immigrant Health *“Healing Strategies among Immigrant Communities: Trends in the Literature”*