

## Speaker Series Information

The Information for Personal Empowerment Speaker Series is designed to introduce students to the resources and

information they need to live healthy and productive lives in the United States.

Presentations are given on **Thursdays** throughout the ESL semester at times that do not interfere with classes:

**10:30–11 AM** for morning students

**7:00–7:30 PM**

for 7:30-class students

**7:30–8 PM**

for 6:00-class students

Please note that speakers will be presenting at all three available presentation times unless otherwise noted.

For more information, or to become a speaker in the series, contact Brooke Hammond Pérez at 703-534-9805 x251

Hogar Immigrant Services

Fall 2011 Speaker Series

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## Featured Speakers Fall 2011—IPE Series

### August 25th

**Housing Rights** with Rhonda Perkins

**Legal Aid Justice Center** will talk about the rights and responsibilities each tenant has in the state of

Virginia. Rhonda Perkins will also address actions you can take in the event your rights are ever violated by your housing agency or landlord.

### September 1st

**Obtaining U.S. Citizenship** with Krupskaya Elliott

**Hogar Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities** will explain what makes one eligible for U.S. citizenship and the basic requirements needed to obtain U.S. citizenship. Krupskaya Elliott will also discuss the process one must go through to get one's citizenship in the United States. Information on Hogar's naturalization workshops will also be provided.

**\*\*If you attend 5 or more presentations, you will receive a \$10 discount on next semester's registration!**

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### September 8th

**The Steps to Becoming a First-Time Homebuyer** with Alina Cabrejas

Do you want to buy your first home? **The Hispanic Committee of Virginia (HCVA)** will present on the what steps you need to take to buy your first home, the importance of building up your credit, and how to avoid foreclosures.

### September 15th

**Know Your Rights** with Daniel Quinn

**Hogar Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities** will explain the civil rights that every person present in this country has,

regardless of his or her immigration status. Learn what to do if you are confronted by the police, if Immigration comes to your house or workplace, or if you or a friend becomes detained or deported. Receive advice about how to prepare an emergency plan for your family.

### September 22nd

**Understanding Car Insurance and What to Do in an Automobile Accident**

**Stein Sperling Attorneys at Law** will present on the differences between car insurance policies and what policy is best for you. Feel free to bring in your car insurance policy and claims and receive professional advice! Information on what to do in the event of an automobile accident will also be addressed.

### September 29th

**An Orientation to the Fairfax County Public School System** with Claudia Thomas and Christina Hannon

**Fairfax County Public Schools** will present an overview of the public school system and what to expect when your child is in school in Fairfax County. The process of how to enroll your child in the public school system will also be addressed.

### October 6th

**Low-Cost Health Care and Medicare Options** with Marietha Mayen

Marietha Mayen, from the **Arlington Free Clinic**, will present on low-cost health care options available in the area. The Medicare system and eligibility and enrollment requirements will also be addressed. Come learn about how to access affordable health care in the United States.

### October 13th

**Energy Efficiency** with Lily Whitesell

Are you currently cautious about saving energy and electricity? Did you know that besides just saving the environment, being energy efficient can also save you a lot of money? Come hear **Fairfax County's Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District** present on the positive effects energy efficiency has on the environment, as well as on your wallet!

