

South Asian Summit 2011

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is the South Asian Summit?

The South Asian Summit is hosted by [South Asian Americans Leading Together \(SAALT\)](#) and the South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) at the [Washington College of Law](#), American University, as part of the Founders' Day celebration. The Summit is an opportunity for organizational leaders and community members to: **engage** with policymakers and government agencies; **participate** in a learning environment; **discuss** emerging issues in the South Asian community and the country as a whole; and, **strategize** to achieve best practices, discuss collective solutions and agree to common principles using a progressive, social justice framework.

2) Who can attend the South Asian Summit 2011?

Anyone with an interest in:

- Understanding and addressing issues affecting South Asian and immigrant communities in the United States, and identifying strategies and solutions
- Learning skills to advance individual and community-based advocacy
- Connecting with activists, advocates, community leaders, students and young professionals committed to promoting social change

We encourage students, advocates, professionals, non-profit staff members, lawyers, and all community members to attend the Summit.

3) How can I register?

You can register for the Summit [online](#), or by faxing or mailing us a registration form available [here](#). Email summit@saalt.org if you have questions.

4) What is the registration fee?

The Summit registration fee is **nonrefundable**. Rates are as follows:

- **Free** for Washington College of Law students, faculty, alumni, and affiliates (WCL affiliates can register [here](#))
- **Free** for two representatives of members of the National Coalition of South Asian Organizations
- **\$110** for non-members (includes one individual SAALT membership)
- **\$75** for SAALT dues-paying members
- **\$40** for students, retirees and Americorps volunteers (includes one individual SAALT membership)

SAALT would like this to be an inclusive event. If you have concerns about paying the registration fee, please contact us at summit@saalt.org.

5) How can I pay?

There are a two ways to make payments:

- *Online* (via credit card or e-check): Visit <http://bit.ly/SASummit2011>
- *By check*:
 - Please make your check payable to “SAALT”
 - In the Memo line, please print: “Summit Registration”
 - If you have access, please print out and fill the [registration form](#) and mail it with your check. If you do not have access to the [form](#), please write your contact information (phone number) on top of the check, so that SAALT can contact you to fill out the registration form. *Filling out the registration form is mandatory for participation in the conference*
 - Mail your check (and registration form, if possible) to SAALT, 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 506, Takoma Park, MD 20912

PLEASE NOTE: Registration form and payment must be **received by March 4, 2011** to secure your space. If spaces fill up before this time we will close registration and notify you.

6) What is included in the registration fee?

Your **nonrefundable** fee includes registration, conference materials and complimentary invitation to the ChangeMakers reception in the evening on Friday, April 1, 2011. It will also include activities and meals on Saturday, April 2, 2011 (breakfast and lunch), Sunday, April 3, 2011 (breakfast and lunch) and Monday, April 4, 2011 (breakfast and lunch).

*The fee does **NOT** include airfare/transportation, hotel accommodations, or extra meals.*

7) How do I know if I am a SAALT Member?

SAALT has dues-paying members around the country. If you renewed your membership from January 2010 until present, then you ARE a current SAALT Member. If you are unsure about your membership status, please email Chitra Panjabi at summit@saalt.org, or call 301 270 1855, before you complete your payment for the Summit.

8) What is the Summit schedule?

Below is a tentative agenda, locations will be determined soon. Please check <http://bit.ly/SASummit2011> frequently for updates.

Friday, April 1, 2011

6:30pm – 9:00pm: *ChangeMakers* Reception (*location TBD*)

Saturday, April 2, 2011

9:00am – 6:00pm: Discussions and workshops about issues affecting the South Asian community and skills-building trainings (*location: American University, Washington College of Law – 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW*)

Sunday, April 3, 2011

9:30pm – 2:00pm: Government Agency Roundtables, followed by discussions and workshops about issues affecting the South Asian community and skills-building trainings (*location: American University, Washington College of Law – 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW*)

Monday, April 4, 2011

10:00am – 12:00pm: Hearing at the Capitol from South Asian community members, about their perspective and experience in the 10-years since September 11.

2:00pm – 5:30pm: Briefings with Congressional staffers and Administration officials; meetings with Congressional offices (*location: Capitol Hill, Washington DC*)

9) Are all of the events accessible by public transportation?

Yes.

10) What do I need to bring?

More information will be provided as the Summit approaches.

Dress Code: For most days, the dress code is casual. However, we request that you dress business casual for Advocacy Day (April 4, 2011). Please bring comfortable shoes on that day as there may be a lot of walking to get to meetings. Please note that the weather is quite unpredictable – a light jacket and umbrella may be necessary.