



DePaul
Migration
Collaborative

Cities and Migration: Plans, Policies and Action

2024 SYMPOSIUM

Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the DePaul Migration Collaborative's (DMC) second annual convening Cities and Migration: Plans, Policies and Action.

Since our last convening in 2022, over 69,000 new migrants have arrived in Illinois including two thousand Afghans, over twenty-five thousand Ukrainians and thirty-five thousand individuals who arrived from the southwest border. Chicago is a city in the front lines of welcoming and resettling new arrivals. In Chicago, city government has made immigration and refugees a vital cornerstone of their mission.

While Illinois has historically drawn many migrants, it shares that feature with other states including Florida, Texas, California, New York, Michigan and Ohio. One distinction it holds from other states is Illinois' and more specifically Chicago's welcoming policies. While it is tempting to consider the situation and response from our view in Chicago as unique, we need to put our efforts onto perspective.

Worldwide, the number of internally displaced persons is at an all-time high of 71 million. Most of the world's displaced persons live in a small number of countries with far fewer resources.

Today's conference provides us with an opportunity to take stock of our efforts so far and look ahead to what still remains to be done. We hope that the conference will encourage an exchange of ideas that addresses both the challenges and complexity of the growing phenomena of migration. There is an increasing need to examine and plan for responses which address different aspects of the human condition-- shelter, work, education, health, protection-- and to recognize the intersectionality of these factors.

Today's conference allows us to convene speakers with wide and varied expertise in labor, organizing, finances, data and research, health, housing, youth, education, law and policy, to consider what approaches have worked in the past and consider innovative frameworks that can lead to improved outcomes in the future.

The conference we have assembled today would not be possible without the contributions of the Julian Grace Foundation and Schreiber Philanthropy, the hard work and determination of DMC staff Jill Nyhof-Rodriguez and Dominique Cressler, the DMC steering committee and the generosity of our moderators and speakers who have leant their time and talents to help us grapple with very difficult and important issues of migration.

Once again, we welcome you to the 2024 DMC conference. We hope you walk away with new insights and opportunities for future collaboration.

Sincerely

Sioban Albiol and Shailja Sharma

Co-directors, DePaul Migration Collaborative

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DePaul Migration Collaborative

Who We Are

The DePaul Migration Collaborative engages scholars, practitioners, students and alumni to find solutions to society's most pressing problems in the areas of migration, mobility and human rights. The Collaborative leverages the power of interdisciplinary scholarly collaboration to pursue dynamic, community-engaged projects, advocacy and research, while establishing innovative learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students who will become the field's next generation of leaders and problem-solvers.

These efforts will allow the Collaborative to advocate for and contribute to better public policy, stronger communities and a more just society.

The DePaul Migration Collaborative and DePaul University are grateful to Schreiber Philanthropies and the Julian Grace Foundation for their partnership and generosity.

This symposium offers CLE credit. In partnership with the Department of Social Work, this symposium is also providing CEU Credit.

OUR PROGRAMS



DePaul Migration Advocates

The DePaul Migration Advocates, a collaboration between the Colleges of Law (CoL) and Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS), highlights DePaul's legacy as an immigrant-serving institution through the work and impact of its alumni in migration, immigration, and human rights.



Community Capacity Project

The DMC's Community Capacity Inventory, an interdisciplinary project from March to December 2022, assessed Chicago community organizations' assets and needs. Led by Prof. Chris Tirres, Dr. Olya Glantsman, and graduate students, they engaged with 18 organizations, culminating in a report outlining potential collaboration areas including mental health support, student involvement, collaborative space, and addressing language and legal needs.



Solutions Lab

The DMC Solutions lab is an ongoing project run by the DMC. The Solutions Lab supports interdisciplinary, community-engaged research projects aimed at directly addressing key challenges facing migrants in the United States and across the world. Successful projects will address critical areas of need as collaboratively identified by the scholars and community partner(s) on the project.



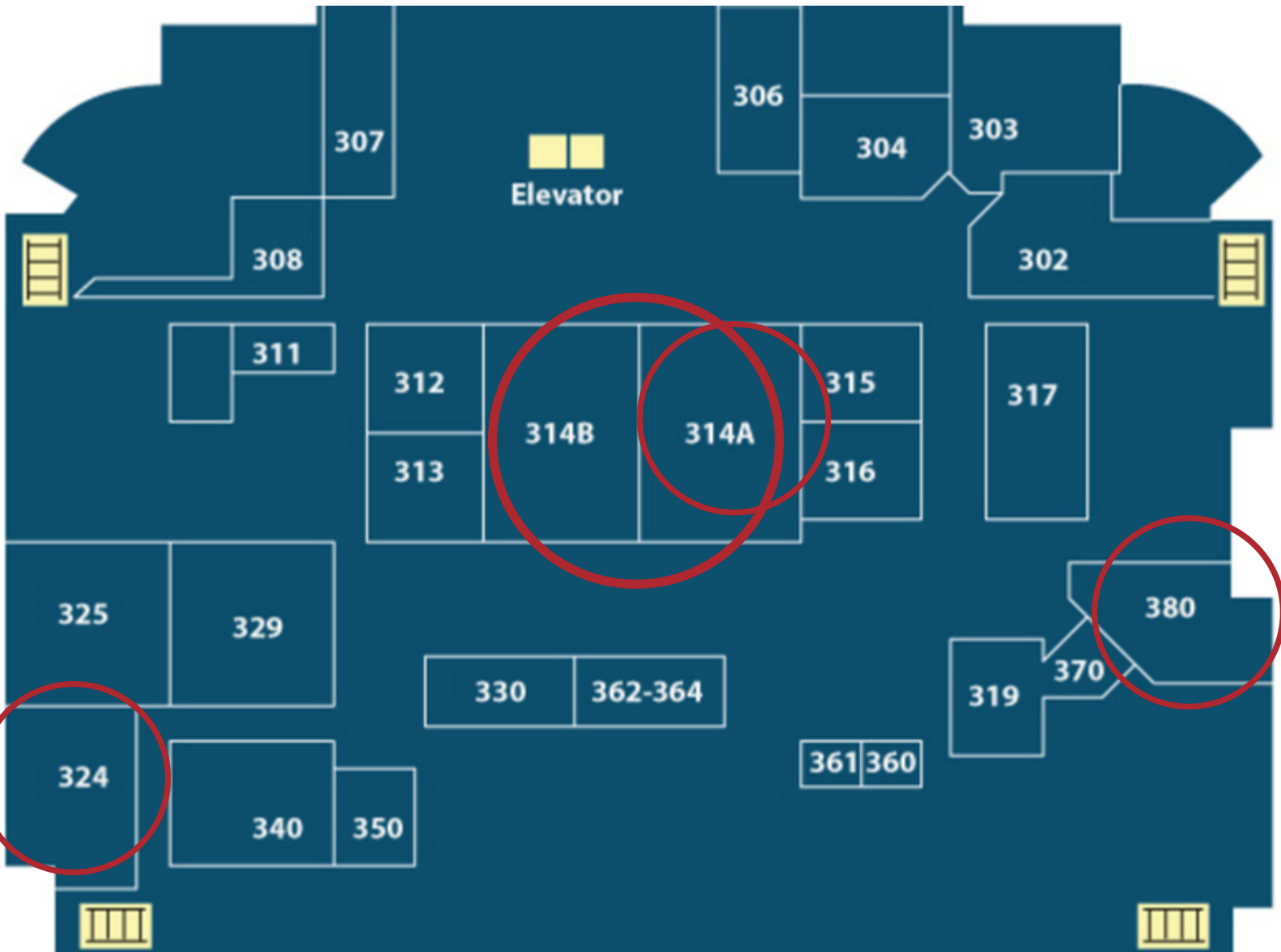
Practitioner in Residence

The Practitioner in Residence (PIR) invites experts on migration and human rights to collaborate, address challenges, and inform policies. The residency is 3-6 months and promotes practical action. Practitioners address contemporary challenges that migrants and those supporting them face with sustainable action and research.

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SYMPOSIUM 2024

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FRIDAY
11 APRIL



TIME
08:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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DePaul University, Lincoln Park
Student Center 314A/B

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AGENDA

8:00 am

Check-in and Breakfast

8:30 am

Welcoming Remarks by Dean,
Jennifer Rosato Perea and
Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco.

9:00 - 10:00 am

Opening Plenary by Jennifer
Chacón

10:15 - 11:45 am (Morning Panels)

- Labor & Mobility: Migrant Labor, Economics, Innovation, Remittances, and Worker's Rights (314)
- Numbers Matter: Getting Data Right (380)
- Models of Care: Mental and Physical Health and Migration (324)

12:00 - 1:20 pm

Lunch and Plenary Address by
Beatriz Ponce De León

1:35 - 3:00 pm (Afternoon Panels)

- Whose Space is it, Anyway?: Challenges in Housing & Shelter (314)
- Youth and Access to Education (380)
- Temporary Solutions for Intractable Issues (324)

3:15 - 4:15 pm

Closing Plenary Panel by Emily
Wheeler, Bitta Mostofi, Kristin
Bronson and Craig Mousin

Reception

4:15 - 5:00 pm



MORNING PLENARY

Jennifer Chacón



Jennifer M. Chacón is the Bruce Tyson Mitchell Professor of Law at Stanford Law School. Her research focuses on the nexus of immigration law, constitutional law, and criminal law and procedure. She is a co-author of the recently published *Legal Phantoms: Executive Action and The Haunting Failures of Immigration Law* (Stanford University Press 2024) which traces the impact of shifting immigration policies on immigrant communities and organizations in Southern California from 2012 through 2022. She is also a co-author on the immigration law textbook *Immigration Law and Social Justice*, now in its second edition.

She has written numerous articles, book chapters, and essays exploring how legal frameworks on immigration and law enforcement shape individual and collective understandings of racial and ethnic identity, citizenship, civic engagement, and social belonging. Her research has been funded by the Russell Sage Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the University of California.

Professor Chacón is a past Chair of the American Association of Law School's Section on Immigration, and of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Rules Committee. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF). She served on the ABF Board of Directors, and serves on the board of the National Immigration Law Center. She has served on the Advisory Board of the ABF's "Future of Latinos in the U.S." project, the Advisory Group for the University of Oxford Border Criminologies network, and the Advisory Board of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association.

Professor Chacón was previously an associate at Davis Polk and Wardwell, and a law clerk for the Honorable Sidney R. Thomas of the Ninth Circuit. Prior to joining the Stanford faculty, she held appointments as a Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, the UCLA School of Law, and the UC Davis King Hall School of Law, and as a Chancellor's Professor of Law and Senior Associate Dean for Administration at the University of California, Irvine, School of Law. She holds a J.D. from Yale Law School and an A.B. in International Relations from Stanford University.

MORNING PANEL

“ Labor & Mobility: Migrant Labor, Economics, Innovation, Remittances, and Worker’s Rights ”



Dr. Lamont Black

Director, Doctorate in Business Administration and Keeley Center, Associate Professor, DMC Solutions Lab Research Grantee, DePaul University



Christian Arizmendi

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Illinois Attorney General's Workplace Rights Bureau



Jorge Mújica

Strategic Campaigns Organizer, Arise Chicago



Dr. Shailja Sharma-Moderator

Chair of the International Studies Department at DePaul and the founding Director of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program, DMC Director & Founder

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MORNING PANEL

“Numbers Matter: Getting Data Right ”



Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy
*Social Scientist and Country
Conditions Expert, Fullbright
Scholar, DMC Practitioner in
Residence*



Pooja Ravindran
*Chief of Staff, City of
Chicago Committee for
Immigrant and Refugee
Rights*



Rob Paral
*Demographic and Public
Policy Consultant, DMC
Practitioner in Residence*



Dr. Tracey Lewis-Elligan: Moderator
*Associate Professor, Associate Interim Dean
for Research and Graduate Programs in the
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences,
DePaul University*

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MORNING PANEL

“ Models of Care: Mental and Physical Health and Migration”



Dr. Aimee Hilado

*Clinical Social Worker,
Assistant Professor Crown
Family School of Social
Work, Policy, and Practice,
University of Chicago*



Dr. Minal Giri

*Pediatrician, Founder and Chair at
Refugee Immigrant Child Health
Initiative at the IL Chapter,
American Academy of Pediatrics
Founder and Co-Chair of Midwest
Human Rights Consortium*



Malena Luzuriaga

*National Community
Engagement Manager, Home
Study & Post Release
Services program at Heartland
Human Care Services*



Veronica Saldaña

*Volunteer Coordinator,
Pilsen Food Pantry*



Dr. Maria Ferrera: Moderator

*Associate Professor, Department
of Social Work, DePaul University
and Co-Director of the Center
for Community Health Equity
(CCHE), Co-founder and Executive
Director of the Coalition for
Immigrant Menal Health.*

LUNCH PLENARY

Beatriz Ponce de León



Beatriz Ponce de León serves as Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights (IMRR) for the City of Chicago. As the first person to hold this newly created position, Ms. Ponce de León works with the IMRR team to advocate for and to promote the advancement and integration of immigrant, migrants and refugees into the life and vitality of communities across Chicago.

Born and raised in Chicago, Beatriz Ponce de León is the eldest daughter of immigrants from Michoacán, México. Growing up in a working class neighborhood, she often saw her parents connect family members and neighbors to helpful people or resources. This inspired Beatriz to dedicate her career to working for the public good, expanding opportunities and resources that improve quality of life for individuals and strengthen our communities.

For over 30 years, Beatriz has advocated for and helped create policies and programs that promote equity and racial justice and address the marginalization of people of color and low-income communities. She has built multi-sector coalitions, led community and organizational planning processes, implemented communications campaigns, operationalized new initiatives and authored or contributed to numerous action plans and reports. These include “Language Education: Preparing Chicago’s Public School Students for a Global Community” as Director of the Bilingual Education and World Language Initiative for the Chicago Public Schools, “Strong Neighborhood High Schools for a Stronger Chicago” as executive director of the Generation All initiative at The Chicago Community Trust, “A Shared Future: The Economic Engagement of Greater Chicago and its Mexican Community” for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and several quality of life community plans for the LISC New Communities initiative.

For much of her career, Beatriz worked as a consultant in the public sector. This provided opportunities to develop expertise on a wide range of issues including immigrant rights and integration, education equity, bilingual education and language diversity, adolescent rights, health care access, voter engagement, and community development.

Most recently, Beatriz worked for the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) where she held several roles including Assistant Director of the Division of Family and Community Services and Chief of Staff for the Division of Mental Health.

Beatriz has always aimed to engage the people most impacted by a new program or policy in the decision-making and has an especially strong commitment to partnering with young people and their allies in creating the opportunities and resources youth need to thrive.

AFTERNOON PANEL

“ Whose Space is it, anyway?: Challenges in Housing & Shelter ”



Johannes Favi

Deputy Executive Director at Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants and Fellow at the Civic Leadership Academy at the University of Chicago



Charlotte Long

Housing Specialist, Sanctuary Working Group of Wellington UCC, Interfaith Chaplain, Rush Hospital



Lydia Stazen

Executive Director Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness, DePaul University, Editorial Board Member of the International Journal on Homelessness



Dr. Ramya Ramanath: Moderator

Associate Professor & Chair of International Public Service, DMC Depaul University

AFTERNOON PANEL

“ Youth and Access to Education ”



Raia Stoicheva

*Managing Attorney
The Young Center for
Immigrant Children's
Rights*



Heather Yutzy

*Co-Principal
Haugan Elementary
School*



Lien Tran: Moderator
*Assistant Professor and Director
of Matters at Play lab, DMC
Advisory Council Member,
DePaul University*



Anna Cirilli

*Principal
St. Nicholas
Cathedral School,
Ukrainian Village*



Dr. Kate Cooper

*Assistant Professor,
DMC Solutions Lab
Grantee, DePaul
University*

AFTERNOON PANEL

“ Temporary Solutions for Intractable Issues ”



Daniel Morales

*Associate Professor of Law;
Dwight Olds Chair
University of Houston Law
Center*



Elissa Steglich

*Clinical Professor and
Co-Director, Immigration Clinic
University of Texas at Austin,
School of Law*



James R. Fujimoto: Moderator

*Clinical Adjunct Instructor & Senior
Practitioner in Residence, Asylum &
Immigration Law Clinic,
DePaul University*

CLOSING PLENARY



Kristin Bronson

*Executive Director of the Colorado
Lawyers Committee (CLC)
Civic leader, Community Advocate
and Trial Attorney*



Bitta Mostofi

*Senior Advisor for United States
Citizenship and Immigration Services*



Emily Wheeler

*Program Manager,
Faith Community Initiative*



Craig Mousin: Moderator

*Ombudsperson, Refugee and Forced
Migration Studies, Grace School of Applied
Diplomacy, DMC Co-Founder, DePaul
University, Associate Pastor for Immigrant
Justice*

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