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Monthly Newsletter

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.

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Events

May Solutions Lab Series

Wednesday May 15, 2024 *New Refugee Categories, New Tactics* with Dr. Kathleen Arnold

Solutions Lab-Grantee, Dr. Arnold's project focuses on creating country conditions reports on Latin America, Africa, and Afghanistan that will serve vulnerable populations seeking refuge. Hear how her and her student team partnered with the Resurrection Project to make an impact on asylum cases in the US.

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Monday May 20, 2024 *Building Resilient Programs to Serve Refugees* with Dr. Kate Cooper

Solutions Lab-Grantee, Dr. Cooper's project focuses on building a resilient volunteer tutor program that serves refugees. Her research focuses on the impact of volunteer fatigue on non-profits and the necessary means to keep an engaged volunteer base that can support refugee children's needs as they adjust to their new environment. Hear how her work with Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA) seeks to empower young refugee children through academic support and create training and mentorship programs.

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Solutions Lab: Innovative Research and Immigration



Dr. Lamont Black & Mano a Mano

Money, Migrants, and Remittances

noon-1:30pm



MAY 8

MAY 15

Dr. Kathleen Arnold & the Resurrection Project (TRP)

New Refugee Categories, New Tactics

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Dr. Kate Cooper & Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA)

Building Resilient Programs to Serve Refugees

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DMC Partner Events

May 4- August 25, 2024 *Opening Passages: Photographers Respond to Chicago and Paris*, Chicago Cultural Center Exhibition Hall, 4th Floor North

Learn More: [HERE](#)

May 29, 2024 @4:00pm #StatelessJourneys- What's next for work to protect the rights of stateless refugees in Europe?

RSVP: [HERE](#)

June 18, 2024 @12:00pm *The Power of Refugees* World Refugee Day 2024 Advocacy Event at Daley Plaza

June 22, 2024 All Day World Refugee Day Chicago 2024 Celebration at Foster Beach Park

News

Solutions Lab Series: Dynamic Duo Dr. Black and Kyle Jennings Present Research on Migrant Financial Welfare

On May 8, 2024, DMC Solutions Lab Grantee, Dr. Black and his recently graduated research assistant Kyle Jennings delivered a riveting presentation on their research on migrant finances and the implications of new technology on this topic. Dr. Black opened by sharing the uniqueness of the DMC Solutions Lab grant being awarded to faculty in the business school, expanding the schools of thought that participate in dialogues related to immigration. He then transitioned to discuss the stages in his research including:

- Stage 1: identifying existing research, providers, and banking fees
- Stage 2: conducting migrant interviews
- Stage 3: exploring innovative technologies and other means of services.

Dr. Black highlighted the discrepancies between undocumented and documented migrants when it comes to navigating financial institutions and planning toward economic wellbeing. This includes language barrier, lack of trust in banks, and methods of employer payment and employee saving. To further understand challenges, Dr. Black and Kyle Jennings described their experience conducting virtual and in-person interviews with migrants and partnering with nonprofit Mano a Mano. Mano a Mano is an organization whose mission is to empower immigrants and their families to become full participants in their community. Dr. Black highlighted that banking was not previously considered in their programming, but after receiving the invitation to participate in the Solutions Lab study, they were eager to help considering money is a part of empowerment. Dr. Black then shared anecdotes from the migrant interviews and expressed his gratitude for the work Mano a Mano is doing including coordinating interviews, sharing knowledge, and providing interpretation. He specifically highlighted the value of working with program manager Joanna James. Dr. Black anticipates that further research could include creating more accessible banking practices, decoupling financial wellness with immigration status, and exploring more technological tools such as AI. Overall, the audience was highly engaged and brought thoughtful questions to the discussion. What a great start to the DMC Solutions Lab Series Presentations. **Don't miss the next two!**



Dr. Black Presenting



Dr. Black and Kyle Jennings Tip to Mano a Mano to Contact Migrant Services

DMC Call for Practitioner in Residence Applications About to Close. APPLY NOW!



The DMC is calling for applications for the spring 2024-2025 Practitioner in Residence Program. Submit your creative research ideas that will have a direct impact on migration research, programming, policies, and more. We want to hear your ideas and support you in bringing them to life. The deadline is **May 15, 2024**. Spread the news and encourage practitioners to apply!

Apply: [HERE](#)

Questions: Contact migration@depaul.edu

Team Spotlight: Manoj Mate

Meet Steering Committee member Manoj Mate, an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Racial Justice Initiative. Manoj is someone dedicated to social justice and DEI initiatives. Recently, Professor Mate played a role in the 2024 Symposium in recruiting one of our wonderful plenary speakers. Professor Mate, is soon retiring from the law school and we would like to wish him well in the future and say thank you for being a part of the DePaul Migration Collaborative.



World Refugee Day

Learn more about the performances, picnics, soccer tournament, kids activities, and the "We Are One Human Family" Rally. Come and celebrate the diverse cultures and refugee members of our Chicago community.

[Check it Out](#)

[Read More](#)

In Case You Missed It

Calls to Action

Heartland Alliance-Weekly Service: Tutoring adult immigrant and refugees in ESL and Heartland Alliance.

Contact esl@depaul.edu to sign up and receive next steps.

Achieving Immigrant Rights and Equality: Friday Weekly Service.

Contact esl@depaul.edu to sign up and receive next steps.

Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network Opportunity

Hand in Hand is looking for potential candidates to join a new city of Chicago task force advocating for increasing the protections and benefits for workers in positions often filled by immigrants. If interested contact Erica Sklar, esl@domesticnetworks.org.

Migration News

Without Paywalls

[Refugee mothers show just how strong norms can be-UNHCR](#)

[In Chicago, refugee farmers cultivate hope and a sense of belonging-UNHCR](#)

[Welcoming the Stranger: Academic Hospitality and Its Contemporary Implications](#)

[US seeks AI to train immigration officers on talking to refugees-Reuters](#)

[White House Considers Welcoming Some Palestinians from war-torn Gaza as Refugees-CBS NEWS](#)

["Everyone is Mad at the Wrong People": Black Creators Call for Focus and Balance in the Affordable Housing Battle-Gearz- South Side Weekly](#)

[US has been slow to act on potential Rwanda deportees: What's Next?- AJC.com](#)

[200 NGOs Denounce Biden's Historic Expansion of ICE Detention System: "Detention Should Not Be About Politics"- NAJL](#)

With Paywalls

[Chicago to have one unified system for homeless and migrant city officials say- Chicago Tribune](#)



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