

# DePaul Migration Collaborative

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Advocating for Justice, Educating for the Future

## 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

### DMC Events

**Oct. 21, @ 12pm - Refugee Voices: Shaping Home in the Midst of Displacement.** Join and hear from author Wendy Pearlman on her latest book, *The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora* and hear from an accompanying panel of DePaul professors on the topics of home, displacement, and the importance of migrant stories and what we can learn from them. This is a hybrid event with snacks provided.

RSVP: [HERE](#)

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## REFUGEE VOICES: SHAPING HOME IN THE MIDST OF DISPLACEMENT

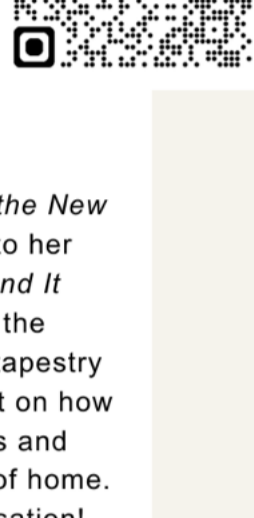
**Oct 23rd**


**WENDY PEARLMAN**

The DePaul Migration Collaborative is hosting author Wendy Pearlman this October! Join and hear from Wendy on her latest book, *The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora* and be there as she leads a discussion accompanied by a guest panel on the topics of home and belonging after forced displacement. Explore the importance of migrant stories and what we can learn from them.

Guest Panelists: Professor Maria Ferrera and Monica Reyes

RSVP





**THE HOME I WORKED TO MAKE: VOICES FROM THE NEW SYRIAN DIASPORA**

*The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora* is a powerful follow-up to her acclaimed book *We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled*. Here, Pearlman delves into the experiences of Syrian refugees through a tapestry of personal interviews. Her work sheds light on how war has forced millions from their homes and compelled them to reimagine the meaning of home. Don't miss this thought-provoking conversation!

Location: John T. Richardson Library 103  
Time: 12:00pm to 2pm  
Snacks Provided, Questions, contact: [migration@depaul.edu](mailto:migration@depaul.edu)

### DMC Partner Events

**Oct. 22, 2024 @ 1 pm** - Hear from amazing speaker and author of *The Undocumented Americans* and *Catalina*, Karla Villavicencio at the Social Transformation Research Collaborative Symposium: Anti-Racism, Transformation and Healing through the Humanities.

Location: SAC 161

**October 24, 2024 @6pm**-Join the Movement: Students Welcoming Refugees in Chicagoland

Location: Chicago Public Library, Edgewater Branch

6000 North Broadway Chicago, IL 60660

Learn More: [HERE](#)

**Nov. 15, 2024 @8:30am**- Mental Health Implications of Global and Regional Response to Migrants: The Role of Social Support in their Integration

Location: Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago 969 East 60th St., Chicago 60637

Learn More: [HERE](#)

## News

### Solutions Lab Grant Application Opening October 15, 2024

#### Accepting Applications!


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#### 2025 Solutions Lab Research Grant

Applications Open: October 15, 2024  
Application Close: November 15, 2024

Established in 2023, the DMC's Solutions Lab program aims to support community-engaged research projects aimed at directly addressing key challenges facing migrants in the United States and across the world.

We encourage applications from all Full-Time DePaul faculty across all disciplines with academic or personal interest in research and community-engaged work in the area of migration, immigration, or asylum.



Visit the DePaul Migration Collaborative Website to Access the Application.

Contact us: [migration@depaul.edu](mailto:migration@depaul.edu)

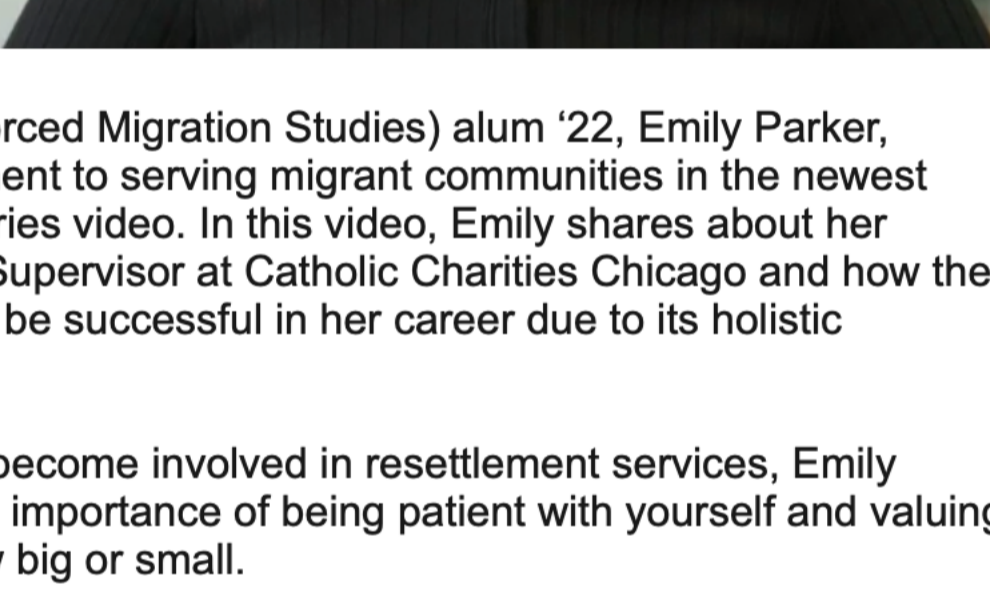
**Application Opens:** October 15, 2024

**Application Closes:** November 15, 2024

**Access the Application:** [HERE](#)

This is an opportunity exclusive to faculty at DePaul. On October 15, 2024, the DMC will be opening up our [Solutions Lab](#) application and we encourage all faculty from any discipline to apply. The Solutions Lab is a unique opportunity that offers partnership between academia and community organizations for 6-12 months. Questions about the application can be directed to [migration@depaul.edu](mailto:migration@depaul.edu).

### DePaul Alum Shares Her Personal Journey Working in Refugee Resettlement and the Valuable Lessons That Came Along the Way



Emily Parker  
DePaul RFMS '22

DePaul RFMS (Refugee and Forced Migration Studies) alum '22, Emily Parker, explores her history of commitment to serving migrant communities in the newest DePaul Migration Advocates series video. In this video, Emily shares about her role as the Case Management Supervisor at Catholic Charities Chicago and how the RFMS program prepared her to be successful in her career due to its holistic programming.

For future advocates hoping to become involved in resettlement services, Emily offers valuable advice about the importance of being patient with yourself and valuing each success regardless of how big or small.

To check out her video, visit our website!

Series Link: [HERE](#)

### Community-Based Research Assistants Take to the Streets with Practitioner Ellen Miller to Begin Research

Practitioner Ellen Miller and the DMC are so excited to introduce her two Community-Based Research Assistants Juliana (Left) and Alondra (Center). Both students have immediately dove into work and have begun their research within Chicago putting their skills to use. Juliana is pursuing a MA in Applied Diplomacy '26.



"I am excited to engage with the community of recent immigrants and asylum seekers in Chicago. I am especially looking forward to getting to know their perspectives on the processes they have undergone and their feedback on how legal services in Chicago can improve. As part of a family whose members have migrated to different contexts, this subject is most important in my life. Also, human mobility and immigration are central to international relations today and in the future. I want to engage in the improvement of systems that alleviate the dangers and frustration in different parts of the process at local or international levels." - Juliana

Alondra is working toward her BA in Political Science '28.

"As a first-generation Latina student who has experienced and seen firsthand the struggles of many migrants arriving to the U.S, their experiences have sparked a curiosity to learn and hear their stories. Being granted this position to assist Ellen with her research gives me the opportunity to further help, assist, and learn more about the challenges many of these individuals face. Not only am I excited to be a part of Ellen's team, but I am eager to learn directly from her, develop new skills, and grow as a student." - Alondra

Welcome to the Team!

### DMC Co-Director Dr. Shailja Sharma Gives Keynote at Grace School of Diplomacy Conference to Attendees From Around the World

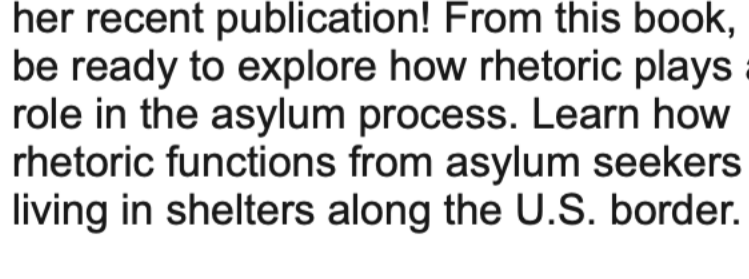
Professor Sharma addressed and highlighted the complex realities of forced migration in her keynote on October 3, 2024 at the *Diplomacy and Forced Migration: Transnational Realities + Trans-professional Resettlement* conference. Country Round Tables included speakers from around the world such as Bangladesh, Sudan, the U.S, Germany, and Mexico.

Dr. Sharma emphasized how the global North often frames migrants as problems rather than recognizing their humanity and contributions. Sharma acknowledged that the nation-state's limited perspective on migration, overlooks systemic issues and historical contexts. Her keynote focused on topics such as refugee camps conditions, nation-state limitations, models of resettlement, and the dangers of viewing refugees solely as labor resources despite their positive economic contributions. Her proposed systems included equitable processing systems, increased temporary labor migration, dismantling trafficking networks, and better support for migrants. Thank you, Dr. Sharma, for your informative keynote and thank you to the Grace School of Applied Diplomacy for hosting such wonderful a conference.

### Rhetoric and Storytelling within the U.S. Asylum Process

Shelter Rhetorics

MÓNICA REYES



Congrats to professor Mónica Reyes on her recent publication! From this book, be ready to explore how rhetoric plays a role in the asylum process. Learn how rhetoric functions from asylum seekers living in shelters along the U.S. border.

[Check it Out!](#)

## In Case You Missed It

### Calls to Action

#### 1-day Winter Break Service Immersions (Student Only Opportunity)

- Tuesday, December 3: Chicago Responses to Migration
- Thursday, December 5: Fighting to End Homelessness

Serve, connect, and learn about justice issues in Chicago! Apply by Friday, November 8 at [bit.ly/1dayimmersions24](https://bit.ly/1dayimmersions24). Cost: \$35 (scholarships available).

Illinois Voting Information: [HERE](#)

The Resurrection Project- Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic Volunteers Needed

More Information: [HERE](#)

### Migration News

Without Paywalls

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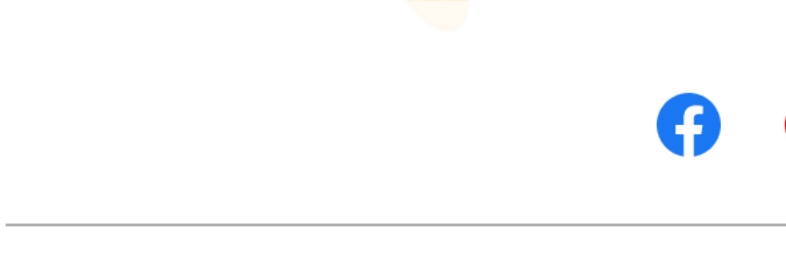
[Biden and Congress Are Mulling Big Changes on Immigration. What are they and what could they mean?](#)- AP News

[Mexican President Calls for Investigation of Deadly Migrant Shooting](#)- Aljazeera

[Over 700,000 Internally Displaced in Haiti as Humanitarian Crisis Deepens](#)- Aljazeera

[These Americans naturalized just in time to vote. Many can't wait to cast a ballot](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Donald Trump mass deportation of immigrants would cost hundreds of billions, report says](#)- Chicago Tribune



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