

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.

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 for the New Syrian Diaspora* and hear from an accompanying panel on the topics of home and the importance of migrant stories and what we can learn from them. More information to come soon.

Early RSVP: [HERE](#)

DMC Partner Events

Sept. 12, 2024 @ 4pm - From Crisis to Building Community: The Third Anniversary of the Afghan Evacuation

Location: NEIU Alumni Hall

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Sept. 18, 2024 @ 10am - Vicarious Trauma Workshop hosted by Dr. Megan Greeson. Join to discuss the effects of vicarious trauma on practitioners and researchers and learn strategies for promoting growth and navigating traumatic stress at this 1 hour HYBRID event.

Location: 101 Education and Counseling Center 2247 N. Halsted

Zoom Meeting ID: 998 0742 6028

Oct. 3, 2024 and Oct. 4, 2024 @ 9:30 am - Diplomacy and Forced Migration: Transnational Realities + Transprofessional Responses. It is the 5th Annual International Conference of the Grace School of Applied Diplomacy convening to discuss the greatest diplomatic challenges facing humanity, bringing together state-sponsored, non-state actors, activists, and scholars.

RSVP and Learn More: [HERE](#)

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. More info to come!

Location: SAC 161

News



Alum, Ellen Miller rejoins DePaul as DMC Practitioner in Residence

The DePaul Migration Collaborative would like to introduce you all to our new Practitioner in Residence, Ellen Miller. Ellen is a humanitarian consultant and DePaul Alum. During her DMC residency, she will be conducting community-based research on Chicago's immigration legal services for recent arrivals and will be compiling her research into a report to shed light on lived experiences of benefiting populations and potential future programmatic decisions. Her work will also build on best practices and practical tools for participatory evaluations amongst legal service providers. Previously, Ellen has worked at the National Immigrant Justice Center, World Relief-Chicago, UNHCR amongst other organizations. At UNHCR she worked with Child and International Protection throughout Central and South America, and Northern Africa. You can check out her bio on our [website](#). Ellen will be with us until February 2025. If you see her, don't be afraid to welcome her to the DePaul community!

DePaul Migration Advocates Program Hires New Student Video Editor

Meet Kieran Stover! Kieran '27 is a Film and Television Major with a concentration in Documentary and a minor in Cinematography.

Kieran will be joining the DMC team as a video editor and will be working to edit videos highlighting DePaul's alumni who are upholding the Vincentian Mission as advocates working to support migrants.

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Professor Ramanath Receives Solutions Lab Grant to conduct Research with the Institute of Global Homelessness

Professor Ramya Ramanath will be joining the DePaul Migration Collaborative's Solutions Lab Program this year. Professor Ramanath is an Associate Professor at DePaul University's School of Public Service where she chairs its International Public Service degree program. Her research, primarily in India, the US, and East Africa, draw on disciplinary perspectives in organizational behavior, urban sociology, planning, anthropology, and political science. Her recent publications have focused on interorganizational and organization-community relations in affordable housing, resettlement and rehabilitation, capacity building, program evaluation and gender-responsive policy and practice.

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Megan on Immigration Advocacy and Burnout

Megan Davis, Erie Neighborhood House
DePaul College of Law, 2014

DePaul Law alum '14, Megan Davis, shares about her role as the Director of Legal Services at Erie Neighborhood House and her commitment to being an effective immigration advocate in the DePaul Migration Advocate's newest series video.

"As advocates we have to stay on top of what is happening politically and understand how that is going to impact our clients."

Her story was so compelling we split it into two videos, one focused on her work as an advocate, and the other on recognizing and managing burnout among migration advocates.

"Burnout, unfortunately, it's quite common, I think not just in our field, but in many professions, especially those that do this kind of direct work and are in a helping field. One aspect of burnout is just the stress that comes with the territory of being a legal representative working on somebody's case. Being able to be a good steward of our clients requires being able to step back and take care of ourselves in a way that will allow us to avoid burnout."

To check out either of her videos, visit our website!

Series Link: [HERE](#)

In Case You Missed It

Migration News

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[The Immigration Blueprint in Project 2025 - Lawful Assembly Podcast \(featuring Professor Craig Mousin\)](#)

[UNHCR urgently appeals for funds to reinforce health services amid mpox emergency -UNHCR](#)

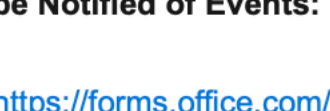
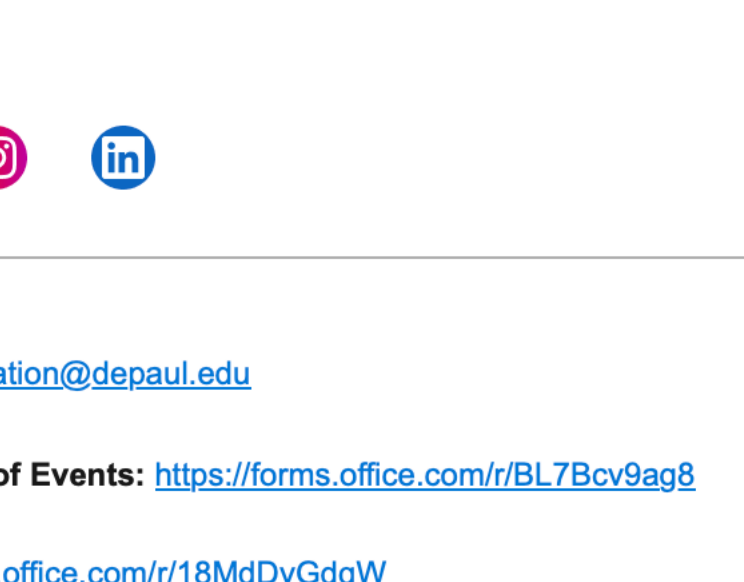
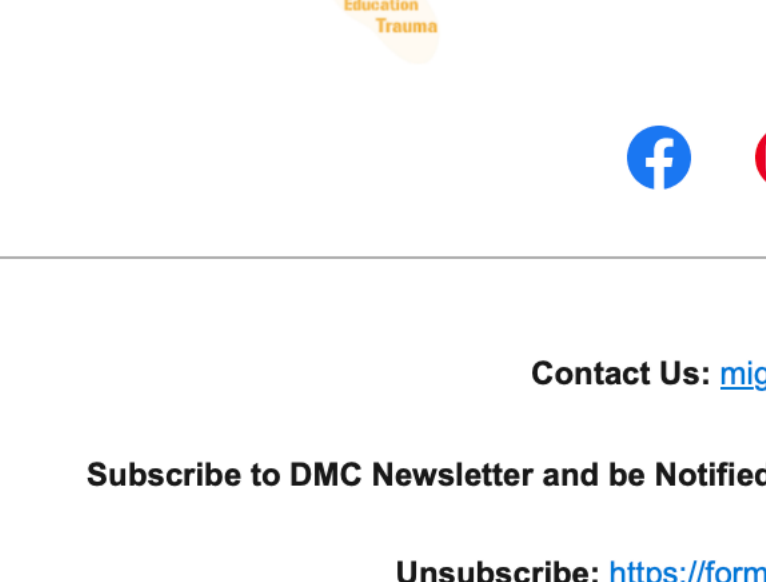
[History-Making Refugee Paralympic Team Shows the Power of Sport to Inspire - UNHCR](#)

[Despite Progress, more to be Done on Unlocking Power of Refugee Education - UNHCR](#)

[The GOP is Making False Claims about Noncitizens voting. It's Affecting Real Voters - NPR](#)

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[Two Years After Migrants Began to Arrive Many Have Settled in Chicago Even as Some Continue to Struggle - Chicago Tribune](#)



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