

# DePaul Migration Collaborative

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## Monthly Newsletter





Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights Beatriz Ponce De León speaking at 2024 DMC Symposium. Photo Credit: Jonathan Michael Castillo

**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 8, 2024** *Money, Migrants and Remittances* with Dr. Lamont Black, Daley 409

Solutions Lab Grantee, Dr. Black's project focuses on 3 hurdles that migrants face: receiving money as income, storing money as savings, and sending money as remittances. His project works to address these hurdles by researching the financial challenges faced by migrants and exploring how these hurdles can be overcome. Hear about how his research with student research assistant Kyle Jennings and partnership with the Mano a Mano Family Resource Center as they assess migrants' financial hurdles and the potential for new technologies to provide better financial inclusion for this community.

RSVP: [HERE](#)

**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 refugee. Hear how her and her student team partnered with the Resurrection Project to make an impact on asylum cases in the US.

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**Monday May 22, 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**

Location: Loop Campus  
Daley 409 **noon-1:30pm**

**MAY**  
**8**

**MAY**  
**15**

**Dr. Kathleen Arnold & the  
Resurrection Project (TRP)**  
**New Refugee Categories, New  
Tactics**

Location: Lincoln Park Campus  
Levan 504, **noon-1:30pm**



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

**Building Resilient Programs to Serve  
Refugees**

Location: Lincoln Park Campus  
Levan 504, **noon-1:30pm**

**MAY**  
**22**

**Contact:**  
**migration@depaul.edu**  
**Snacks Provided**

### DMC Partner Events

**April 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm Annual Bowman Lecture in Public Service with Dr. Magdalena Rivera, President of the Illinois Migrant Council, Hybrid Event**

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**April 27, 2024 @ 1:30pm** *Know Your Labor Rights: Day Labor and Migrant Work*, Chicago Art Department

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**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 10, 2024 @4:00pm** *Daniel Goffman Keynote Lecture, Dr. Vinayak Chaturvedi Notes from a Roman Holiday: Unexpected Histories of Italian Fascism, Communism and Hindu Nationalism*. DePaul Student Center, Room 314.

## News

### Cities and Migrations: Plans, Policies, and Action Symposium

The DePaul Migration Collaborative hosted the 2024 Symposium, Cities and Migration: Plans, Policies, and Action on April 11 which hosted over 130 professionals, students, attorneys, direct-service providers, and policy makers gathered to discuss the role of cities in migration.

Distinguished keynote speakers Jennifer Chacón, the Bruce Tyson Mitchell Professor of Law at Stanford Law School, and Beatriz Ponce De León, Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights (IMRR) for the City of Chicago, enriched the symposium with their insights.

Throughout the day, guests picked between seven incredible panels that explored issues facing migrants in urban communities. These panel discussions offered perspectives on migration's complexities, spanning legal hurdles, access to shelter, educational challenges, healthcare access, data management, and workplace rights.

The message throughout the symposium was clear: Though we face many challenges, our city (and country!) is full of dedicated people who are committed to welcoming and assisting our new neighbors.



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The DMC would also like to acknowledge the student workers who kept the event running smoothly. DMC hired 22 student workers including the following:

- Event Assistant:** Deeksha Chitturi
- Photographer:** Kit Wiberg
- Check-in:** Dhruv Patel, Anusha Rupani, Esperanza Benavides, Gayathri Badugu, Safoora Farook, and Thusharika Peethala
- Cleanup & Set Up:** Abhigna Matam, Pranati Gedela, Obiamaka Okosieme, and Hariprasad Bolla
- Zoom Support:** Aroon Kumar, Sourabh Rodagi, Priyanka Laddipeerla, Trisha Gupta, Adnan Mohammed, Nishant Kashyap, and Rahul Singh
- Notetakers:** Rosbel Garza, Sridevi Pamarthi, Gabriela Cordova

Thanks you speakers, guests, donors, student workers, and event team members for your invaluable contributions and making the 2024 Symposium exceptional!

## DMC Brings Together City Leaders to Discuss Illinois Response to New Arrivals



With the release of his newest report, "Building a Plane While It's Flying': Illinois Confronts a New Era of Forced Migration" DMC Practitioner in Residence, Rob Paral, led a fruitful discussion with non-profit leaders and representatives of the City of Chicago. Rob Paral's report is a demographic analysis of Chicago's recently received forced migrants from regions like Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Venezuela amongst others with recommendations in how the state can better serve its new neighbors. Each participant of this community roundtable shared their opinions on the report and offered their expertise, experiences, and action taken by their organizations. Over 30 individuals participated to brainstorm what is next for Chicago. They concluded by acknowledging that this work is not just about new arrivals, but all marginalized communities in Chicago and state, city, and local programming must reflect this. They explained how there is a need for new innovative tools to assist in communications and cross-organization collaboration and coordination. Participants also highlighted that this discussion requires additional input from the migrants themselves and seek to include our new neighbors in future program analysis.



## **DMC Call for Practitioner in Residence Applications**

## APPLICATIONS OPEN PRACTITIONER IN RESIDENCE

Spring 2024 - 2025

The Practitioner in Residence program is created for experts and professionals working on forced migration, immigration and human rights issues. Practitioners in Residence (PIRs) will contribute to the DMCs Reframing Refugees Project, addressing key challenges facing forced migrants in the United States and across the world.

Through this project, the Practitioners in Residence will have the opportunity to engage advocates and decision-makers on social and cultural realities that drive migration, collaborate with faculty engaged in various disciplines at the intersection of migration, outline effective strategies for pursuing claims for protection in the US and develop replicable models for advancing and advocating for better representation and treatment of asylum seekers.



Last Date To Apply:  
May 15, 2024

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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](mailto:migration@depaul.edu)

## Team Spotlight: Margaret Storey

Professor, Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts, and DMC Steering Committee Member Margaret Storey wears many hats. Margaret is someone who is dedicated and passionate about the work of DePaul. Her knowledge, support, and guidance continues to impact the work of the DMC everyday. When asked, what she thinks DePaul can learn from the work of the DMC and how she hopes the DMC to impact the DePaul community, Margaret responded with:

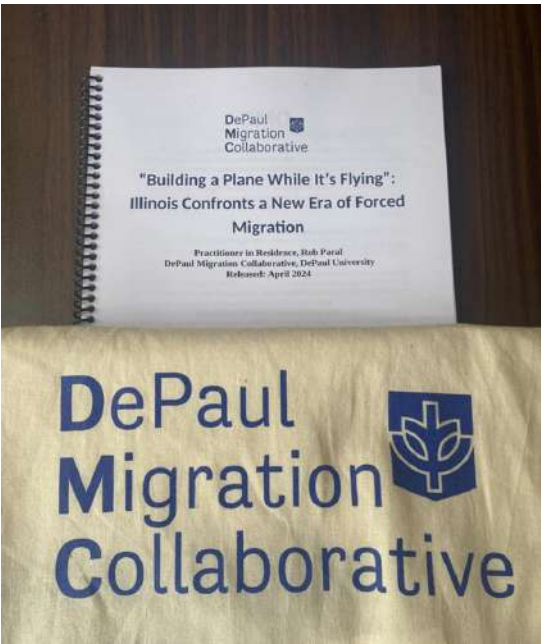
The DMC offers DePaul a robust model for cross-college interdisciplinary collaboration that can effectively respond to pressing issues of our time. The dynamic interaction between scholars, students, alumni and community partners from across the disciplinary spectrum has allowed the DMC to help develop responsive policy ideas and best practice while forging deeper connections between individuals seeking to make positive change in our communities and world. I hope that more people who care about immigration and migration will join our efforts! The DMC will thrive most meaningfully when we are able to bring as many perspectives and approaches into the mix as we address the key questions and challenges that are facing migrants.





### DMC Grant Supports Financial Research- Newsline

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### Check out Rob Paral's PIR Report

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# In Case You Missed It

## Calls to Action

*Heartland Alliance-Weekly Service: Tutoring adult immigrant and refugees in ESL and Heartland Alliance.*  
Contact [dcsa@depaul.edu](mailto:dcsa@depaul.edu) to sign up and receive next steps.

*Achieving Immigrant Rights and Equality: Friday Weekly Service.*  
Contact [dcsa@depaul.edu](mailto:dcsa@depaul.edu) to sign up and receive next steps.

## Migration News

Without Paywalls  
[Connecting Immigrant Communities to Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services](#)

[TEAACH Act - Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago \(advancingjustice-chicago.org\)](#)



