

DePaul Migration Collaborative

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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

DMC Events

Feb. 20, 2025 9:30am- Voices of New Neighbors: Insights from Participatory Evaluations on Immigrant Legal Services in Chicago

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Location: Loop Campus, Room (TBD, Stay Tuned on Our Social Media)

Non-DMC Events

Jan. 18, @9:30am- The United African Organization will be hosting a Know Your Immigrant Rights Workshop and Breakfast. Resources in French will be available.

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Location: 3901 S State St. (Dawson Tech Institute, Cafeteria)

Jan. 21, 2025 @9:30am- Enlace Chicago will be hosting weekly Know Your Rights workshops through the CPS Network 7. These sessions will be in Spanish.

RSVP and More Information Contact: 773-379-5569

Location: Pilsen/Little Village Parent University located at Perez Elementary at 2001 S Throop St.

Jan. 23, 2025 @1pm- Migration Stories and Mainstream Media: Learn How Mainstream Media Influences How We Understand Migrants' Experiences with Speaker Diane Bou Khalil of Borderless Magazine

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Location: SAC 301, Lincoln Park Campus & Zoom

Jan. 30, 2025 @5:30pm- The Indo-American Center's Ek Saath will be hosting a Community Inauguration Debrief

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Location: 6328 N California Ave.

Feb. 6, 2025 @5:30pm- Organized Communities Against Deportations Discussion and Q&A with Antonio Gutierrez

Location: Lincoln Park Campus (Room TBD)

Contact: Professor Kathleen Arnold

News

DMC Welcomes New Practitioner in Residence

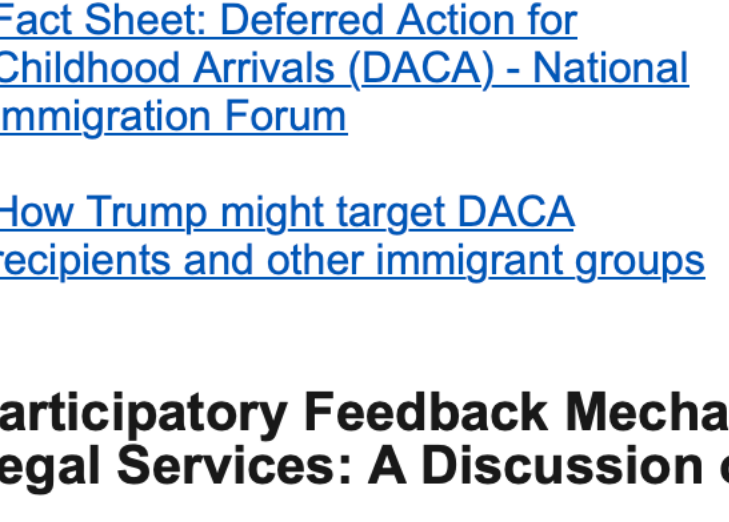
We are excited to welcome our newest Practitioner in Residence Josh Friedman. Alongside being a Practitioner, Josh is also a Managing Director of Andilay Consultancy firm based in Vienna, Austria and he brings 25 years of experience as a lawyer, development assistance implementer, and program director on four continents. During his DMC residency, Josh will be conducting research that looks comparatively at refugee integration alongside the rights to adequate food and shelter in Chicago and Vienna. Combining legal and policy review with qualitative research on the experiences of refugees in both locations with food and housing, the research will highlight best practice examples and challenges faced in the US and Central Europe. His work will develop practical recommendations, especially as to programmatic approaches and legal tactics, to protect and improve the lives of refugees and other forced migrants. Welcome to the Team Josh!



If you are interested in having Josh guest lecture in your classrooms, please be sure to fill out the guest lecture request form.

Guest Lecture Request Form: [HERE](#)

DePaul Alum Reflects On Her Role in the Formation of DACA



Learn More About DACA:

[Fact Sheet: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\) - National Immigration Forum](#)

[How Trump might target DACA recipients and other immigrant groups](#)

Hear from Rebecca Carson, DePaul Law alumna (JD '08), on the incredible challenge of implementing DACA in just 60 days. This behind-the-scenes look reveals the complexities of navigating political pressures, balancing diverse viewpoints, and ensuring legal compliance while building a program from scratch and serving the public interest.

Watch the full video on our website!

Access Video On Our Website: [HERE](#)

Access Video via Youtube: [HERE](#)

Participatory Feedback Mechanisms with Chicago Immigration Legal Services: A Discussion of Findings

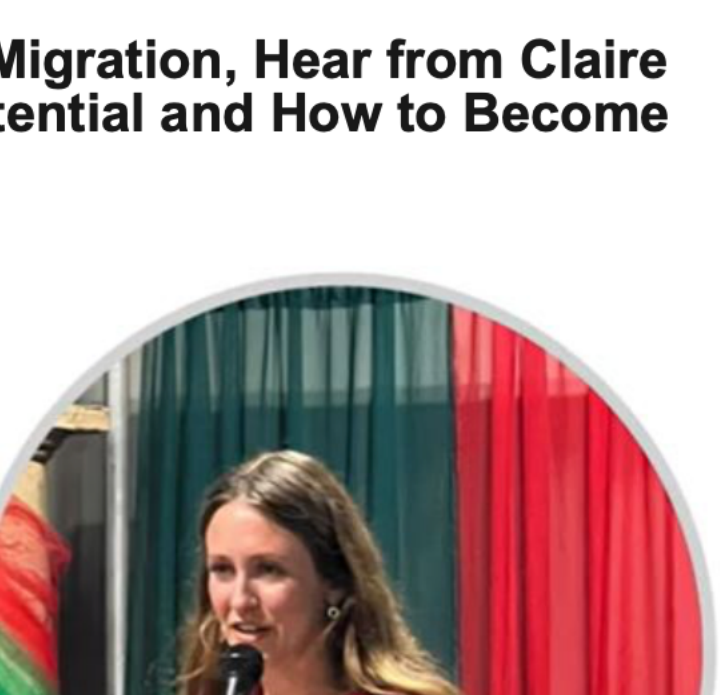
To start off the new year, DMC Practitioner in Residence Ellen Miller met with Chicago immigration legal service providers to discuss her report and the resources she created to aid organizations in gathering feedback from participants. The first half of the session focused on Ellen's initial report, examining key data and demonstrating how to utilize the resources provided. She emphasized the importance of gathering feedback, addressing current challenges, and offering creative solutions for overcoming barriers to data collection such as staff capacity, language, etc. This was followed by a discussion where legal service providers expressed their appreciation for translated survey questions and asked further about implementation logistics. Ellen then shared a preview of her initial findings from focus group participants, detailing their experiences accessing legal services and the barriers they face. She then invited attendees to return in February for a presentation of her full findings. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A and a discussion of her focus group results, leaving attendees eager to learn more and anticipating the release of the second report.

Report and Resources: [HERE](#)



Feedback in Action: Improving Client Feedback Systems to Enhance Immigration Legal Services

Ellen Miller, Practitioner in Residence
December 2024



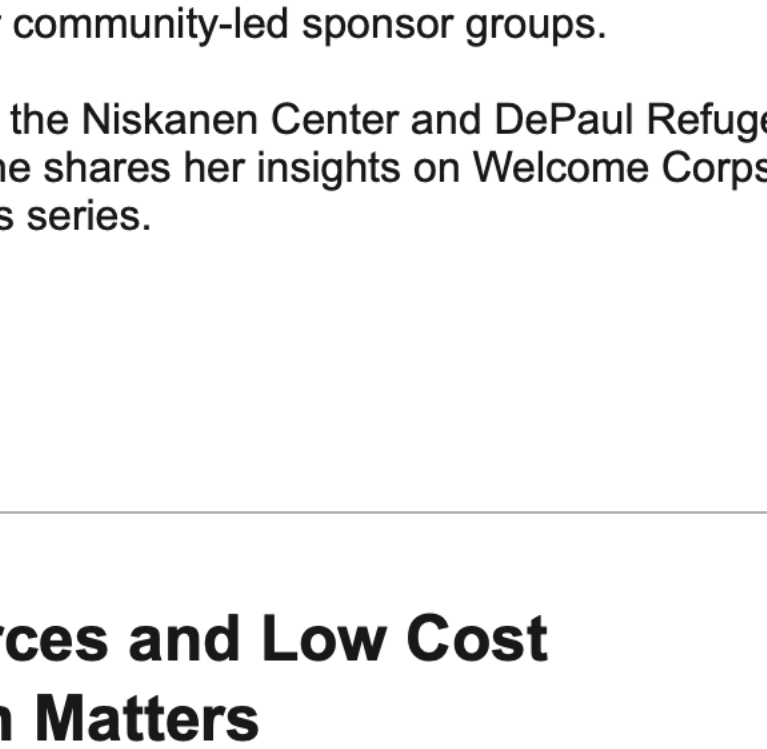
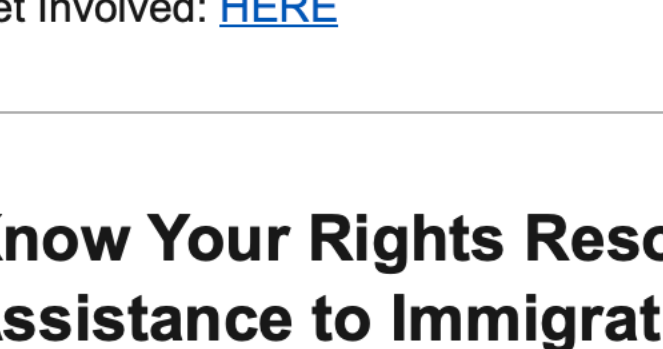
Discussion of Report and Findings with Legal Service Providers

Field Notes: Alumni Insights on Migration, Hear from Claire Holba on Welcome Corps, its Potential and How to Become Involved

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CLAIRE HOLBA ON WELCOME CORPS



Imagine making a lasting impact by helping refugees rebuild their lives in the U.S. That's exactly what the Welcome Corps empowers Americans to do! As the newest innovation in refugee resettlement in 40 years, this initiative offers two paths to support: through professional agencies or community-led sponsor groups.

Hear from Claire Holba, a policy leader at the Niskanen Center and DePaul Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Alum, as she shares her insights on Welcome Corps as part of the DePaul Migration Advocates series.

Listen to the Audio: [HERE](#)

Get Involved: [HERE](#)

Know Your Rights Resources and Low Cost Assistance to Immigration Matters

In light of the new policies expected to impact migrant communities, the DMC is sharing valuable resources that inform individuals of their rights. These resources, developed by local organizations in Chicago, aim to ensure that migrants are aware of their legal protections, particularly in areas like immigration enforcement. The resources also highlight legal support services and local advocacy groups that are available to offer assistance and guidance during times of uncertainty.

Know Your Rights

The Resurrection Project Resource:

National Immigrant Justice Center, Know Your Rights: If You Encounter ICE: [HERE](#)

Legal Assistance:

The Illinois Coalition of Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) has created [this list](#) of dozens of local non-profit agencies providing free or low-cost assistance with immigration matters and forms. Please visit the ICIRR website [here](#) for additional information.

In Case You Missed It

Calls to Action

The Young Center: Child Advocate Volunteers Needed

More Information: [HERE](#)

Contact: volunteer@theyoungcenter.org

The Resurrection Project: Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic Volunteers Needed

More Information: [HERE](#)

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Immigration Interpreter:

More Information: [HERE](#)

Migration News

With Paywalls

[Disaster by the Numbers: The Crisis in Sudan- New York Times](#)

[Schools Gear Up for a Threat to Immigrant Children- New York Times](#)

[Inside Trump's Search for a Health Threat to Justify His Immigration Crackdown-New York Times](#)

[How Unauthorized Immigrants Help Finance Social Security Benefits- New York Times](#)

[The Catholic Church Must Challenge Trump on Deportations- The New York Times](#)

Without Paywalls

[Ten Likely Changes to Immigration Policy Under Trump 2.0](#)

[Five Things to Know about the Laken Riley Act- National Immigration Law Center](#)

[Under Trump, Dreamers' Health Care is Uncertain- Politico](#)

[What is the Laken Riley Act?- Time](#)

[Palestinians seeking US refuge face a Kafkaesque nightmare. Trump could make it even worse - The Guardian](#)

[Transformative Counterstorying in Rhetorics of Displacement Seminar- DePaul, Dr. Mónica Reyes](#)

[Biden Extends Time in US for 800,000 Venezuelans, Salvadorians as Trump Readies Immigration Crackdown- Associated Press](#)

[Attorney General Raoul Takes Action to Protect Affordable Care Act Access for Recipients- Office of Illinois Attorney General](#)

[Mayor Brandon Johnson Reaffirms Welcoming City Ordinance- City of Chicago](#)

[Chicago City Council Votes 39-11 to Reject Push to Scale Back Protections for Undocumented Immigrants](#)

[More than 30,000 Syrians returned home since al-Assad's fall, Turkiye says - Al Jazeera](#)



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