DePaul Migration Collaborative

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 challenges in the areas of migration, mobility and human rights.

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Events

This Month with the DMC

February 20, 2024- The Central America Monitor: Groundbreaking Date on El Salvador's Bukele Mega-Prison Project - Dr. Lutgarde Bulthuis, Assistant Professor, Teaching Dr. Kamala Kempadoo and her colleagues, Lucia Antinella Ayala-Portillo is the Executive Director of the Instituto Universitario de Opinión Pública (IUDOP) (University Institute of Public Opinion) at the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA) in El Salvador. Leander Vasquez is the Executive Director of the Instituto Universitario de Opinión Pública (IUDOP) (University Institute of Public Opinion) at the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA) in El Salvador. Leander Vasquez is the Executive Director of the National Coordinator for Human Rights in Honduras (CONADEH). Director of the National Violence Observatory (Observatorio Nacional de Violencia, ONV) of the University Institute of Democracy, Peace and Security (Instituto Universitario en Democracia, Paz y Seguridad, IUDPAS) at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH). Come learn about the Central America Monitor and its focus to advance human rights, justice, security and transparency in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras through data.

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Come learn about the Central American Monitor (CAM), a collaborative research project between the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), the Nacional Violence Observatory (ONV), the University Institute of Public Opinion (IUDOP) and the Jesuit Central America Unit (ECA) in El Salvador. To advance human rights, justice, security and transparency in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Access gender, crime, settlement and migration in areas where DMC funded practitioner Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy and her colleagues are working in Honduras. Dr. Kennedy will be joining us in person and will be in earlier meeting and have a session on migration in the US and Honduras.

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Save the Date:

April 11, 2024- Cities and Migration: Plans, Policies, and Action (AI-Day) Sign-ups will be available by the end of this month on events.depaul.edu, Dashoff, and Eventbrite. Look out for this announcement on our social media!

DMC Partner Events

February 15, 2024 Webinar & Panel Discussion: Early Childhood Development and Learning for Children Affected by Forced Cross Border Migration - DePaul Educational Network is hosting a webinar related to youth affected by conflict.

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New DMC Opportunities

Event Assistant Student Position: The DMC is eagerly seeking a student to join our team and support us as we plan our second annual symposium. If you are a student interested in and starting the application, please check out the campus job posting.

Link to Campus Job Board

Call for Applications coming soon for Practitioners in Residence and Scholars in Residence.

-Refugees Refugees Project – DePaul Migration Collaborative
- Dot.gov Lab – DePaul Migration Collaborative

News

DMC Hosts Panel on Chicago Response to Recent Arrivals

On Tuesday, January 30th, the DePaul Migration Collaborative (DMC) hosted a thought provoking panel addressing the multifaceted issues surrounding recent migrants in Chicago engaging over 50 participants. The panelists included DMC Faculty Director Dr. Kamala Kempadoo, Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy, Director of Immigration and Refugee Rights at Catholic Charities, Lucia Gomez, and Director of Advocacy, Lilia Velez. They were accompanied by Laura Rodriguez Pinzon from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless who moderated the panel. The panel was part of the Immigration and Refugee Rights (IRR) Series. The congressional conversation was moderated by Dr. Jesse Munoz of DePaul's Latin American and Latina Studies Program.

Each panelist delivered a concise presentation, covering their involvement with recent arrivals. The event explored reasons migrants may flee their home countries, migrant experiences at the US-Mexico border, the journey of migrants being bussed to Chicago from Texas, the challenges faced by organizations working in the Chicago area. Tensions between migrants and host communities were also examined, especially regarding available housing and shelter. Another theme included in the discussion was the need for more resources and support for the organizations involved in the migrant situation. The panel also demonstrated the indispensable role of nonprofits in responding to these challenges, providing essential advocacy, assistance, and support. The panel also shed light on the impact of migrants into the current migration crisis and also fostered an open dialogue on the legal aspects, enhancing participants' understanding of the broader context.

Attendees' Jesse Munoz with Panelists: Brandon Mayer, Laura Rodriguez Pinzo, Elizabeth Kennedy and Lucia Gomez

DMC participates in DePaul's Innovation Day

The DMC was selected to participate in DePaul University's 2024 Innovation Day Showcase. This event showcases and celebrates DePaul's efforts towards "Innovation for Social Good". Jill Hoch-Rodriguez and Dominique Cleveland represented the DMC and presented on the topic of Supporting Refugees in Migration and how DMC programs are addressing the needs of migrants across the city. Our very own Solutions Lab Grantee Dr. Bisoki led the panel on AI and Social Good and discussed how his Chicago Heartbeat work and partner events were those sharing other work being conducted.

You can view a full recap of this event HERE.

Photo TWC DePaul Innovation Day 2024" by JP Schel Photography

Students Join PRIs through Research Assistantships!

Angelique Lara is working with Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy. (Image 1)

"My interest in migration comes down to how I personally connected with I have my family history, my lived experiences in Latin America, and moving to Chicago period. Coming from Mexico, I'm a DACA recipient, and I've been in Chicago for 10 years, extremely passionate about helping migrants and providing them with the resources they are not sufficiently granted. Immigrants, like every other human being, deserve dignity and respect. I'm passionate about helping immigrants and I'm also very focused supporting the DMC in upholding the values of justice, advocacy, and education."

Rosiel Garcia is working with Rich Parsi. (Image 2)

"The most rewarding part of working with the DePaul Migration Collaborative has definitely been the opportunity to pursue and help produce socially relevant research relating to immigration. Rather than simply doing immigration research in Chicago, I'm able to actively participate in the process of research on Chicago, clarifying our city local context and my academic interests."

County Conditions Expert Witness Training

The DePaul Migration Collaborative (DMC) recently organized a training session for faculty members from across the Chicago area on 1/26, led by Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy, Director of the Migration Collaborative. The training aimed to enhance expertise in the country conditions of Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, comprehensively covered the role of country conditions experts and their significance in the asylum process.

The training was especially valuable for faculty who want to assist those seeking asylum but do not have knowledge of the asylum court system. Faculty attended from DePaul, Northwestern, and DIC. Dr. Kennedy detailed how to contract with an expert witness, the role of an expert witness in an asylum hearing, and what to expect when testifying in the courtroom.

This interactive session not only equipped faculty members with practical knowledge but also fostered a sense of community among the participants, reinforcing the DMC's commitment to addressing migration challenges by connecting with service opportunities.

Legality of Using Police as Border Agents

Rev Dr. Cindy Rasch speaks in podcast about lawsuit related to policing of borders and immigrants.

Check it out

Intent to Liberty: A Cuban Journey to the U.S.

DePaul professor Anuradha Rana and students, in collaboration with Chicago's Cuban Exiles and with Alexia Concepcion, have developed Intent2Liberty 2023 to share the story of one migrant's experience leading to a new journey.

Check it out

Request PM Elizabeth Kennedy or Rob Parsi to speak in your classrooms with this Form

In Case You Missed It

Calls to Action

Volunteer with the Resurrection Project: Join at the TRP/SJNS workshop! They will continue every Tues-Fri from February 20, 2024 through at least the end of April 2024. Volunteers will be asked to help with various tasks, from data entry to outreach to potential applicants outside of the city of shelter system. For more information on how you can get involved and help applicants register for the workshops, please see the link below.

Sign Up: Here

Contact Congress Representatives to Report H.R. 2 Bill

Learn more about how H.R. 2 would execute U.S. Asylum protection here and here

Join the Meet Me at the Mission and DCEO Coalition in serving the Catholic Charities Tuesday Night Supper at 121 N. LaSalle St. Participants will help to prep and serve a hot meal to guests who may be experiencing homelessness or are recently resettled refugee families. Come ready for a meaningful Volunteer experience.

March 26, 1-Day Service Immersion: Chicago Responses to Migration. Deadline to apply March 1, 2024. Apply here.

Migration News

Without Papers:

- https://www.ln.com/magazines/-in-philadelphia-a-american-federation-of-teachers-gets-its-members-with-no-papers-student-loans
- Denver accepts availability of 1,000 migrant shelter | Immigration | Immigration | Denver
- Texas to Chicago: Migrants Navigating Journey Amid Crisis - https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/texas-to-chicago-migrants-navigating-journey-amid-crisis/3000000000000000000/?utm_campaign=sf&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter
- https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/12/20/chicago-school-boards-migrant-bus-arrivals-students-enrollment-immigrants-and-refugees-illinois-education-department-of-human-services
- DCEO Announces Bonding Provisions-2024 Supplemental_February-9-2024.pdf (illinoisbar.org)

With Papers:

- "Do I Have to Come Here Without Or Dead?" | The New Yorker
- https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/05/magazine/immigration-border-bill.html

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