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## Monthly Newsletter



Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights Beatriz Ponce De León speaking at 2024 DMC Symposium.  
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**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.

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**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 makes 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

Solution's 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

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

Location: Lincoln Park Campus

Levan 504, noon-1:30pm

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**Dr. Cooper & Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA) Building Resilient Programs to Serve Refugees**

Location: Lincoln Park Campus

Levan 504, noon-1:30pm

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### 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 Migrations: Plans, Policies, and Action on April 11, 2024. Over 120 professionals, students, attorneys, direct-service providers, and policy makers gathered to discuss the role of cities in migration.

Distinguished Keynote Speaker Jennifer Chacón, Beatriz Ponce De León, Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights (IMRR) for the City of Chicago, and Rob Paral, Director of the DePaul Migration Collaborative, 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 bundles, discussions offered educational challenges, healthcare access, data management, and workplace shelter rights.

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

