

DePaul Migration Collaborative

DMC

Advocating for Justice, Educating for the Future

Monthly Newsletter

The DMC Newsletter will return in January 2026

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

Events

5/1 @9am Broken by Design: Refuge and Responsibility 2026 Symposium

More Information: Coming this Winter!

Non-DMC Events

11/18 @2pm Fostering Belonging and Wellbeing for Refugee and Displaced Students in the U.S. Higher Ed

RSVP: [HERE](#)

News

C.A.M.E Shelter Organizers visit DePaul and Share their Unreleased Documentary Displaying the Realities of Forced Migration in Mexico



On October 22nd, 2025, C.A.M.E (Centro de Atención al Migrante Exodus) shelter organizers Perla de Angel and Adalberto Ramos along with moderator Brenda Cueller showcased a pre-release screening of their new documentary film Exodus. The film is set between 2019 & 2021 in Agua Prieta, Sonora where the only migrant shelter in the city is filled with families from the Mexican state of Guerrero and will be seeking political asylum in the US. The shelter also assists those who sought and were denied asylum in the United States. The documentary highlights the experiences of those who are forced to flee due to violence in Mexico and the experiences of the shelter workers. The film also provides a historical breakdown of the policies and events that took place prior to the increase in violence in Guerrero, contextualizing the lived experiences shown throughout the film. The documentary provides an intimate perspective on the experiences of those seeking asylum and those who work in migrant shelters, including a breakdown of socio-political influences for both the violence that occurs and the migration from Guerrero.

During the post-screening Q&A Perla and Adalberto answered questions on how to support C.A.M.E and similar organizations dedicated to serving asylum seekers and how to support asylum seekers. They also discussed their experience working in migrant shelters and the growing demand for shelters in Mexico. The recommendations to support organizations and asylum seekers included: volunteering at organizations, donating to shelters, and spreading awareness about their existence.

Interested in volunteer opportunities or donating to C.A.M.E, please contact BCUELLA1@depaul.edu to become connected with the organization.



Mission Forward: Cultivating Compassion and Supporting Faculty Research



DePaul has officially launched its Mission: Forward campaign, a campaign meant to empower the University community to create lasting change in the spirit of DePaul's Vincentian Mission.

The DePaul Migration Collaborative was honored to be featured in this campaign as an example of DePaul's commitment to cultivating compassion and support faculty-led research.

The DMC's interdisciplinary approach to research, action, and advocacy exemplifies DePaul's commitment to serving the underserved, building community-based solutions, and training future changemakers. Highlighted in the campaign is the story of Dr. Cooper's experience within DMC, reflecting the collaborative culture that Mission: Forward seeks to foster—where faculty, staff, and students come together to address urgent global challenges with innovation and compassion. Dr. Cooper's work demonstrates how DePaul leads by example, shaping a brighter future for all.

Check out the video: [HERE](#)

Learn More about Dr. Cooper's Work: [HERE](#)

From Passion to Action: DePaul Alum Share Advice and Insights from their Careers with DePaul Students



The recording of this event is available upon direct request via email to migration@depaul.edu.

Learn More About the Orgs these Alum Work for:

[Niskanen Center](#)
[Cook County Public Defender \(Immigration Division\)](#)
[Midwest Immigrant Bond Fund](#)
[Legal Aid Society- Metropolitan Family Services](#)

The virtual alumni career panel From Passion to Action: Immigration Advocacy in a Rapidly Changing World, focused on advocacy in action and consisted of professionals in the field of migration providing their experience and perspective on navigating rapid changes to law, policy, and culture in the United States. The three panelists included Guadalupe Perez (DePaul Law '16), Claire Holba (DePaul RFMS '23), and Camilla Mroczkowski (DePaul Law '23). Perez works as the President of the Midwest Immigrant Bond Fund and is a staff attorney at the law office of Cook County Public Defenders, Immigration Division. Mroczkowski serves as an immigration staff attorney for Legal Aid Society- Metropolitan Family Services Chicago. Holba works with the Niskanen Center as an immigration policy analyst.

The three panelists shared on topics such as challenges, moments of hope, advocacy responding to the moment, and advice for students interested in the field. Overall insights from the panel included ways for individuals to provide support for their community during challenging times, ways to help clients during changes in law and policy, and ways to remain hopeful and motivated while doing work that is both challenging to the service provider and challenging for new arrivals to navigate.

In Case You Missed It

Resources and Calls to Action

Resources

[IL IMMIGRATION INFO](#) | [Know Your Rights](#)

[Immigration Resources](#) | [DePaul Migration Collaborative](#) | [Centers, Institutes & Initiatives](#) | [Academics](#) | [College of Law](#) | [DePaul University, Chicago](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions Related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers on DePaul University Property](#) | [Immigration](#) | [Services](#) | [Office of the General Counsel](#) | [DePaul University, Chicago](#)

[ReadyNow!](#) -Emergency Alert System for Immigrant Families

Calls to Action

[Volunteer](#) — [IL IMMIGRATION INFO](#)

[Volunteer and Service – Get Involved – Instituto del Progreso Latino](#)

[How to Help MIBFC — Midwest Immigrant Bond Fund](#)

Volunteer at Immigration Application Workshops hosted by the Resurrection Project as part of ILSP (Immigrant Legal Support Program): Contact alum Camilla Mroczkowski mroczkowskic@metrofamily.org

Share [Know Your Rights](#) Information with family, friends, and community members.

Sponsor Circles: [Campus](#) and [Afghan \(SIV\) families](#)

Migration News

With Paywalls

["You Have Arrived in Hell": Torture and Other Abuses Against Venezuelans in El Salvador's Mega Prison](#), HRW

[The DOJ has been firing judges with immigrant defense backgrounds](#)- NPR

[Chicago faith leaders on leading in a time of ICE and Border Patrol arrests, raids](#) - WBEZ Chicago

[Reframing Return and Reintegration: Origin-Country Priorities and Strategies for Cooperation](#)- MPI Europe

[Article: Why Migration Researchers Often Struggle...](#) | [migrationpolicy.org](#)

[Trump Administration Ends Automatic Work Permit Renewals](#)- Borderless Magazine

[U.S. Border Patrol boss Greg Bollino, fellow agents expected to leave Chicago but could be back in the spring](#) | NPR Illinois

[Judge in Chicago Orders ICE to Release Hundreds Detained](#)- NIJC

[Federal Court Asked to Address Inhumane Conditions Experienced by Those Held at Broadview ICE Facility](#) - MacArthur Justice

[New Jersey Immigrant Trust Act Rally Demands Strong Protections-Visa Verge](#)

[Enrollment of immigrant families declines in US schools amid deportations](#) | AP News

[How does Britain plan to overhaul its asylum system?](#) | Reuters

[Chicago's pushback to immigration crackdown grows, inspiring other cities](#) | AP News

Without Paywalls

[Farmers push for immigration reform in wake of raids](#)- USA Today

[Trump Considers Overhaul of Refugee System That Would Favor White People](#) - The New York Times

[Amid Trump's Deportation Push, More Families Are Being Torn Apart](#) - The New York Times



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