

DePaul Migration Collaborative

Advocating for Justice, Educating for the Future

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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.

Events

Events

April 24th, 2025 @ 1pm- Beyond the Brick Wall: Shaping Adequate Housing in Urban Environments for Migrants

RSVP: [HERE](#)
Location: Zoom

April 29th, 2025 @4:30pm- The Threat of Mass Deportation: An Update and Response hosted by Center for Latino Research and Co-Sponsored by DMC

Location: Hybrid, Levan 401

Zoom Link: [HERE](#)
(<https://depaul.zoom.us/j/92572284566#success>)

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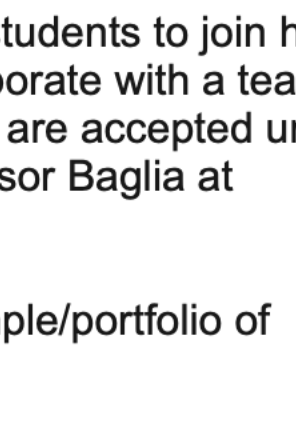
Beyond the Brick Wall: Shaping Adequate Housing in Urban Environments for Migrants

Housing is more than just four walls - it can be a foundation for dignity, safety, and belonging.

This virtual conversation brings together researchers from the DePaul Migration Collaborative (DMC) to explore the human right to adequate housing as defined by the Covenant for Economic, Social, and Cultural rights. This panel will ask attendees to think through the Vincentian Question: "What Must Be Done?" by encouraging its audience to reflect on the experiences of vulnerable communities. Specifically, we will explore the intersection between adequate housing and the experiences of refugees and forced migrants. From local to global examples, housing policy insights, challenges, and research, panelists will share their expertise.

Join us as we reflect on housing as a social good, not a commodity, and discuss practical steps toward promoting stability and security for displaced communities.

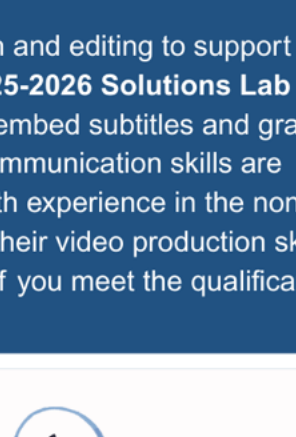
Our Speakers



Josh Friedman



Ramya Ramanath



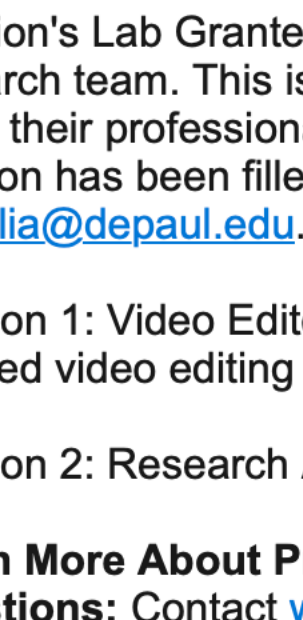
Charlotte Long



April 24th, 2025
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM



Location: Zoom



RSVP using the QR Code
Questions? Contact,
migration@depaul.edu

Non-DMC Events

April 16, 2025 Public Interest Lawyering in the time of Trump

More Information: [HERE](#)

April 21, 2025 College of Education Spring Forum: Immigration Policies Impacting Our Schools and Students

More Information: [HERE](#)

April 24, 2025 Immigration Actions in First 100 Days of Trump Second Term, Migration Policy Institute

RSVP: [HERE](#)

May 1-2, 2025 Signs of Hope: Finding Jubilee in a Fractured World, World Catholicism Week Conference

More Information: [HERE](#)

News

Solutions Lab is Seeking Two Skilled Student Workers to Support Professor Baglia's Research Project

Solution's Lab Grantee Professor Baglia is looking to hire two students to join his research team. This is a great opportunity for students to collaborate with a team and apply their professional skills in a meaningful way. Applications are accepted until the position has been filled. Students can apply by emailing Professor Baglia at wbaglia@depaul.edu.

Position 1: Video Editor- Submit resume, cover letter and example/portfolio of finished video editing and production skills.

Position 2: Research Assistant- Submit resume, cover letter and a writing sample

Learn More About Professor Baglia's Project: [HERE](#)

Questions: Contact wbaglia@depaul.edu or migration@depaul.edu

Position 1: Video Production and Editing

We are HIRING

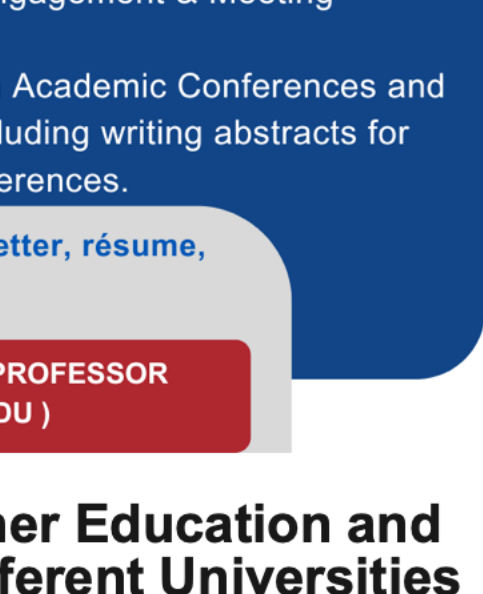
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Video Production and Editor

We are seeking a reliable and flexible Student Assistant with skills in video production and editing to support our multimedia projects. The student will be working with Professor Jay Baglia, a 2025-2026 Solutions Lab Grantee. The ideal candidate is proficient in using video and editing equipment, can embed subtitles and graphics, and has a portfolio or reel showcasing their work. Strong written and interpersonal communication skills are essential, as well as the ability to collaborate effectively within a team. Candidates with experience in the non-profit health sector are preferred. This is a great opportunity for a student looking to apply their video production skills in a meaningful way while gaining hands-on experience in a professional environment. If you meet the qualifications, we encourage you to apply!

Responsibilities:

- Operate and manage video recording and editing equipment
- Capture and edit video content for various projects
- Embed subtitles, captions, and graphics into video productions
- Organize and maintain digital media files
- Collaborate with team members to develop engaging multimedia content
- Reliability, flexibility, and adaptability to project needs
- Experience in the non-profit health sector (preferred)
- Having your own or access to equipment is a plus. However, we also have a budget to cover renting equipment if necessary
- Own means of transportation (preferred)
- Important: Any applicant must be able to provide an example, or examples of their finished work**



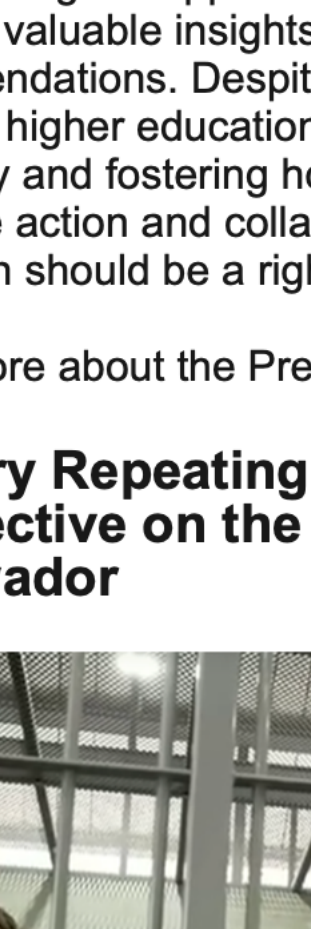
Qualifications:

- Experience with video production, editing software (e.g., Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, or similar)
- Ability to embed subtitles and graphics into video content
- Strong written and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a team setting
- A reel or portfolio demonstrating video editing and production skills
- Reliability, flexibility, and adaptability to project needs
- Experience in the non-profit health sector (preferred)
- Having your own or access to equipment is a plus. However, we also have a budget to cover renting equipment if necessary
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Interested students should submit a brief cover letter, résumé, and example of finished work that demonstrates video editing experience.

APPLY BY EMAILING APPLICATION TO PROFESSOR BAGLIA (WBAGLIA@DEPAUL.EDU)

Position 2: Research Assistant



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STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT/
PROJECT ASSISTANT



We are seeking a detail-oriented and motivated student assistant to help document and track the progress of an ongoing applied research project. The student will be working with Professor Jay Baglia, a 2025-2026 Solutions Lab Grantee. The ideal candidate will have strong research and synthesis skills, the ability to organize and record project milestones, and excellent communication abilities for engaging with stakeholders.

Responsibilities

- Conduct research using both scholarly sources and popular press materials.
- Synthesize and summarize relevant information for project documentation.
- Maintain a detailed record of project history, including key developments and milestones.
- Assist in scheduling, conducting, and summarizing stakeholder interviews.
- Attend and document key in-person and Zoom meetings

Qualifications

This position offers a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in research documentation, academic dissemination, and professional networking. Flexible hours with the expectation of some in-person and virtual meeting attendance.

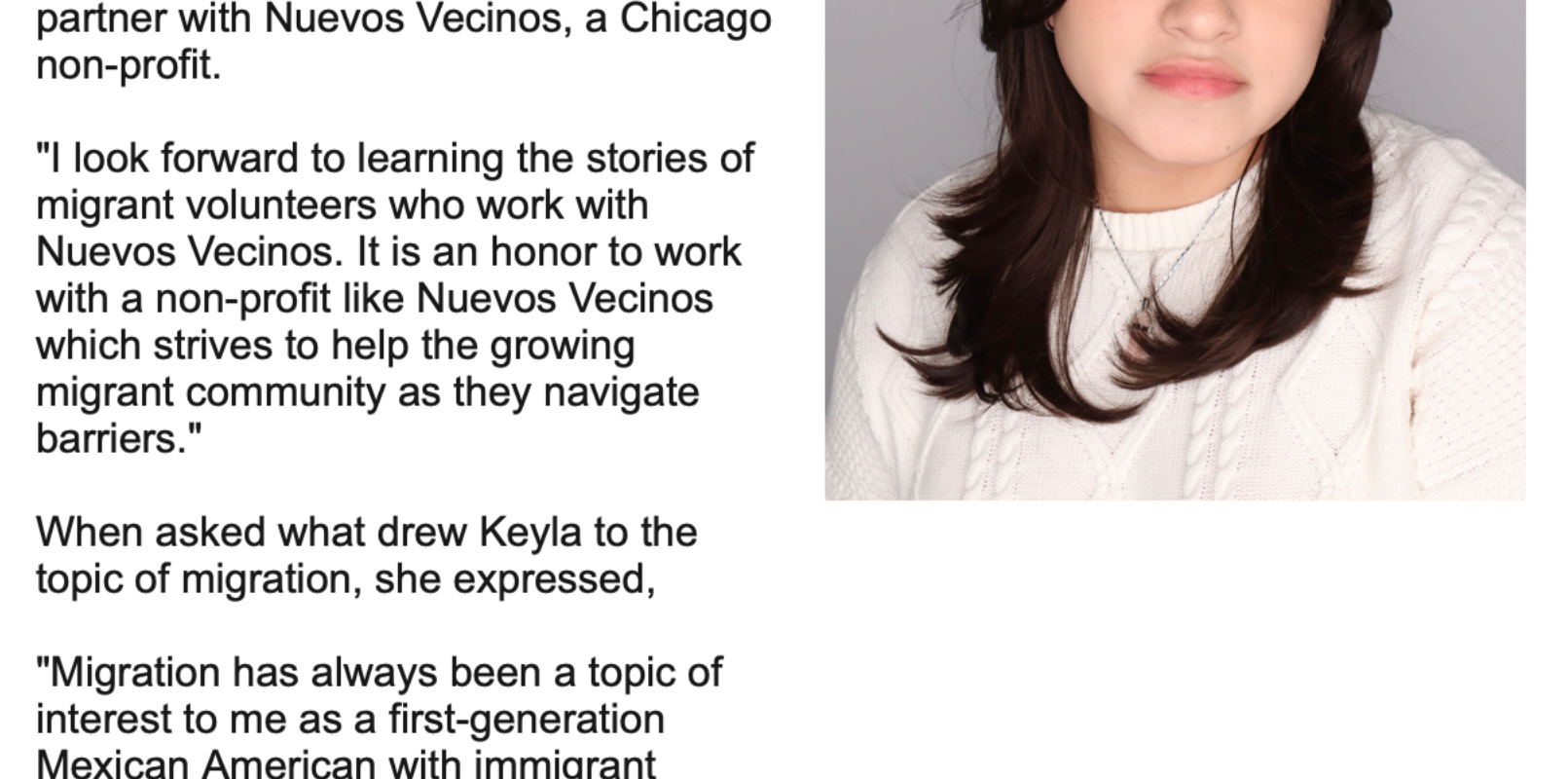
The ideal candidate will have the ability to perform the following

- Research & Information Synthesis
- Project Documentation & Organization
- Academic & Professional Communication
- Stakeholder Engagement & Meeting Participation
- Familiarity with Academic Conferences and Publication including writing abstracts for academic conferences.

Interested students should submit a brief cover letter, résumé, and writing sample.

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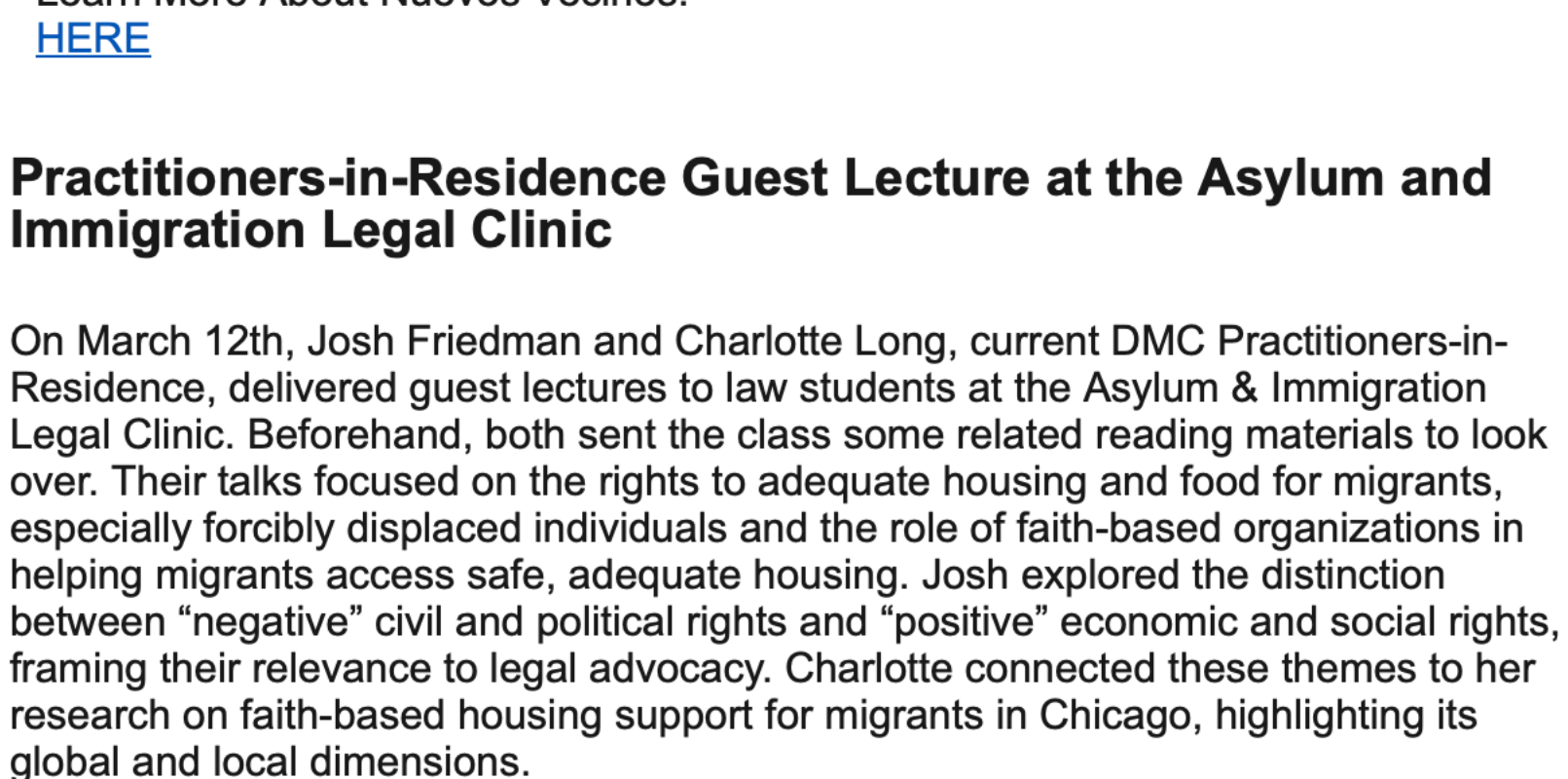
DePaul and the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration Hosts Representatives from Different Universities to Collaborate on Strengthening Refugee Support in Higher Education



On March 14th, 2025 DePaul University in partnership with the Presidents' Alliance hosted *Supporting Refugee Student Journeys in U.S. Higher Education*. This event brought together around 100 representatives/participants across the U.S. from different colleges and universities to learn, share, and work toward developing their programming to support refugee students. Students with refugee status also provided valuable insights to their own experiences and provided best practices recommendations. Despite the end of the federal Welcome Corps on Campus initiative, higher education institutions remain steadfast in pursuing the mission of inclusivity and fostering hope for students. Moments like this remind us that collective action and collaboration continues to be valued and access to higher education should be a right for all to experience fully.

Learn more about the Presidents' Alliance and their wonderful work: [HERE](#)

"History Repeating Itself," Previous DMC Expert Offers a Brief Perspective on the Human Rights Concerns in Deportations to El Salvador



As ICE continues to detain and deport migrants to El Salvador, ethical concerns are being raised. The DMC reconnected with former Practitioner in Residence and current Country Conditions Expert Elizabeth Kennedy to reflect on the harsh realities of the prisons where deported individuals are being held. This is what she shared with us,

"Will we ever see those who flee as human beings, fighting with everything in them to live? Authorities after them here. Authorities after them there. Where is the protection?"

Heartbreaking history is repeating itself. Throughout El Salvador's civil war (1979-1992), United States officials denied asylum to those fleeing, labeling them as terrorists and terrorist sympathizers based upon details they often could not control: their places of residence, religion and physical markings. Few actually were. US officials sometimes notified Salvadoran officials of deportees' arrivals, and those persons were disappeared or executed within hours.

Today, US officials label Salvadorans as gang members or collaborators based upon their tattoos, ways of dressing, and ways of speaking, which are intimately tied to places of residence past and present. Few actually share any gang affiliation. US officials are deporting them to El Salvador where Salvadoran officials have removed constitutional rights for those accused of gang membership, such that they are immediately imprisoned and then have no right to know the charges against them, an individual trial, an attorney or contact with family. Human rights organizations and investigative news outlets have documented hundreds of grave human rights abuses in El Salvador's prisons, including severe overcrowding, denial of basic necessities (food, water, bathroom and sleeping space), beatings, torture, disappearance and murder. Outside the prisons, Salvadoran police and soldiers continue to commit sexual violence, other forms of torture and extrajudicial executions."

To learn more about El Salvador's prisons and the human rights concerns of deportation without due process, future plans, and immigration policies please read some of the news articles below.

[Video Inside El Salvador prison housing deported US migrants - ABC News](#)

[These Men Were Deported to El Salvador With No Due Process. Their Stories Show Why an Investigation Is Necessary](#)

[Most Venezuelans Deported to El Salvador Had No Criminal Record. Investigation Reveals](#)

[Trump administration prepares to send more deported migrants to notorious El Salvador prison | CNN Politics](#)

Giving a Platform to the Stories of Others: New Student Research Assistant is Excited to Begin

Meet Keyla,

Keyla is a pursuing a degree in Secondary Education with an English concentration and she will be joining the DMC as a Solutions Lab Grantee Research Assistant. Keyla recently started working with Professor Mónica Reyes on her project entitled *Cultivating Community: Rhetorical Practices of Migrant Volunteers*. This research will partner with Nuevos Vecinos, a Chicago non-profit.

"I look forward to learning the stories of migrant volunteers who work with Nuevos Vecinos. It is an honor to work with a non-profit like Nuevos Vecinos which strives to help the growing migrant community as they navigate barriers."

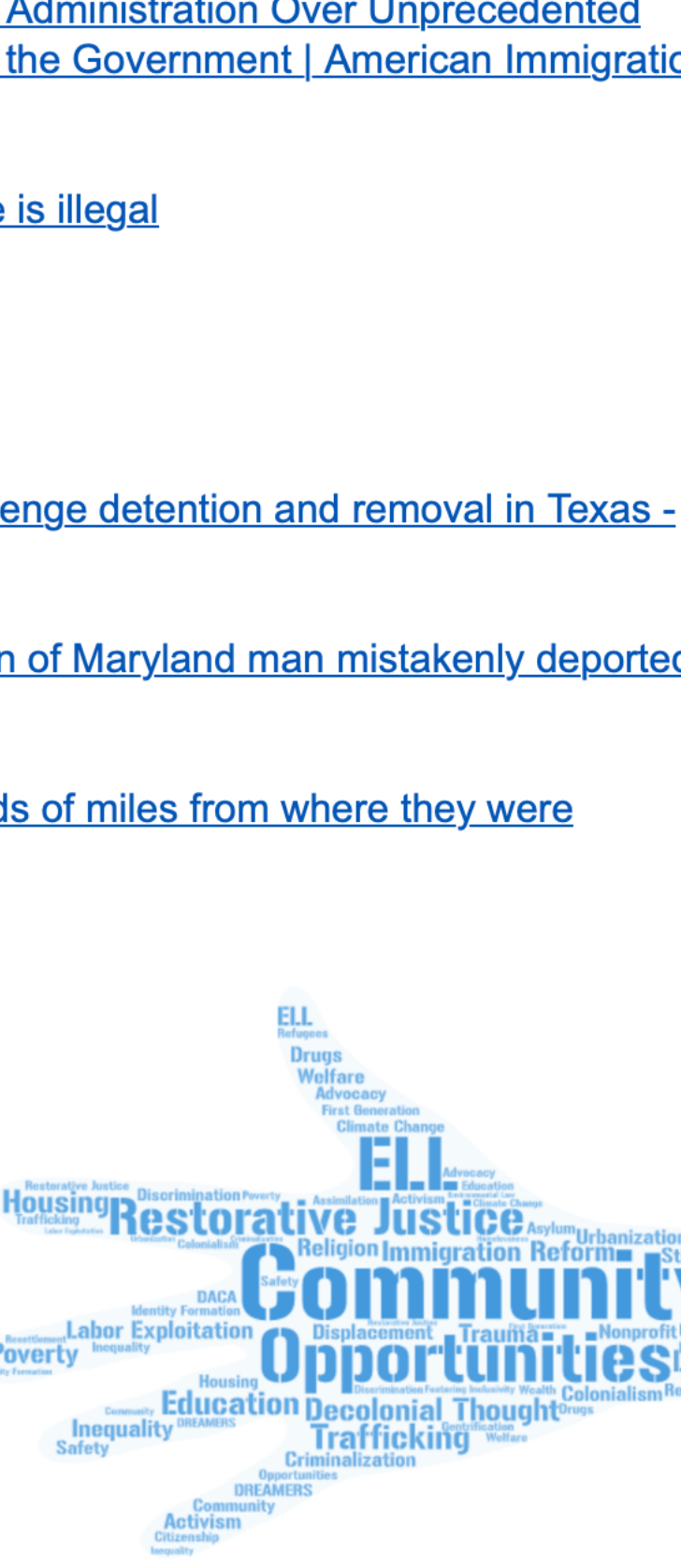
When asked what drew Keyla to the topic of migration, she expressed,

"Migration has always been a topic of interest to me as a first-generation Mexican American with immigrant parents. Collaborating on Professor Reyes' project has given me the opportunity to work with a community I have become familiar with, while also helping me share people's stories by bridging linguistic gaps. My previous coursework with Professor Reyes on migration further motivated me to contribute to the migrant community, and I am honored to use my fluency in both Spanish and English to help share migrant stories."

We are thrilled to welcome Keyla to the Solutions Lab and we cannot wait to hear about the work Dr. Reyes and Keyla will do.

Learn More About Professor Reyes' Project: [HERE](#)

Learn More About Nuevos Vecinos: [HERE](#)



Practitioners-in-Residence Guest Lecture at the Asylum and Immigration Legal Clinic

On March 12th, Josh Friedman and Charlotte Long, current DMC Practitioners-in-Residence, delivered guest lectures to law students at the Asylum & Immigration Legal Clinic. Beforehand, both sent the class some related reading materials to look over. Their talks focused on the rights to adequate housing and food for migrants, especially forcibly displaced individuals and the role of faith-based organizations in helping migrants access safe, adequate housing. Josh explored the distinction between "negative" civil and political rights and "positive" economic and social rights, framing their relevance to legal advocacy. Charlotte connected these themes to her research on faith-based housing support for migrants in Chicago, highlighting its global and local dimensions.

"My work on faith-based aid lives in a global context of faith-based involvement in conflict, humanitarian efforts, migration relief and housing; I wanted the students to understand that bigger picture of the very specific and local research my project is focused on for the DMC. Some students had current cases that directly involved faith-based housing or had housing related questions for migrants in Chicago. It was thrilling to speak with students who cared about their clients and had been struggling with the exact issues my work looks to address. I love being in dialogue with that energy and I'm grateful for all of the work the clinic continues to champion. We need more immigration lawyers STAT!" - Charlotte Long

The session sparked meaningful dialogue with students who are actively navigating these complex issues in their casework—many of whom are already engaging with housing questions and faith-based support in their advocacy.

If you are interested in hearing from these speakers about their current research projects and reflections on adequate housing, RSVP to our upcoming event *Beyond the Brick Wall: Shaping Adequate Housing in Urban Environments for Migrants*.

RSVP: [HERE](#)

In Case You Missed It

Resources and Calls to Action

[DMC Resources](#)

[FAQ: The Trump Immigration Registration Requirement - NILC](#)

[Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions](#)

[Fund the Resistance](#)- current cases and links to the websites of the organizations pursuing these cases and ways to donate.

[Tell Congress: International Students are Essential to America's Safety, Economy, and Global Strength | NAFSA](#)

Migration News

With Paywalls

[Social Security Rights Thousands of Migrants as Dead to Prompt Them to 'Self-Deport' - The New York Times](#)

Without Paywalls

[ICE director wants to run deportations like 'Amazon Prime for human beings' | US Immigration | The Guardian](#)

[Top IRS officials join chief in quitting following immigration data deal](#)

[Judge will halt Trump administration from ending humanitarian parole for people from four countries | CNN Politics](#)

[Immigrants disappear from US detainee tracking system after deportation flights | AP News](#)

[ICE 'disappeared' 48 New Mexico residents, attorneys say • Source New Mexico](#)

[Trump immigration crackdowns threaten health caregiving. U.S. families are paying the price.](#)

[As ICE arrests international students, a legal scholar weighs in : NPR](#)

[Immigration crackdown: 5 things to know about Venezuela TPS ruling](#)

[American Immigration Council Suing Trump Administration Over Unprecedented Requirement That Immigrants Register with the Government | American Immigration Council](#)

[Lawsuit claims 'Trump alien registration' rule is illegal](#)

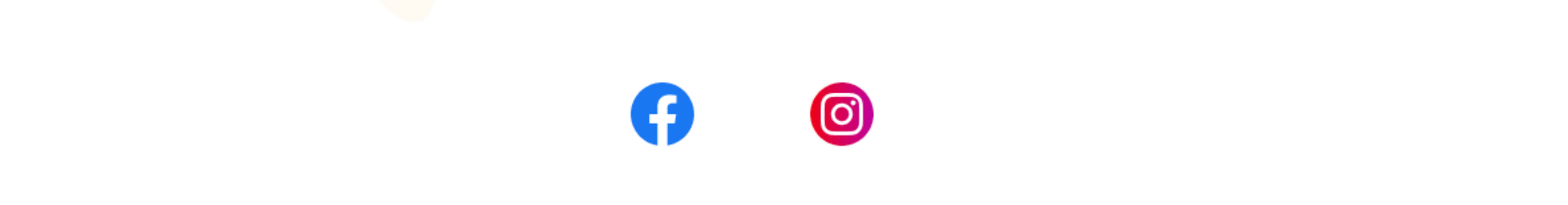
[Trump v. J.G.G. - SCOTUSblog](#)

[Tracking Trump's Actions on Student Visas](#)

[Supreme Court requires noncitizens to challenge detention and removal in Texas - SCOTUSblog](#)

[Justices direct government to facilitate return of Maryland man mistakenly deported to El Salvador - SCOTUSblog](#)

[Why ICE is really moving detainees hundreds of miles from where they were arrested | CNN](#)



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