

DePaul Migration Collaborative

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Advocating for Justice, Educating for the Future

Statement from the DMC: In light of the recent election, the DePaul Migration Collaborative reaffirms its dedication to advocating for the rights of forcibly displaced individuals. We will continue to support research and initiatives that uphold DePaul University's mission as an immigrant-serving institution.

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

There is no DMC events scheduled at this time. Stay tuned for what is next!

Non-DMC Events

Nov. 15, 2024 @8:30am- Mental Health Implications of Global and Regional Response to Migrants: The Role of Social Support in their Integration

Location: Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago 969 East 60th St., Chicago 60637

Learn More: [HERE](#)

News

DMC Call for Solutions Lab Applications Closes Soon

Accepting Applications!



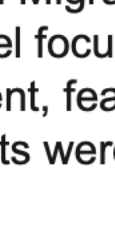
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2025 Solutions Lab Research Grant

Applications Open: October 15, 2024
Application Close: November 15, 2024

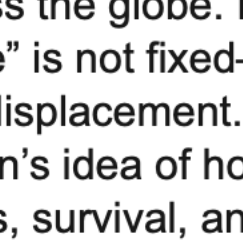
Established in 2023, the DMC's Solutions Lab program aims to support community-engaged research projects aimed at directly addressing key challenges facing migrants in the United States and across the world.

We encourage applications from all Full-Time DePaul faculty across all disciplines with academic or personal interest in research and community-engaged work in the area of migration, immigration, or asylum.



Visit the DePaul Migration Collaborative Website to Access the Application.

Contact us: migration@depaul.edu



Application Opened: October 15, 2024
Application Closes: November 15, 2024

Access the Application: [HERE](#)

This is an opportunity exclusive to faculty at DePaul. On November 15, 2024, the DMC will be closing the [Solutions Lab](#) application. We encourage all faculty from any discipline to apply. The Solutions Lab is a unique opportunity that offers partnership between academia and community organizations for 6-12 months to conduct community-engaged research. Questions about the application can be directed to migration@depaul.edu.

Exploring Home, Identity, and Forced Displacement: A Thought-Provoking Event on Refugee Narratives with Author Wendy Pearlman

On October 23, 2024, the DePaul Migration Collaborative and the John T. Richardson Library hosted a panel focused on the themes of home building, identity formation, and forced displacement, featuring author and Northwestern professor Wendy Pearlman. Her co-panelists were DePaul's Professor Maria Ferrera and Professor Monica Reyes.

Wendy Pearlman opened the event by sharing insights from her extensive research with Syrian refugees across the globe. In her presentation, Pearlman emphasized that the definition of "home" is not fixed—it is a dynamic, evolving concept shaped by individual experiences of displacement. Through the stories of three refugees, she illustrated how each person's idea of home is deeply personal, yet interconnected by shared experiences of loss, survival, and hope. Pearlman also highlighted how home serves as a common ground for people to connect, fostering peace and understanding amidst the challenges of forced migration. Pearlman's book *The Home I Worked to Make* focuses on the transformative power of storytelling. By sharing their personal narratives, refugees not only preserve their identities but also build bridges of empathy across diverse communities. In her discussion, she underscored how storytelling can serve as a tool for peacebuilding, connecting people with different backgrounds through their shared humanity. Following Pearlman's presentation, Dr. Ferrera and Dr. Reyes shared their own perspectives on the project, enriching the conversation with their unique expertise. The panel discussion explored several critical topics, including gender, health, diaspora, and storytelling. The discussion offered valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of displacement and the ways in which refugees rebuild their lives while grappling with loss and adaptation.

Alongside a wonderful presentation, the DePaul library put together a research guide to support those who want to learn more about forced displacement, home-building, and the refugee experience.

Visit the Guide: [HERE](#)

Thank you Wendy Pearlman, Dr. Ferrera, Dr. Reyes, and everyone who attended for contributing to a meaningful and thought-provoking event!



Dr. Maria Ferrera (Left), Dr. Monica Reyes (Middle), Dr. Wendy Pearlman (Right)



DePaul University Awarded Grant to Develop AI Tool Addressing Migrant Needs

DePaul University is developing an AI-powered platform to help migrants in Chicago access vital services, following the influx of recent arrivals. This project is led by Professor Bamshad Mobasher and supported by a National Science Foundation grant with advisement from DMC Co-Director, Professor Sharma and Manager, Jill Nyhof. The project aims to address the administrative hurdles migrants face by using AI for multilingual translation and personalized service recommendations. The team is working with community organizations to ensure the platform is ethical, transparent, and user-centered, with a focus on reducing language barriers. The project will run through 2026, with plans for future testing and expansion. Check Out the Newsline Article: [HERE](#)

DePaul Asylum Clinic Director and DMC Co-Director Accepts St. Oscar Romero Award for Leadership and Service of Migrants

Congratulations DMC Co-Director and Director of the [DePaul Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic](#), Professor Sioban Albiol on receiving the St. Oscar Romero Award at Centro Romero's 40th Anniversary Gala on November 7, 2024!

This award honors and recognizes those who have exemplified an unwavering commitment to the community and its work within the Latino migrant population served by Centro Romero. We are so grateful to have a program like the Clinic at DePaul and for the work they do every day.



Welcome Corps Hosts Chicago Colleges at DePaul for Lunch and Learn

On October 25, 2024, the Welcome Corps held an engaging Lunch & Learn event with representatives from various Chicago colleges, introducing them to the Welcome Corps on Campus program. This initiative aims to increase resettlement pathways and expand higher education opportunities for refugee youth. During the event, Associate Provost GianMario Besana and DMC Senior Program Manager Jill Nyhof-Rodriguez shared their insightful experiences welcoming a refugee student to DePaul during a panel presentation. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, fostering meaningful dialogue about supporting refugee students in higher education. A heartfelt thank you to Jill and GianMario for sharing their experiences.

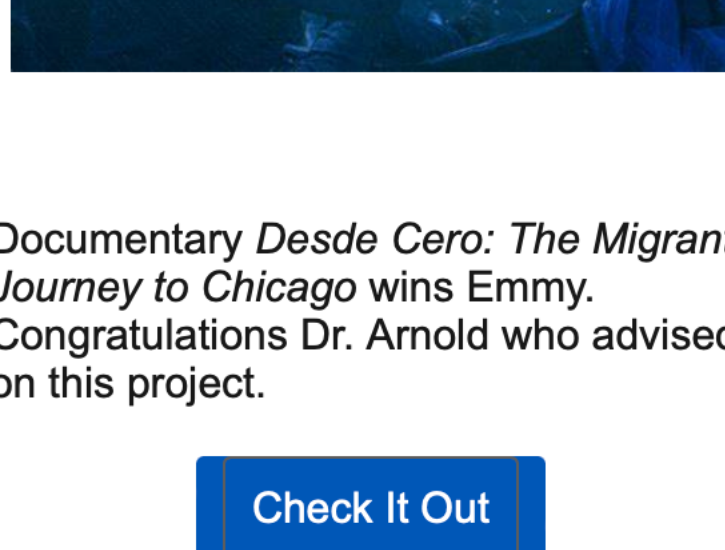
Political Representation and Economic Rights in the Shadows of Citizenship

ALLISON BROWNELL TIRRES

In recent years, the remarkable movement for the political rights of undocumented youth—the so-called "DREAMers"—has catalyzed a critical conversation about the economic rights of all noncitizens. A growing number of states have amended their laws in response to advocacy by and for the particular group of noncitizens. This essay situates this modern legal development in a broader conceptual and historical frame. It reflects on the relationship between economic rights and political aspirations in this movement, as well as in two other key legal developments in immigration history: the passage of anti-Asian alien land laws in the 1910s and 1920s, and the equal protection revolution in noncitizen rights in the 1970s. These three examples demonstrate the interplay between economic rights and political aspirations or dispositions in the history of immigration and citizenship. While our conversations about immigrant rights are often siloed into specific areas—the economy, education, politics, and so on—we see that these areas are not so separate but instead can be interconnected and intimately related.

Congratulations Professor Allison Tirres on your publication of "Political Representation and Economic Rights in the Shadows of Citizenship"

[Check It Out](#)



Documentary *Desde Cero: The Migrant Journey to Chicago* wins Emmy. Congratulations Dr. Arnold who advised on this project.

[Check It Out](#)

In Case You Missed It

Calls to Action

The Resurrection Project: Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic Volunteers Needed

More Information: [HERE](#)

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Immigration Interpreter

More Information: [HERE](#)

Migration News

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[Ten Likely Changes to Immigration Policy Under Trump 2.0](#)- Journal on Migration and Human Security

[Six Dead as Boat Carrying Rohingya Fleeing Myanmar Arrives in Indonesia](#)- Al-Jazeera

[Africa: Richer Countries Must Commit to Pay at COP29 as Climate Change Forcibly Displaces Millions Across Africa](#)- Amnesty International

[Israel/OPT: Law to Ban UNRWA Amounts to Criminalization of Humanitarian Aid](#)- Amnesty International

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[Biden Wanted to Fix Immigration, but Leaves Behind a System That Is Still Broken](#)- New York Times



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