

# 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

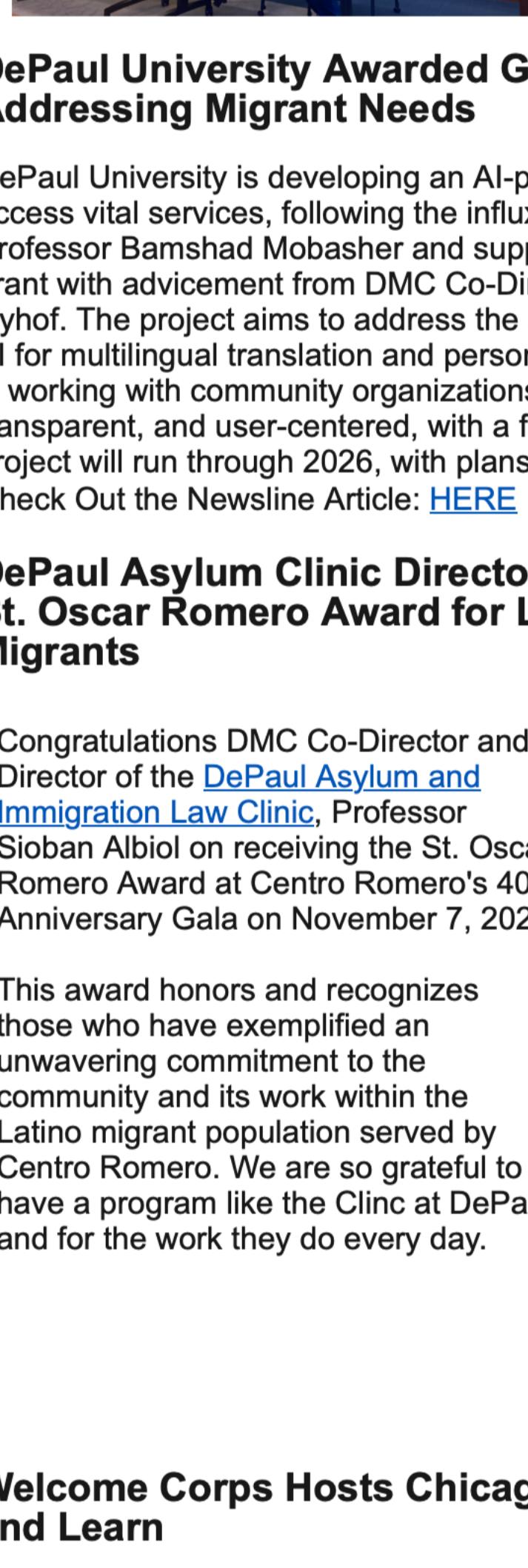
**Nov. 15, 2024 @8:30am- Mental Health Implications of Global and Regional Response to Migrants: The Role of Social Support in their Integration**

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



**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](mailto: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!

