

DePaul

Migration Collaborative

Advocating for Justice, Educating for the Future

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Top Story: **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!**
Illinois Immigration Resources You Need to Know!



As immigration raids continue in Chicago, it is imperative that students, faculty, staff and community members are all aware of their rights. The [Illinois Immigration Information](#) website is a centralized hub offering trusted, up-to-date information for immigrant communities in Illinois. It provides guidance on legal rights, emergency preparedness, public benefits, and access to legal help. The site is supported by a coalition of immigrant rights organizations and government partners. You can access via their website or by visiting our [Immigration Resources](#) page.

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

10/9 @ 12pm Crevices and Crutches Laid Bare: Global Governments and Civil Society Responses to Migrant Housing

RSVP: [HERE](#)

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

More Information: [Coming Soon](#)

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CREVICES AND CRUTCHES LAID BARE:

Global Governments and Civil Society Responses to Migrant Housing

Join us for a thought-provoking talk led by Solutions Lab Graduate Professor **Ramy Ramanath**, who will explore how irregular migrants navigate housing in global cities such as Santiago, Montevideo, Chicago, Glasgow, and Pretoria.

Drawing on case studies, Professor Ramanath will examine how exclusionary government policies intersect with local practices of care and support. The presentation will highlight both barriers to shelter and inspiring examples of inclusive initiatives, while underscoring the urgent need to:

- Rethink housing rights
- Address systemic discrimination
- Center migrant voices in shaping equitable policies

Speaker:

DR. RAMYA RAMANATH

October 9, 2025, Thursday
12-1:30pm
Hybrid
Refundable Prepaid

DePaul University - Loop Campus

Questions? Contact migration@depaul.edu

News

Apply Today: Don't Miss Your Chance!

Are you a changemaker working at the intersection of migration, human rights, and advocacy? The DePaul Migration Collaborative **Practitioner in Residence Program (PIR)** is accepting applications for **2025-2026 until the end of today, September 15th**. This unique residency invites experienced practitioners to develop and share impactful, replicable models of migrant support rooted in human rights standards. Residency runs 6-8 months. Apply Today!

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Become a Practitioner in Residence

This program invites experts on migration, immigration, and human rights to collaborate, address migration challenges, and inform policies. Participants gain access to DePaul resources and have the opportunity to influence various migration-related discussions. The residency lasts 6-8 months and promotes practical solutions for contemporary migration issues.

[LEARN MORE](#)

DePaul Migration Collaborative Website → Open Applications → PIR Application

Residency Highlights

- Develop new connections in your field
- Work with student researchers and train advocates
- Personalized support
- Access to university resources
- Contribute to migration research and develop new strategies for advocacy
- Generous stipend and project budget

"I was so impressed with everyone I met -- faculty, students and staff -- at DePaul and the Migration Collaborative. I began several relationships I think will continue far into the future. I felt intellectually alive in ways I have not for some years and am so grateful to the cross-disciplinary and applied conversations I get to have with so many." Pat PIR

Questions? Contact migration@depaul.edu **Application Due September 15, 2025**

The DMC is seeking full-time faculty members to serve on its Advisory Council. The DMC is a cooperative effort between the College of Law and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Positions are not limited to professors that represent the COL and LAS. Advisory Council Members serve a 3-year term. The primary role of an Advisory Council Member is to work with the DePaul Migration Collaborative through contributions to their programming and providing advice as needed. It includes sharing your expertise and knowledge to guide the DMC in fulfilling its values and goals.

Application Opens: August 15th
Application Closes: September 17th
Decisions Made: September 30th
Terms Start Date: October 6th

Join Our Advisory Council

Our Mission

The mission of the DePaul Migration Collaborative (DMC) is to advocate for better public policy, foster cutting-edge research and publications, train the next generation of advocates, and provide transformative learning experiences for our students and community members alike. We seek to harness the power of interdisciplinary scholarly collaboration to pursue dynamic, community-engaged projects, advocacy, and research.

Core Commitments

- Engagement & Participation:** Stay actively involved with DMC programming by attending events, quarterly meetings, and contributing to discussions and feedback efforts.
- Communication & Promotion:** Share DMC news, events, and opportunities with students, colleagues, and relevant networks to increase participation and awareness of migration topics.
- Support & Contribution:** Assist with events when available (e.g., moderating), subscribe and contribute to the DMC newsletter, and support funding initiatives.
- Collaboration:** Help build and strengthen connections between DMC and other departments or programs across the university.

Applications Due September 17th

Questions: email:migration@depaul.edu

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Why Join?

Impact

Be a part of shaping the direction of the DMC's programs and influence through meetings and expertise.

Connection

Foster new connections and build on previous ones through working committees, and engagement with DMC research.

Apply Now

Visit our website, then select open applications → Advisory Council

New Projects, New Community-Based Solutions

Professor Monica Reyes

Dr. Reyes is an assistant professor in the Writing, Rhetoric & Discourse Department. Her research focuses on cultural rhetorics and critical refugee studies, with particular attention to the intersections of rhetoric, storytelling, and migration. Dr. Reyes' project, *Cultivating Community: Rhetorical Practices of Migrant Volunteers in Chicago*, will explore how migrant volunteers use volunteer work to create community, purpose, and belonging in the context of restricted access to work permits and how their contributions help them navigate systemic barriers while fostering resilience.

Professor Jay Baglia

Professor Baglia has over 25 years of experience working in healthcare to improve communication among patients and providers. At DePaul, Dr. Baglia teaches courses in Health Communication, Health Literacy, and Health Disparities. His Solutions Lab project *Access and Understanding: Navigating Migrant Care and CommunityHealth* involves creating patient-centered videos for CommunityHealth, the largest provider of free healthcare for the uninsured in Chicago expanding accessibility for all regardless of status.

Mark Your Calendar, the Next DMC Symposium is on It's Way!

Join us on May 1, 2026 for *Broken by Design: Refugee and Responsibility*. Discover the work driving solutions, fostering resilience and supporting those forcibly displaced. This symposium invites scholars, practitioners, community members and students to learn, connect, and reimagine what is possible. Stay tuned here or via Social Media and our [Website](#) for future details on speakers, sessions, and registration information.

Broken by Design:

Refuge and Responsibility

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May 1, 2026

Looking Back: Highlights from Events You Might Have Missed

Faith-Based Networks Filling the Gaps (June 3)

Charlotte Long, with research assistants Crystal Campos and Jr. Alvarez, shared findings from her project *"Filling in the Gaps,"* which examined the vital role of faith-based networks in providing informal housing for newly arrived immigrants. Drawing from 20 networks serving diverse communities, her research highlighted how grassroots programs are supporting up to 1,000 migrant cases annually—offering everything from temporary shelter to long-term mentorship. A private lunch with participants and a public presentation unpacked how these networks operate within the broader Sanctuary movement and what they can teach us about community-led solutions when formal systems fall short. A full report is available upon request.

Request the Research: [HERE](#)

PRAxis Research: A Global Look at Rights-Based Access (June 5 & June 24)

Joshua Friedman and student researchers Goliath Yazdani, Mursal Fahimi, and Theresa Herzog-Abuseweda presented findings from *PRAxis (Protecting Rights Across Contexts and International Sharing)*—a comparative project exploring housing and food access for forced migrants in Chicago and Vienna. Their work, based on interviews, focus groups, and participatory workshops, centers food and housing as human rights, not commodities. The team shared preliminary findings from over 80 participants across Afghan, Syrian, Iraqi, and Rohingya communities. Key takeaways include recommendations for stronger cross-sector coordination, culturally informed services, and the simplification of application processes. The June 24th event also featured an international panel of Vienna-based practitioners, adding a valuable global perspective. The full research findings will be published on the DMC website soon.

These events offered essential reflections for community organizers, advocates, and policymakers committed to immigrant justice and equity. Stay tuned for upcoming reports and hear who the next DMC Practitioner will be.

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](#)

Calls to Action

[Volunteer your language services to NJC's clients 2025](#)

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

Migration News

With Paywalls

[How Geo Group's Surveillance Tech is Aiding Trump's Immigration Agenda - The New York Times](#)

[Chicago Braces for Trump's Immigration Crackdown - The New York Times](#)

[Trump Officials Ask Military Lawyers to Serve as Immigration Judges - The New York Times](#)

[Get to Know Chicago's Immigrant Community, Target of Trump's Crackdown - The New York Times](#)

[Trump's Reversals on Immigration Mount Over Economic Concerns - The New York Times](#)

Without Paywalls

Immigration enforcement surge in Chicago is expected to last about 45 days, suburban mayor says | AP News

[ICE Launches 'Operation Midway Blitz' With Immigration Raids In Chicago](#)

[ICE involved in fatal shooting in Chicago's Franklin Park](#)

[Judge tells Trump to update immigration website for Venezuelans with temporary protected status](#)

[Appeals court allows Alligator Alcatraz to continue immigrant detention center operations - ABC News](#)

[Live updates: DHS says 475 people were detained during Georgia immigration raid | AP News](#)

[DHS ends temporary protected status for some 200,000 Venezuelans in the US - POLITICO](#)

[Judge Rules Trump Administration Unlawfully Stripped TPS From More Than a Million Venezuelans and Haitians | UCLA Law](#)

[El Grito Chicago postponed over fears of ICE activity during Mexican Independence Day celebrations - CRS Chicago](#)

[Mexican Independence Day parade in Little Village will go on as planned despite immigration threats - Chicago Sun-Times](#)

[Why Humanitarian Access in Gaza And Sudan Can't Wait](#)

[UK drops refugee family reunion applications amid anti-immigration protests | Migration News | Al Jazeera](#)

[Firefighters tackling wildfire in US arrested by immigration agents | Migration News | Al Jazeera](#)

[Supreme Court Order: ICE Enforcement based on Racial Profiling](#)

[Somaliand recognition for forced transfer of Palestinians? 'Not worth it' | Israel- Palestine conflict News | Al Jazeera](#)

[School closures push Rohingya refugee children into marriage and work | Reuters](#)

[Bangladesh runs out of resources for Rohingya refugees | Reuters](#)

[US enlists 'Americaners' group in refugee scheme for white South Africans | Reuters](#)

[Sister Pat Murphy, devoted immigrant advocate, dies at 96 - Chicago Sun-Times](#)

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