



RFMS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



RFMS STUDENTS: CHELSEA BUNDY,
KATIE CROSBY, AND SOPHIA SCHMALL

UPCOMING EVENTS:

World Refugee Day Conference: June 24, 9-5:30, Lincoln Park Campus

Keynote speakers: Kizito Kalima; Moshood Olanrewaju

If you'd like to attend, contact:

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RECENT EVENTS

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SANCTUARY NOW--PARTNERSHIP WITH SULLIVAN HIGH (SCHOOL PICTURED ABOVE)

Initiative by Katie Crosby, co-director of Sanctuary Now!

Graduate students helped forced migrants to apply for jobs, college, and vocational training. Program will begin again in the Fall--we are looking for undergraduate volunteers!

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MAY 25TH--DEAF DEFY AND THET HTAR SAN TALK

Deaf Defy--(<https://www.deafdefy.org/>)--spoke to the DePaul Community about the important work they do providing audiological care to refugees in Middle Eastern camps. They explained their aims in these camps, which involve encouraging individuals and families to continue signing or to develop some communication if the family/individual had not already developed forms of communication. The two leaders from Deaf Defy speaking that night were RFMS student Chelsea Bundy (who will be graduating very soon) and Zaineb Abdulla. They helped students understand the logistical difficulties of traveling to this area and how they have dealt with suspicions of those aiding refugees. They also explained how their mission to Palestine may differ from that of other countries.

Former Myanmar junior diplomat, Thet Htar San, also spoke that night, explaining her opposition to the latest military takeover of her government and the brutality with which the pro-democracy movement has been treated.

If you would like to learn more about recent events in Myanmar, please use the following links:

This is a link to an OpEd Thet San wrote for the Washington Post:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/04/28/im-myanmar-diplomat-heres-why-i-refuse-recognize-coup/>

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<https://www.cnn.com/.../myanmar-diplomats.../index.html>

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<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/05/20/asia-pacific/myanmar-diplomats-recalled/>

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2021-2022

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Kizito Kalima Talk on Surviving the Rwandan Genocide



The poster features a background image of a lush green mountain range. The text is arranged as follows: 'Peace Forgiveness & Reconciliation' in white serif font on a blue triangular background; 'A conversation with genocide survivor, Kizito Kalima.' in white sans-serif font below it; 'April 4' in white serif font inside a white square on a green triangular background; 'All are welcome to attend!' in white sans-serif font to the right of the square; '6:00 to 7:30 PM' in blue sans-serif font at the bottom left; and a portrait of Kizito Kalima in a dark suit and light shirt on the right side.

The DePaul Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program hosted a conversation with Kizito Kalima, a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Kalima shared his story of strength and perseverance, recalling the times he stared death in the face during his journey towards survival. His will to survive allowed him to escape and survive in the swamplands for months until he was rescued by rebels and other Rwandans looking to stop the genocide.

After the genocide, basketball became a foundational pillar in Kizito's life as he learned to cope with the trauma he experienced. He eventually came to Chicago to play basketball, which helped occupy his mind, but it did not erase the horrors he endured. Kalima found comfort in sharing his story with others and ended up contacting Holocaust Survivor Eva Moses Kor for advice. Kor introduced him to the notion of forgiveness, and while it took a few years to accept, he believes forgiveness allowed his true self to emerge. He adopted a hands-on approach to helping those who also survived the genocide and became a refuge for those migrating to the United States.

Kalima is now the founder and executive director of the Peace Center for Forgiveness and Reconciliation; their mission is to "remove the obstacles to forgiveness and promote healing for both victims and perpetrators of injustice."

~Colleen Kucharski

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Criminology Crimmigration Panels

THE DEPAUL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS OF CRIMINOLOGY, LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES, REFUGEE AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES, AND THE CENTER FOR LATINO RESEARCH PRESENT:

CRIMMIGRATION:

INTERROGATING THE INTERSECTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022
11:50 AM - 3:00 PM

ZOOM: [HTTPS://DEPAUL.ZOOM.US/J/96045351371](https://dePaul.zoom.us/j/96045351371)
IN-PERSON: DEPAUL CENTER RM. 8005 (1 E. JACKSON BLVD.) •



Crimmigration: Interrogating the Intersection of Criminal Justice and Immigration

DePaul University Departments of Criminology, Latin American and Latino Studies, Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, and the Center for Latino Research came together to discuss the policies and practices that affect the lives of immigrants every day. Through the expertise of a variety of panelists, audience members were able to learn about how immigration policies have progressively become more restrictive and how the rights allocated to immigrants are almost nonexistent.

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Criminology Crimmigration Panels

Panelists discussed the implementation of programs around the country, one being 287g, that target immigrant communities by forming a cooperative relationship between local law enforcement agencies and ICE. Restrictive policies affect both documented and nondocumented immigrants as those living in mixed status families must proceed with the utmost caution when engaging in public activities for fear of exposing their most vulnerable family members.

The second half of the panel looked at the lived experiences of immigrants as they navigate through a system that targets them on a daily basis. Research indicates a rampant increase in the number of hate crimes across the country, so those who may be “perceived as an immigrant” as well as their community must be incredibly vigilant. Educational institutions have a duty to provide an inclusive environment as one panelist finds that positive sentiments regarding immigration having a positive effect on the academic engagement of immigrant students. Immigrant communities are faced with challenges every day, which is why it is important to address the wave of criminalization that has targeted these vulnerable communities.

~Colleen Kucharski

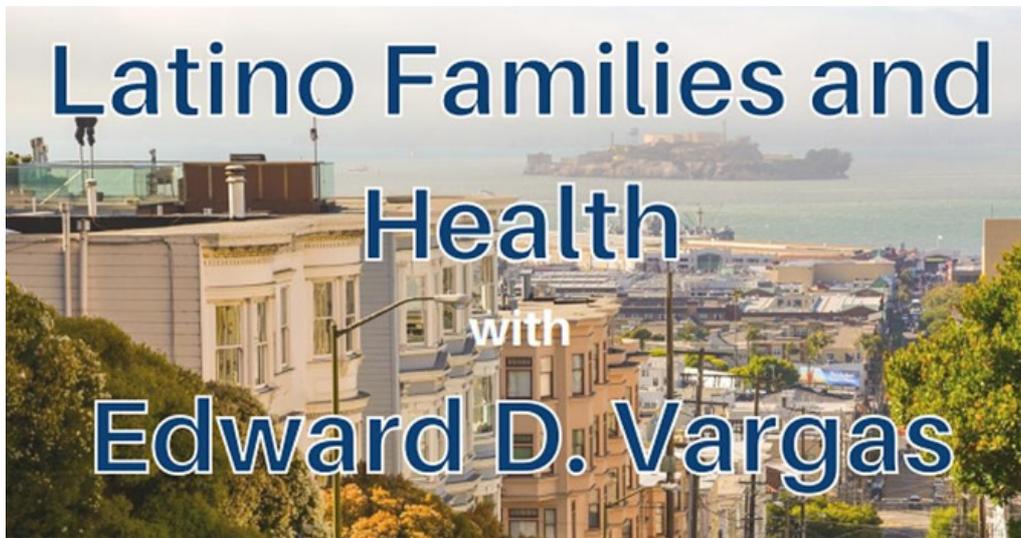
DePaul Migration Collaborative Inaugural Conference



DePaul's new Migration Collaborative held a day-long conference on Friday April 29th. The keynote speaker was UCLA professor Hiroshi Motomura, with esteemed panelists, guests, and important migrant advocates from the DePaul community. Different theme panels approached the topics of ending detention in Illinois, crimmigration, mental health, Chicago community needs, and a historical approach to understanding anti-immigration sentiment, presented by Prof. Erika Lee, University of Minnesota. Donald Kerwin of the Center for Migration Studies ended the day by discussing recent migration policies in connection with Vincentian principles and migration advocacy.

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Public Health Class guest speaker



In 1996, the PRWORA barred all foreign residents from public health benefits with a few exceptions for emergency care. The Affordable Care Act of 2010 made it prohibitively expensive for migrants to buy private health insurance. 1996 laws also made it possible to establish mass deportation and detention systems. Together, these laws made it difficult for what Saskia Sassen calls "low-tier workers" to access preventative care and even in emergency situations, individuals were afraid to seek help because they feared that medical personnel would turn them in to ICE.

In April of 2022, Edward Vargas spoke to the RFMS Public Health class and the DePaul community about his research on the negative health effects undocumented individuals and their families experience when encountering hostile rhetoric, particularly racism, and navigating criminalizing laws (particularly stemming from the 1996 devolution in power, leading to a loss of migrant rights). Vargas and his colleagues found that while hostile discourse has an indirect effect on migrant health, that combined with the threat of detention and deportation, otherwise healthy people suffer. His work demonstrates the profoundly negative health effects of these three laws and the damage that criminalizing and racist rhetoric cause.

RFMS Student Activities and Achievements

Graduate student spotlight: Katie Crosby, co-director of Sanctuary Now!, liaison between DePaul Sanctuary peer mentor program and RefugeeOne, initiator of Sullivan High (Refugee High) partnership--spotlight written by Prof. Arnold:

DePaul Sanctuary and Sanctuary Now! are two linked groups that started out from an honors class I taught (WQ2021) and we formed peer mentor pods to support Afghan students who are here tonight. We ended up collecting clothes, donations, and more, partnering with Refugee One. I want to acknowledge Katie Crosby's help every step of the way—from forming an NGO over the summer to helping with clothing and toiletry drives, to becoming the Refugee One liaison, facilitating the sensitivity training and other requirements with which peer mentors had to comply. She was the one writing reports to Refugee One, making sure these students had service provision from R1 and more. From attending meetings to listening to peer mentors to befriending our new students and friends from Afghanistan, these two organizations wouldn't be what they are without her. I want to stress that all of this was unknown—none of us knew if our efforts would work, if people would join, or clothes and food could be collected.

Katie also initiated and facilitated a partnership with Sullivan High School so that RFMS graduate students could help high school students with forced migration status apply for college or jobs, despite the obstacles. Josh Zepeda of Sullivan High School has recently stated about this partnership: "As the Refugee Social Worker at Sullivan High School, our Immigrant and Refugee program is flooded with many requests for support from our students, staff, teachers, and parents. As mental health providers, we're often tasked with anything from mental health crises, ensuring our students' basic needs are met, and postsecondary planning. Our partnership with Sanctuary Now! has significantly increased our capacity to assist students with their basic needs and mental health. The volunteers from Sanctuary Now! have assisted students who'd been struggling with completing their FAFSA, filling out college applications, writing personal statements, and gathering the documentation necessary to accomplish these tasks. These tasks take a lot of time and patience and while important, take time away from students in need of mental health services and case management. Our partnership has made it possible for the entire refugee social work team to focus on our caseloads and the needs of our students." To be clear, Katie initiated this and got her fellow graduate students to participate. It has been gratifying not only to hear from Josh that this program has helped Sullivan teachers but also from Katie every time she leaves there happy to have met another interesting student.

Finally, even though she has already co-directed the NGO, served as the Refugee One Liaison, and so much more, she participated in the country conditions group, helping us to find sources for Afghan refugee and parole petitions on an emergency basis in partnership with the Resurrection Project. The sources went into a document distributed to all non-profit legal providers throughout Chicago aiding Afghan petitioners. The sanctuary groups have created alternative internships for RFMS students and undergrads and we could not have done this without Katie--Katie thank you for your dedication, passion, and being a great friend, colleague, and co-director all year!

Pictured below: Katie is 4th from the right, with Afghan students and supporters



RFMS Student Activities and Achievements

Katie Crosby--recipient of a highly competitive language fellowship to study Persian: US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program--she begins this training after graduation.

Claire Holba--funding for a research project on the role of education for refugees living in camps in Thailand. As she states: "I have been awarded funding from the Graduate Research Funding (GRF) program of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to conduct eight weeks of research pertaining to my research project titled 'The Utility and Purpose of Higher Education for Burmese Migrant Students in Thailand: Meeting Intersectional Needs of Diverse Stakeholders.' The concept for the research project emerged from my time as a teacher of over two hundred high schooler students in the isolated Mae Ra Moe refugee camp in the northwest of Thailand. Mae Ra Moe, though deemed a 'Temporary Shelter' has been in existence for nearly forty years. Those in the camps were not legally permitted to leave and enter other parts of Thailand with one exception: students who wished to continue their education, and had the financial means to do so, could secure an education permit with the Thai authorities. For most of my students, the only hope of escaping life in the camp was through the pathway of education. The core of my research is to understand what interests define the purpose and utility of Higher Education (HE) for PRS students in Thailand, how those interests are currently being satisfied, and where they might be expanded upon. I will be conducting research interviews out of four primary sites: the cities of Bangkok, Mae Sot, Mae Sariang, and Chiang Mai."

Sarah Pajeau--submitted an abstract to the Nordic Migration Research Conference 2022 and the submission has been accepted to the Refugee Policy in Comparative Perspective panel for the Nordic Migration Research Conference 2022.

July Zafiriadis--received funding for her internship project in Spring Quarter 2022: she volunteered with and wrote a handbook for the Rohingya Cultural Center. As July states, she received the "Community and Project-Based learning internship scholarship. The project I presented with Professor Arnold's sponsorship was: 'Redesign the Policy and Procedure Handbook for the Rohingya Culture Center.' Working in this project was an amazing experience. I had the opportunity to learn more about the Rohingya community and how nonprofit organizations work."

CONGRATS TO ALL RFMS STUDENTS WHO ARE GRADUATING IN JUNE:

Chelsea Bundy
Taylor Johnson
Emily Linder
Emily Parker
Jai Ramos

Katie Crosby
Jasmine Khoo
Sarah Pajeau
Marco Pettica
July Zafiriadis

RFMS Faculty Activities

Craig Mousin--Lawful Assembly Podcasts

<https://lawfulassembly.buzzsprout.com/1744949/10692055-episode-26-streamline-rule-precludes-a-complete-record>

This is an interview with Rev. Craig B. Mousin, an Adjunct Faculty member of the DePaul University's College of Law, Refugee and Forced Migrations Studies Program and the Grace School of Applied Diplomacy. The podcast examines the federal government's request for comments on a proposed Interim Final Rule involving adjudication of asylum applications. It argues that the expedited deadlines and streamlining procedures will prevent asylum applicants from developing a complete record in support of their claims and may make it almost impossible for asylum seekers to obtain legal representation. The Action Step below lists a link to the Interim Final Rule and the link to upload your comments. The Resources list several different links to understand the problems with the Interim Final Rule and different templates to assist you draft your comments.

~<https://lawfulassembly.buzzsprout.com/1744949/10595081-episode-25-stop-the-pretense-that-it-is-just-about-public-health>

This interview with Rev. Craig B. Mousin examines the "Public Health and Border Security Act of 2022" and critiques the intent of the proposal. It argues that the implementation of Title 42 procedures in denying asylum seekers entrance to the United States masquerades as public health and violates domestic law.

Note: each podcast has action steps you can take!

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Nezih Altay has published several articles recently:

~Narayanan, A. & Altay, N. "Ambidextrous humanitarian organizations" forthcoming with *Annals of Operations Research*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10479-021-04370-z>

~Altay, N., Kovacs, G. & Spens, K. (2021) "The evolution of humanitarian logistics as a discipline through a crystal ball" published online at *Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management* <https://doi.org/10.1108/JHLSCM-06-2021-0056>

~Yagci Sokat, K. & Altay, N. (2021) "Serving vulnerable populations under the threat of epidemics and pandemics", *Journal of Humanitarian Logistics & Supply Chain Management*, 11(2), 176-197.

~Moshtari, M., Altay, N., Heikkila, J., & Goncalves, P. (2021) "Procurement in Humanitarian Operations: Body of Knowledge and Future Research Agenda", *International Journal of Production Economics*, 233, 108017
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijpe.2020.108017>

Kathleen Arnold:

~Published an article on sanctuary localities and faith-based sanctuary:
"Sanctuary in a Trumpist Context: Creating Spaces of Democratic Exception," *Political Research Quarterly*, October 22, 2021,
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/10659129211052493?fbclid=IwAR3sB4DmwBgHKXPixdGuSCmpEAb1WWhIk2AH902yuChmeC7ncZ1O4C2JPZA&>;

~Article on Hannah Arendt's relevance to racist sovereign power and crimmigration: "When the Nation Conquered the State: Arendt's Contemporary Relevance," forthcoming in *Political Theory* (accepted April 2022).

~Winner of Public Service Award, DePaul 2022 (Spirit of Inquiry 2021)

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Ramya Ramanath--Co-Investigator, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Grant on Leadership Development for Catholic Sisters in Africa.

2018 to present, DePaul University and Tangaza University College, Kenya (over \$1 million award); this year, she received a UCCRI grant that will fund her research to be completed in India in the fall quarter this year. Her research will involve exploring affordable housing and smaller developers that operate more informally. She will focus on India's fourth largest metropolitan city of Chennai, this research (undertaken in cooperation with the Indian Housing Federation) will reveal and nuance the voices, perspectives, and experiences of multiple small private developers operating in Chennai's peri-urban frontiers. A description of the decision-making processes in urban expansion could begin almost anywhere! This research, however, treats the developer as the point of departure, i.e., the creator who transforms raw land into residential units.

Shailja Sharma--was named chair of INT (International Studies) and named director of the DePaul Migration Collaborative (with Siobhan Albiol)

RFMS Faculty Spotlight

Interview with Dr. Moshood Olanrewaju

~**What is your background?**

I am a middle-aged black, ... African male from Nigeria— I am grateful for my earliest experiences gained traveling on the Africa Continent. These experiences expose the uniqueness of geopolitical and socio-cultural communal relationships shared among ethnic kins in the: Maghreb, Sahel, and Horns of Africa.

I am a tribesman from the famous Yoruba people of southwestern Nigeria. I am a Community Psychologist working on fundamental human rights using core Community Psychology (CP) competencies, including creating alternative settings, knowledge mobilization, facilitating participatory processes, critical conscientization, and applied research.

Interview with Dr. Moshood Olanrewaju cont'd...

My primary focus is developing sociopolitical capital for refugees, displaced migrants, and other marginalized "communities on the move." Amplifying the group's voices through advocacy and activism, action-oriented participatory and multi-method research, social equality discourse, consultation, and community health education. I am currently Co-Chair Immigrant Justice Group, Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA). A Division 27th of the American Psychological Association (APA)

~What interested you in the field of refugee studies, and what specializations do you have?

I am a naturalized citizen, politically referred to as an economic migrant living in the United States. The disadvantages of these classifications, categorization, curiosity, and global transmigration of political discourse inform my research. I am inspired to seek, study and contribute to literature developed by non-Western scholars, to center other localized epistemologies, to understand the interdependence of multiple overlapping ecosystems (human and nonhuman elements migratory process), and to understand roles and the practice of spiritual health.

~What sorts of community projects are you working on now?

The diversity of needs in the migrant community keeps me busy year-round. I just finished a month-long Data Management Training with humanitarian professionals working with returnees, asylees, and the displaced population in Africa. Currently, I am working with black LGBTQTI+ asylum seekers and migrants as they move through the US resettlement system, starting with a localized halfway house. I am also always invested in refugee's never-ending housing instability, political participation, and voice amplification

~How was teaching a course at DePaul?

I teach Community Psychology and Social Determinants of Mental Health for Alder university. I also teach Cross-Cultural Dynamics in the Global Context for my alma mater, National Louis University. Somehow, teaching Humanitarian Logistics at DePaul was the most satisfactory experience--the syllabus covered, the administrative process of getting me into the program, the welcoming atmosphere experienced on campus (including the classroom technology), and the intelligence of the students who were very passionate about migration discourse, all of which made my job as "question-posing educator" easy.

Interview with Dr. Moshood Olanrewaju cont'd...

~What do you plan to do in the future with regard to community work, migrant advocacy, and teaching?

While oriented towards continental Africa, I want my entire career to be dedicated to such pursuits as conducting liberatory collaborative scholarly, ethico-onto-epistemological inquiry-oriented work and networking globally. Given my first-hand experience working with international communities, I hope to use my academic (teaching/writing/speaking) scholarship to build a supportive relationships for people that find themselves in these communities:

- Communities Left Behind
- Communities on the Move
- Communities of Integration
- Communities of Return

I embrace my role with the belief that diversity should be openly discussed and celebrated from multiple angles, and I strive to create an open, safe space where everyone, regardless of creed, feels free to express different ideas, opinions, and worldviews. I am eagerly searching for a pos-doctoral opportunity to continue my learning and knowledge-creation, to continue to investigate the apparent disconnect between human politics and the experience of those globally displaced and constantly on the move (voluntarily and forced).

~Dr. Olanrewaju is in charge of World Refugee Day's Anniversary in Chicago this year--please mark your calendar for the one day celebration on Friday, 6/24, 9-5:30.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!