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# The Center for Global Migration Studies

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## Center Awarded Grant to Redevelop Capstone Course

The Center for Global Migration Studies was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the University of Maryland Teaching and Learning Center to redesign the capstone course for the IMMR transcript notation.

In the ten years since IMMR 400 has been offered, more than 150 students have conducted an oral history interview with an immigrant. To date, the class has drawn students with a general interest in immigration history and policy or in the methodology of oral history.

The oral histories collected by the students are currently housed on a website called [Archive of Immigrant Voices](#) and backed up on UMD's library repository (DRUM). The interviews on this site have been used thousands of times by students, researchers, and artists around the country.

The course redesign emphasizes project-based learning, digital humanities, community engagement, and cross-cultural learning. Students in the course will conduct an oral



history interview, learn how to apply digital humanities methods to the metadata generated by the interview, and will have the opportunity to share their project with a public audience.

This course redesign emphasizes experiential learning, with students using digital tools and creating their own project. It also introduces students to the ethics and practices of oral history.

The redesigned course will feature new assignments, new readings, and expanded training on technology

and on the ethics of oral history collection and preservation.

IMMR 400 reflects the goals of the university's commitment to an engaged and relevant 21st century education.

"Reimagine learning," one of four commitments in the new [UMD Strategic Plan](#), describes the vision to move the institution "fearlessly forward in pursuit of excellence and impact for the public good." IMMR 400 promises to meet this goal.

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## December 2022 Publication of *Global Labor Migration: New Directions*



***New  
Publication  
Rooted in  
Center-  
Sponsored  
Conference***

The Center is proud to announce that a volume of original scholarship on historical and contemporary global labor migration will be published by the University of Illinois Press in December 2022.

Much of the scholarship was presented in early drafts in the 2017 Global Labor Migration conference at UMD or at the 2019 Global Labor Migration conference co-sponsored by the Center in Amsterdam at the International Institute of Social History.

The book is edited by Eileen Boris (University of California, Santa Barbara), Heidi Gottfried (Wayne State University), Julie Greene (University of Maryland), and Joo-Cheong Tham (Melbourne School of Law).

*Global Labor Migration* presents cross-disciplinary, transregional perspectives on issues related to global labor migration. The essays include work by sociologists, ethnographers, legal scholars, and historians. Together, the essays consider the experiences and policies of labor migrants across the world and from the late nineteenth century to the present day.

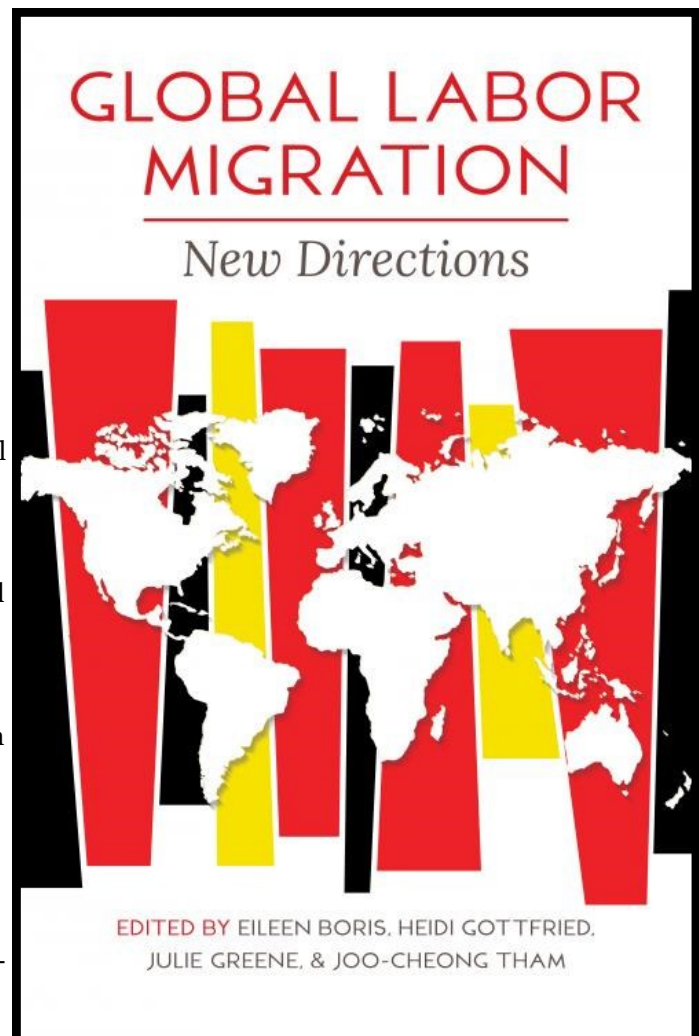
The book speaks to the need for broader perspectives that study labor migration over longer timeframes and from wider geographic areas. The result is a collection that

dives into one of the world's most pressing issues, generates scholarly dialogue, and proposes cutting-edge research agendas and methods.

Contributors include Bridget Anderson, Rutvica Andrijasevic, Katie Bales, Jenny Chan, Penelope Ciancanelli, Felipe Barradas Correia Castro Bastos, Eileen Boris, Charlie Fanning, Judy Fudge, Jorge L. Giovannetti-Torres, Heidi Gottfried, Julie Greene, Justin

Jackson, Radhika Natarajan, Pun Ngai, Bastiaan Nugteren, Nicola Piper, Jessica R. Pliley, Devi Sacchetto, Helen Sampson, Yael Schacher, Joo-Cheong Tham, and Matt Withers.

Stay tuned for details about a publication celebration in early 2023 and for news about the 2024 Global Labor Migration conference.



## 2021-22 Book Discussions and Guest Lectures

In September, the Center hosted a book talk featuring Prof. Elizabeth Cohen of Syracuse University, author of *Illegal: How America's Lawless Immigration Regime Threatens Us All*. She discussed how immigration policy has developed in the US.

In November, Dr. Yael Schacher of Refugees International spoke to students and faculty about

Haitian asylum seekers to the United States. Organized in response to violence on the southern border, the guest lecture explained past and present asylum policies and offered a history of US-Haiti relations.

In April, the Center welcomed Prof. Lauren Hirshberg of Regis University, an event timed to coincide with the Univer-

sity's recognition of Asian, Pacific Islander, & Desi American Heritage Month. Hirshberg discussed her first book, *Suburban Empire: Cold War Militarization in the U.S. Pacific*, an exploration of labor and segregation histories on a U.S. military base in the Marshall Islands amidst a global context of Cold War imperialism.



## Migration and Climate Conference 2022

On November 9, 2022, the Center for Global Migration Studies will host a conference exploring climate and migration.

Acclaimed journalist **Todd Miller** will offer a keynote address. Among other books, Miller is the author of *Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security*.

The conference will also

feature a panel of scholars including Sarah Cameron (UMD, Department of History) and Neel Ahuja (UMD, Department of American Studies and the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies).

Prof. Cameron is undertaking a major research project on the disappearance of the Aral Sea and effects on the local popu-

lation. Her work is sponsored in part by a Carnegie Mellon Foundation grant.

Prof. Ahuja recently published *Planetary Specters: Race, Migration, and Climate Change in the Twenty-First Century* (2021).

**Climate  
Migrations,  
Past and  
Present**

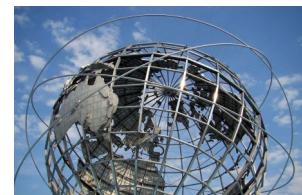
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We're on Twitter! and Instagram!  
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informed of upcoming events!

Each month, the Center sponsors a number of events to bring together students, faculty, and the public. All of these programs are open to the public.

- We host a regular “Immigration in Film Series” to promote an understanding of the multiple experiences of immigrants.
- We sponsor a group that reads popular fiction about or by immigrants.
- We welcomes researchers and scholars to share their work in informal presentations or seminars.

For more information about these events, follow us on our social media accounts or check in on our webpage. If you would like to be added to our listserv, please email us at [globalmigration@umd.edu](mailto:globalmigration@umd.edu).

## Ukraine and the Refugee Crisis Panel

In April, the Center hosted a panel of regional experts discussing the migrant crisis created by the war in Ukraine.

Three panelists (Sofia Dyak from the Center for Urban History in Lviv; Wojciech Konończuk from the Center for Easter Studies in Warsaw; and

Dariya Orlova of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv) shared their experiences and their expertise.

The panel was moderated by Prof. Piotr Kosicki and senior History major Chad Slater. More than 4.5 million Ukrainians have been internationally

displaced since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, Kosicki said.

The event drew a large audience of students, faculty, and community members.

More details about the event can be found in this [\*Diamondback story\*](#).

