



# The Center for Global Migration Studies

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## Letter from the Director



I complete my first year at UMD grateful for the opportunity to carry out the visionary ambitions of Ira Berlin and Julie Greene in founding the Center for Global Migration Studies (CGMS) in 2011. A project as expansive as global migrations requires working in coalition with many different constituencies and communities. I have devoted this past year to learning about UMD and its vibrant arrays of scholars, students, and academic programs. I have also been learning about the DMV area and how CGMS might take advantage of UMD's proximity to the center of US government. This newsletter describes some of the programs CGMS organized that work toward our mission of promoting knowledge and understanding of migration,

diversity, and socioeconomic inequalities.

I will be co-teaching a new class with James Beard Award-winning author and UMD colleague, Psyche Williams-Forsen, called "Maryland's Ethnic Foodways" starting spring 2025. Students will learn about Maryland's immigrant and ethnic communities and conduct ethnographic research regarding their food businesses. Student projects will be archived on a digital platform paralleling the Archive of Immigrant Voices.

After a lull in activities due to COVID and last year's transition, CGMS looks ahead to a fuller slate of programs and activities. We have been joined by Terp alum and former history major, Paige Little, who has taken over events logistics and communications. Below is a partial listing of events that we already have in the works for the upcoming year—keep an eye out for further details!

### UPCOMING EVENTS (2024-2025):

Oct. 16: Book Talk with sociologist, Rina Agarwala

(JHU), on *The Migration Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration* (Oxford 2022).

Dec. 4: Book Launch of Stacy Fahrenthold's *Unmentionables: Textiles, Garment Work, and the Syrian American Working Class* (Stanford 2024)

Feb. 12: Co-sponsored book launch with African and African American Studies featuring Tamara Walker's *Beyond the Shores: A History of African Americans Abroad* (Penguin Random House 2023)

Feb. 25: Book Talk for CGMS cluster faculty Christina Getrich's *Everyday Activists: Undocumented Immigrants' Quest for Justice and Well Being* (NYU 2025)

April 9: Lecture by Samuel Yashamita (Pomona College) "The 'Japanese Turn' in Art, Architecture, and Cuisine of Europe and the United States, 1860-2020"

April 30—May 1: Conference honoring CGMS founder Ira Berlin entitled "Free and Unfree: Racialized Migrations and Inequality."

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## International Political Economy of Labour Migration Conference (IPELM)

Duisburg, Germany, July 18—July 20, 2024



CGMS co-sponsored and was represented at the International Political Economy of Labour Migration Conference (IPELM), which convened July 18-20, 2024, at the University of Duisburg-Essen. CGMS director, Madeline Hsu, past interim director, Colleen Woods, and co-founder and past director Julie Greene presented at the

conference. CGMS is a founding member of the Global Migration Network (GLMN) which aims to organize an international conference every two years. Due to the pandemic, the last conference occurred in 2019 and produced the *Global Labor Migration* anthology. The conveners of the 2024 conference aim to edit another anthology to share findings more broadly. Julie and Madeline participated in a plenary panel, presenting “The Labor Migration Problem in the US Empire, 1890-1940” and “Legacies of Empire in Differentiated Categories of Laborers,” respectively. Colleen Woods spoke about “Mobile Workers and Immobile Laws: Low-Wage Labor in the Post WWII Pacific.” The three CGMS faculty also organized sessions titled “Race and Empire,” “Hierarchies of Labor Regulation,” and “Mobility, Bureaucracy, and Legal Regimes.” GLMN’s next conference is scheduled for Fall 2026 in Morocco.

## Roundtables, Panels, and Film Discussions

### *Ending the Korean War Roundtable Discussion*

University of Maryland, April 4—April 5, 2024

On April 4-5, 2024, the Ending the Korean War Teaching Collective (EKW) organized a series of events that explored the necessity of political education with the support of CGMS and the Miller Center. EKW is a collection of scholars and activists committed to fostering anti-imperialist pedagogy against permanent war within militarized geographies that span Korea and the Pacific. At the University of Maryland (UMD), EKW led two roundtable discussions on April 4th. The first session launched the “Critical Geographies of the Korean War” module of the Ending the Korean War (EKW) Teaching Collective’s public syllabus. As part of a public-facing anti-imperialist pedagogical project, the “Critical Geographies” module seeks to stage a set of conversations within and beyond traditional academic spaces that contest the presumed geographic borders of the Korean War. The second session shifted the discussion toward political activism. Including activists from Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER) and Nodutdol, the session encouraged participants to share experiences, reflections, and visions on engaging students, organizing on university campuses, and collaborating with community organizations. Building on the sessions at UMD, EKW

conducted a political action with members of ANSWER and Nodutdol on the National Mall in Washington, DC, on April 5th. Generous funding from the CGMS enabled members of EKW to participate in the second event. Specifically, CGMS funds paid for travel and lodging for Ka-eul Yoo, then UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Asian American Studies and now Assistant Professor of Global and International Studies at the University of California, Irvine. During the second session at UMD, Professor Yoo spoke about her experiences teaching critical race and ethnic studies as an international graduate student.



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In the eighth decade of the unending Korean War, EKW presents a series of events that explore the necessity of political education as an anti-imperialist tool. Please join us for two discussions that use the Korean War to interrogate the legacies of US empire and militarism.

The first session introduces the design of the EKW public syllabus and explores its uses in and beyond the classroom. The second session will bring EKW members to discuss the intersection of scholarship and politics from two anti-imperialist activist organizations, ANSWER Coalition and Nodutdol. Please register in advance by using the QR code.

Co-sponsored by the University of Maryland’s Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies, Department of History, Asian American Studies Program, Center For Global Migration Studies, Center for East Asian Studies, Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and American Studies Department.



## A Long March Film Screening and Discussion

University of Maryland, April 9, 2024

In April of 2024, history Professor Colleen Woods, CGMS, and AAST hosted Army Major General Antonio Taguba for a film screening of the documentary *A Long March* and a discussion after the film. The 2022 documentary “follows Filipino-American veterans as they emotionally trace their paths from war to erasure by the US Government, marching from an obscured history to the federal courts, right up to the steps of Congress in search of promises denied.” (Los Angeles Pacific Film Festival).

Major General Taguba spoke about his work on the Duty to Country, an online education project that tells the story of Filipino World War II veterans and their advocates who, together, fought for decades for their rightful recognition and benefits from the US government.

This event was co-sponsored by the Asian American Studies Department.



(Pictured above, from left to right) Army Major General Antonio Taguba, Professor Colleen Woods, and Professor Madeline Hsu at the *A Long March* film screening.



## Biden’s Humanitarian Parole Program: Panel Discussion

University of Maryland, March 12, 2024

### BIDEN'S HUMANITARIAN PAROLE PROGRAM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

March 12th 2:00-4:00

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**Abel Nuñez:** Executive Director, CARECEN



**David Bier:** Associate Director of Immigration Studies, Cato Institute



**Perla M. Guerrero:** Moderator (UMD, Associate Professor of American Studies & Director of US Latino/a Studies Program)



**Cécile Accilien:** UMD, Professor of French & Francophone Studies

On March 12, 2024, CGMS, the School of Languages, Literatures and Culture, and the Department of American Studies co-sponsored the “Biden’s Humanitarian Parole Program: Challenges and Opportunities” event. Four speakers, including Abel Nuñez, the Executive Director of the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), David Bier, the Executive Director of Immigration Studies at the Cato Institute, UMD Faculty member Perla Guerrero (American Studies), and UMD faculty member Cécile Accilien, who organized the event, (School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures) convened for a roundtable discussion.

The speakers discussed the 2023 Biden Humanitarian Parole program process for Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. During this roundtable, the speakers also gave specific attention to the potential opportunities and challenges that the 2023 parole program could bring to both beneficiaries and sponsors.

## Global Labor Migrations Book Launch

University of Maryland, September 27, 2023



CGMS's first event for 2023-2024 was a book launch for *Global Labor Migration: New Directions* (UIP 2022) held in hybrid format September 27. The anthology was co-edited by CGMS co-founder Julie Greene working with Eileen Boris (USCB), Heidi Gottfried (Wayne State University), and Joo-Cheong Tham (Melbourne Law School) and manifests many of CGMS's priorities by bringing together the scholarship of an international community of scholars researching at the intersection of migration and labor. The contributions were selected from papers presented

at the 2019 conference "Global Labor Migration: Past and Present" organized in Amsterdam by the Global Labor Migration Network, of which CGMS is a founding member.

*Global Labor Migration* presents new, multidisciplinary, transregional perspectives on issues surrounding global labor migration. Looking at migrant workers from the late 19th century to the present day, the contributors illustrate the need for broader perspectives that study labor migration over longer timeframes and from wider geographic areas. The result is a unique, much needed collection that delves into one of the world's most pressing issues, generates scholarly dialogue, and proposes cutting-edge research agendas and methods.

The panel included in-person presentations by 3 of the 4 editors and talks by several contributors who Zoomed in from around the world: Katie Bales (University of Bristol), Charlie Fanning (AFL-CIO), Jorge L. Giovannetti-Torres (University of Puerto Rico), and Radhika Natarajan (Reed).

*This event was cosponsored by CGMS partners such as the Department of History, the American Studies Department, the Asian American Studies Program, and the Department of Anthropology.*

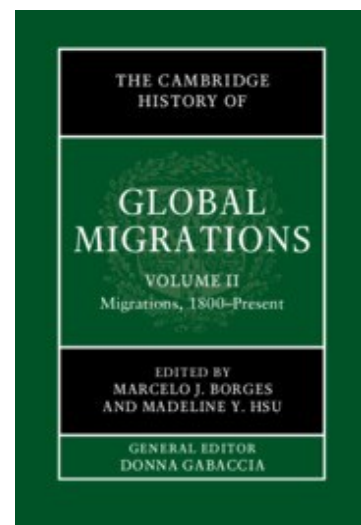
## Conceptualizing Global Migrations: Cambridge History Book Launch

University of Maryland, February 29, 2024

"Conceptualizing Global Migrations" convened three editors and three contributors of the *Cambridge History of Global Migrations* Volume II (2023) to discuss their assessments of the past, present, and especially future of migration studies.

Madeline Hsu was part of the editorial team, working with head editor Donna Gabaccia (University of Toronto) and co-editor Marcelo Borges (Dickinson) who spoke about "Migration and Nation-States." They were joined by Cindy Hahamovitch (University of Georgia) discussing "Contract Labor" and Jeffrey Pilcher (University of Toronto) regarding "Foodways."

*This event was co-sponsored by the Department of History.*





## Welcome Our New Program Manager!

The Center for Global Migration Studies is delighted to welcome Paige Little (UMD History Department alum '22) as our program manager for the 2024-2025 academic year!

Paige was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Bachelor's degree in History and Archaeology from UMD, and her Master's degree in Public History from the College of Charleston. Her Master's thesis centered around women's health in the American South. She also worked for two years to develop digital exhibits about underrepresented communities and marginalized history in the Lowcountry South.

Paige specializes in digital and public history, and is passionate about encouraging community engagement and fostering partnerships cross-campus.

Paige will be responsible for program development and marketing for the center. If you are interested in cosponsoring events, have program suggestions, or any inquiries about the Center, please reach out!

After two years away from College Park, Paige is excited to re-join the Terp community!



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

- We have several book talks with different scholars planned for the 2024-2025 school year to promote an understanding of the multiple experiences of Immigrants
- We welcome researchers and scholars to contact us to help share their work in informal presentations or seminars
- We circulate a regular bi-weekly newsletter to keep the CGMS community up to date on upcoming events and news on and off campus

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 and/or receive our bi-weekly newsletter, please email us at [globalmigration@umd.edu](mailto:globalmigration@umd.edu).