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Dr. Jeff Crisp: Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, and Chatham House, London

Jeff has held senior positions with UNHCR (Head of Policy Development and Evaluation) as well as Refugees International, the Global Commission on International Migration and the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues. Jeff has also worked for the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues, the British Refugee Council and Coventry University. He has first-hand experience of refugee situations throughout the world and has published, lectured and broadcast extensively on refugee-related issues. Jeff holds a Master's degree and PhD in African Studies and Political Science from the University of Birmingham. He is currently a Grotius Scholar at the University of Michigan Law School.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell: U.S Representative, Michigan's 12th District

Debbie Dingell holds both a B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University. She has led a number of efforts and initiatives related to young people and education stemming from her role as a WSU Governor and co-chair of the Children's Leadership Council, a business-led advocacy group that promotes investment in early childhood education. Dingell was appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve on the Early Childhood Investment Corporation and the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth. She co-chaired One United Michigan, which sought to preserve and support programs that ensure equal opportunity in Michigan. She chairs the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, a statewide organization that brings business, labor and government together to find commonality on issues. A known "bridge-builder," she continues to promote and lead efforts toward greater understanding among people of differing points of views and backgrounds. Dingell assumed office as a U.S. Representative in 2015.

Mark Hetfield, President and CEO: HIAS

Mark Hetfield, an attorney with 28 years of public, private, and charitable sector experience in the refugee field is President & CEO of HIAS, the world's oldest organization dedicated to refugees (founded in 1881 as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). A global agency guided by Jewish values assisting refugees of all faiths and ethnicities, HIAS works in partnership with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the US government and the government of Canada. Under Hetfield's leadership, HIAS was the only refugee resettlement agency to file a court challenge against the Trump Administration's Muslim and refugee ban. In 2016, Hetfield was named to the Forward 50 by America's leading Jewish newspaper, as one of the 50 Jews with the greatest impact on American life. A frequent commentator on refugee issues in major media, Hetfield holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University.



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Bassel H. Atasi, MD: Internal Medicine & Pediatrics Staff, IHA Neighborhood Family Health Center, Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Department of Internal Medicine, Michigan Medicine, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Osteopathic Medical Specialties, Michigan State University

Dr. Bassel Atasi was born in Syria, and grew up in Saudi Arabia. He immigrated to the United States in 1993 where he completed his last year of high school education. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in chemistry and biochemistry and his Medical degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Following medical school, he completed his residency training in combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University. He is engaged in the residents training at the University of Michigan combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics program, and exposing them to the health needs of immigrants and refugees in the area.

Shadin Atiyeh MA LPC NCC ACS: Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County

Shadin is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor and Approved Clinical Supervisor. She is a doctoral student in Counselor Education and Supervision at Walden University and holds a Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in both Psychology and Middle Eastern studies and a Master's degree in Community Counseling from Eastern Michigan University. She is EMDR trained and provides trauma treatment to children and adults. She has experience working in various community agencies serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, immigrants and refugees, abused and neglected children, and homeless families. She currently works at JFS as Employment & Economic Empowerment Programs Director, supervising refugee and employment services related programs.

Ranu Basu, Associate Professor, Department of Geography: Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), York University

Ranu Basu's research and teaching interests relate to the geographies of marginality, diversity and social justice in cities; power, space and activism; critical geographies of education; and spatial methodologies including critical GIS. In 2008, she was a John A. Sproul Fellow at the Center for Canadian Studies, and a visiting scholar at the Center for Cities and Schools at the Institute for Urban and Regional Development (IURD), University of California, Berkeley. Most recently she has embarked on a SSHRC funded project entitled 'Subalterity, Education and Welfare Cities' that historically traces the geopolitical impacts on cities and schools through questions of conflict and displacement in Havana, Toronto and Kolkata.



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Odessa Gonzalez Benson, PhD, Assistant Professor: University of Michigan School of Social Work

Dr. Odessa Gonzalez Benson's areas of research are: refugee resettlement, participatory approaches to urban governance with refugees and immigrants, state-civil society relations, critical policy studies and global social work. She is faculty member with the UM Detroit School of Urban Studies, and pursues interdisciplinary migration research within the context of 'new refugee destinations' such as Michigan and the broader midwest. She has a PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Washington, MSW from Arizona State University and BA from the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

Ben Cabanaw, State Refugee Coordinator: Michigan Office for New Americans

Ben Cabanaw is the State of Michigan's State Refugee Coordinator, and is the Program Director for the Michigan Office for New Americans' Refugee Services Program. Ben also served as the manager for the State of Michigan's Office of Refugee Services for over 7 years. As State Refugee Coordinator, Ben has the responsibility to ensure coordination of all public and private resources for refugee resettlement and integration. He is particularly interested in the intersection of immigration and child welfare, as well as successful and innovative integration practices for refugees. His B.A. is in Sociology from Taylor University, and he holds a Master's in Public Administration/Public Policy from Walden University.

Jessica H. Darrow, PhD: University of Chicago

Dr. Jessica Darrow is a lecturer at the University of Chicago in the School of Social Service Administration where she also serves as the Director of Global Social Development Practice Programs. Darrow's published work grapples with the organizational-level challenges in implementing refugee resettlement policy as well as their implications for service delivery. Darrow's ongoing research agenda is focused on developing an understanding of the role of non-governmental actors in carving out non-traditional spaces of citizenship for refugees in the US, and seeks to understand the lived experiences of resettled refugees over time. Darrow has international practice experience working with refugees and local communities in Rwanda and has served as Executive Director of a grassroots, non-governmental organization called Cosmos Education, working in East and South Africa.

Shrina Eadeh, Director of Resettlement Program: Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County

Shrina Eadeh has been working at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County since 2013. Shrina received her Bachelor's in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University and her Master's in Social Work from University of Michigan. Shrina works primarily with individuals that struggle with a variety of issues which includes but is not limited to anxiety, depression, and major life transitions. Shrina engages each client with empathy, compassion, and understanding. Shrina also utilizes a variety of treatment modalities to assist each client in moving forward and reaching their goals.



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Sameh Elhady, Board member and Chair of the refugees & immigrants committee at Macomb ACT:
Macomb ACT

A business relations professional with over ten years of demonstrated experience in customer service, communication, outreach & business relations development and employer engagement. Sameh successfully established a network of contacts with governments agencies, businesses, faith based organizations, training and education institutes, nonprofits organizations & stakeholders within various sectors to help minorities and new Americans.

Moonson Eninsche, Human Services Supervisor: Washtenaw County Community and Economic Development

Suzanne Goopy PhD, Associate Professor – Community Health: Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary

Suzanne Goopy is a Social and Visual Anthropologist and a Registered Nurse. Suzanne's approach to research brings together arts-based engagement ethnography (ABEE) with a new-found curiosity about the secondary use of 'big data.' One of her central research interests is to find innovative ways to engage with contemporary issues and challenges. In her presentation, she will discuss her most recent work with the development of Empathic Cultural Mapping (ECM) as it applies to understanding those urban healthscapes in which both recent migrants and refugees, and the city and organizations that support them, find themselves.

Lisbeth Harcourt, LMSW Michigan Medicine Office of Decedent Affairs, Program Manager Adult and Medical Examiner Services: Michigan Medicine

Lisbeth Harcourt received a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan and has worked in healthcare for almost 19 years. Her professional interests focus on issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, end of life care and counsel, improving patient and family experience, developing bereavement support to families, and assisting healthcare staff recognize the unique aspects of professional grief.

Arash Javanbakht, Director of Stress, Trauma, and Anxiety Research Clinic (STARC), Wayne State University Department of Psychiatry: Wayne State University School of Medicine

Arash Javanbakht's research focuses on neurobiology of trauma, and novel methods of treatment for anxiety and PTSD. One of his current studies examines the impact of exposure to war trauma and forced migration in 400 Syrian and Iraqi adult and children refugees resettled in the US. In this work prevalence of PTSD, anxiety and depression, their longitudinal trajectory, and genetic, inflammatory, and environmental correlates are examined. Given difficulties of providing conventional therapies for this population, his group has also developed, and is researching the impact of art and movement based interventions in helping highly traumatized Syrian and Iraqi mothers and children.



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A. Taylor Kelley, MD, MPH: National Clinician Scholars Program, Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, University of Michigan

Taylor Kelley is a general internist with training in pediatrics at the University of Michigan. He completed a Bachelor's degree in economics at Brigham Young University, a Medical degree at the University of Texas-Houston McGovern Medical School, and a Master's of Public Health degree in health policy and management at Harvard. Following medical school, he fulfilled residency training at Yale-New Haven Hospital before coming to Michigan as part of the National Clinician Scholars Program. Dr. Kelley has engaged with U.S. immigrants and refugees from all over the globe in both community and healthcare settings. He currently serves as an evaluating physician for the University of Michigan Asylum Collaborative (UMAC), a student-run clinic for immigrants and refugees seeking asylum. In his research, Dr. Kelley studies how local, state, and federal policies impact immigrants' ability to access needed healthcare services.

Sherrie A. Kossoudji: The University of Michigan

Sherrie A. Kossoudji is an associate professor in the School of Social Work and an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Economics. Her research is on issues related to migration and immigration around the world. She has written numerous articles on the legal status of immigrant workers in the United States and the incentives to cross the border clandestinely. Much of her work attempts to discern the link between legal status in the United States and economic outcomes, showing that when people gain legal status their economic lives improve. She recently started a project on refugee movements and rapidly changing asylum policies around the world.

Pamela J. Lavers, Deputy County Executive: Macomb County

Pam Lavers serves as Deputy Executive for Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel and is a passionate public servant with over 22 years of service. She leads community relations, arts and cultural affairs for the County and directs the efforts of OneMacomb. OneMacomb is an initiative focused on making Macomb a more welcoming and inclusive community through the promotion of arts and multicultural affairs. Lavers received both her Bachelor of Science in Community Development and her Master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. In 2016, Pam had the honor to attend an event at the White House in recognition of the OneMacomb initiative and was inducted into the Macomb Foundation's Macomb Hall of Fame in recognition of her service to the community.



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Layla Mohammed, MBChB, FAAP: Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of General Pediatrics, Michigan Medicine

Layla Mohammed is a general pediatrician practicing at the Ypsilanti Health Center. She completed her medical school at University of Baghdad school of Medicine and immigrated to the United States in 1991. She completed her residency training at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit and General Pediatric fellowship at the University of Michigan. Her interest has been focused on the underserved population, particularly children with complex medical needs. Dr. Mohammed is working to establish the Children's Immigrant Health Clinic at the Ypsilanti Health Center with a curricular component for residents and medical students to help support the immigrant population in Washtenaw County.

Stephanie J. Nawyn, Associate Professor of Sociology and Co-Director, Center for Gender in Global Context: Michigan State University

Stephanie J. Nawyn is the Co-Director for Academic Programs at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) and an associate professor in the Department of Sociology with expertise in gender and migration. Her work has primarily focused on refugee resettlement and protection, as well as the economic advancement of African voluntary migrants in the U.S. She is the co-editor of *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies* and *Gender Through the Prism of Difference 6th ed* (forthcoming). Her most recent journal articles appear in *Journal of Refugees Studies*, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, and *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Dr. Kelly Orringer, Pediatrician, General Pediatrics Division Director: University of Michigan Department of Pediatrics

Dr. Orringer is a general pediatrician at the University of Michigan with over 20 years working with migrant and immigrant children in her primary care practice and through volunteer outreach. She is the Division Director of General Pediatrics and an assistant professor in the medical school. Her research focuses on improving preventive care for children, approaches to identifying maternal and child mental health issues, and advocating on behalf of vulnerable children for access to comprehensive health care and social services. She is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and also serves on the Examination Committee of the American Board of Pediatrics.



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Karen Phillippi, Director: Michigan Office for New Americans

Karen Phillippi has been working in immigration law for over 26 years. Karen began her work in immigration law by serving as the Immigration and State Department Specialist for US Senator Don Riegle. She has worked in various law firms developing and managing employment-based immigration practices, and she spoke at numerous seminars on immigration-related topics. Karen is very passionate about immigration and immigrant integration. She serves as Board Chair for Global Detroit, and is a Steering Committee member for the WE (Welcoming Economies) Global Network. Karen is very active in promoting the benefits that immigrants have on the economy and making Michigan a more immigrant-friendly state. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Michigan State University.

State Representative Yousef Rabhi: Michigan's 53rd State House District, in the City of Ann Arbor

Yousef Rabhi attended the University of Michigan where he worked for social change as an activist in the peace, labor and environmental movements. He earned a degree in Environmental Science specializing in Urban Planning and Ecosystem Management. Inspired by his activism and his passion for the Ann Arbor community, Yousef declared his candidacy for the County Board of Commissioners and launched his first political campaign at the age of 21 during his senior year at Michigan. Yousef won his first election. A few weeks after graduating from Michigan, Yousef was sworn into his first term on the Board and elected as the Board's Working Session Chair, leading the Board through many important deliberations. Over his time on the Board, Yousef served on nearly 20 different boards, committees and commissions covering public safety, public works, solid waste management, transportation, regional cooperation, human service funding, land preservation and food policy, among others. Rabhi was elected as a state representative in 2016.

Angela Reyes, Executive Director & Founder: Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Angela G. Reyes, MPH, was born in Southwest Detroit and continues to reside in the area where she has been a community activist for over 40 years. Ms. Reyes has a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan and has been the recipient of several awards for her community work. Ms. Reyes is a founding board member of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center, which was established in 1995 and involves multiple funded collaborative research and intervention projects aimed at increasing knowledge and addressing factors associated with health disparities of residents in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Reyes is an international consultant and speaker about issues affecting the Latino community, including cultural awareness, youth gangs and violence, immigration, education reform, community-based participatory research, policy development and community organizing.



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Christine Sauvé, Welcoming Michigan Director: Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

Christine Sauvé leads the Welcoming Michigan project, a statewide grassroots immigrant integration initiative of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. Through dialogue, shared meals, and opportunities for cross-cultural learning, the project aims to foster mutual respect and understanding among U.S. and foreign-born residents. The project also supports Michigan's 20 Welcoming Cities & Counties, helping local leaders implement more immigrant-friendly policies and practices. Christine is a community organizer dedicated to creating social change in Metro Detroit. In 2013, she was one of ten national leaders honored by The White House as a Champion for Change for helping immigrants integrate civically, linguistically and socially into the fabric of their neighborhoods and the nation. She is a graduate of the New Detroit Multicultural Leadership program, a member of the Detroit Equity Action Lab, and a current Detroit Revitalization Fellow.

Kimberly Seibel, Post-Doctoral Fellow: Wayne State University

Kimberly Seibel is a political anthropologist with expertise in refugees, age/aging, citizenship, and bureaucracy. Currently, she is conducting research on the small portion of refugees from Iraq and Syria resettled in the city of Detroit. As part of the Refugees in Towns project at Tufts University, she explores the forms of belonging and citizenship imagined for refugee newcomers resettled as part of local pro-immigrant, urban "renewal policies". She also works on two collaborative projects looking at older adults' experiences of the Flint water crisis and the social dimensions of gardening and aging among older African Americans in Detroit. A major aim of her research is to examine the role of migration and understandings of age in the politics of the welfare state and processes of inequality.

Jacob Singer, MSW Candidate: University of Michigan

Jacob Singer graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Psychology in 2015. He currently is working on getting his Master's in Social Work from U of M. His major is community organizing with a focus on children and youth. Jacob is the management and administration intern at Jewish Family Services. Before JFS, Jacob served as the program and volunteer coordinator at the Friendship Circle of West Bloomfield where he worked with children and teens with special needs. He also has worked for Tamarack Camps as a counselor and trip leader.



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Matthew Jaber Stiffler, Research & Content Manager: Arab American National Museum

Matthew Jaber Stiffler is the Research & Content Manager at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, MI, where he works with museum staff to accurately represent the diverse Arab American community through the museum's collections, exhibits, and educational programming. Matthew also leads a national research initiative through ACCESS, the largest Arab American non-profit in the country, to secure better data about the Arab American community. Matthew received his Ph.D. in American Culture from the University of Michigan in 2010, where he serves as a lecturer in Arab and Muslim American Studies. Matthew's publications focus on the confluence between religious and cultural identities of Arab Americans, particularly through community memory, celebrations, and food.

Adv. Mirjam Streng, PhD Candidate: Tel Aviv University/UM Law School

Mirjam Streng is a Ph.D. candidate at the Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies at Tel Aviv University's Buchmann Faculty of Law. She is a Grotius Visiting Scholar at Michigan Law School for the fall 2018 semester. Mirjam obtained an LL.M. at Columbia Law School (with honors) and an LL.M. as well as an LL.B. (with honors) from the University of Amsterdam. She is a member of the Israeli and New York State Bar Association and practiced as an Israeli immigration lawyer before joining the GlobalTrust Research Project in 2014, in which she was a PhD Fellow until recently. Starting in October 2018, Mirjam will conduct her research as an Azrieli Graduate Fellow. Her research topic is "Education and Asylum-seekers: A Legal and Normative Analysis of Access, Integration and Educational Content".

Dr. Cesar Suva, Ph.D: Calgary Immigrant Educational Society

Cesar recently obtained his PhD at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia writing on notions of power and authority vis-à-vis the state in a borderland Muslim society in the southern Philippines. His interest in the challenges of minority integration has gained practical expression in his role as Research & Program Development Manager at CIES, where he has taken on the responsibility of developing new programs that respond to the changing needs of Canada's newcomers. His academic background is supplemented with private sector experience, having served for five years as a training department manager, as well as experience in language programming, previously filling the role of ESL and LINC coordinator for other immigrant-serving organizations.



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Mayor Christopher Taylor: City of Ann Arbor

Mayor Taylor was elected in November 2014, after three terms representing the Third Ward on Ann Arbor City Council. Professionally, Mayor Taylor is a corporate/commercial and estate planning attorney. He is a partner in the Ann Arbor law firm of Hooper Hathaway, where his practice focuses on the representation of local and regional businesses, individuals, and non-profits. Mayor Taylor has earned four degrees from the University of Michigan. During his years at the University of Michigan, Mayor Taylor served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Law Review* and as president of the Inter-Cooperative Council, a 550-member housing cooperative. Active in the community prior to holding elected office, Mayor Taylor has served on the Board of Directors of non-profits including 826michigan and FestiFools.

Steve Tobocman, Executive Director: Global Detroit

Steve Tobocman has launched innovative nonprofit enterprises in community development, immigrant economic development, and other arenas. Since 2009, Steve Tobocman has spearheaded Global Detroit, a regional economic revitalization strategy mobilizing Metro Detroit's immigrant potential. Global Detroit is nationally-recognized as an innovator and expert in leveraging international talent to fill regional businesses' unmet talent needs, catalyzing the growth and development of immigrant entrepreneurs, and building a global region with competitive advantages in job creation, business growth, and community development.

Ana Paula Pimentel Walker, Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ana Paula Pimentel investigates how disenfranchised communities engage with urban governance and evaluates the significance of participatory institutions in planning socially and environmentally just cities. Pimentel Walker received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, San Diego, Master's degrees in both Urban Planning and Latin American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Law Degree from Brazil.

Katherine Yun, MD, MHS: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Katherine Yun received her Medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 2006. Between 2009-2011, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar and earned her Master's in Health Sciences Research from the Yale University. While at Yale, she was the supervising physician in the Yale-New Haven Hospital Pediatric Refugee Clinic and a co-recipient of Connecticut's Myra M. Oliver Award for going "above the call of duty" to help refugees and immigrants. Dr. Yun is currently an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and an attending physician in the Division of General Pediatrics and the Refugee Health Program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her primary interest is refugee and immigrant health, specifically the well-being of children in immigrant families in the United States. She is concerned with equity in access to health care and in documenting the impact of health policies on immigrant children and families.