



LANDSCAPES OF BELONGING: REFUGEE EXPERIENCES IN NEBRASKA AND BEYOND

This project, sponsored by the Goldstein Family Community Chair in Human Rights, aims to provide scholarly knowledge on refugees in Nebraska and global refugee trends through research, teaching, and community engagement.

SPRING 2024 SERIES EVENTS (*all events require registration. Food provided-first come, first served*)

REFUGEES IN NEBRASKA: THE KAREN COMMUNITY

FEB 15, 2024 | 11:30A - 12:45P | HYBRID EVENT (UNO CEC 201)

In this first episode, members of the Karen community in Omaha, Nebraska, will share their perspectives and stories. The panel will provide a comprehensive overview of the Karen community, shedding light on their unique traditions and contributions to the local fabric. Then, the panel will cover a personal refugee journey, offering a narrative that reflects the challenges and strength experienced by individuals seeking refuge in Omaha. This panel series aims to foster understanding, celebrate diversity, and create a space for meaningful conversations about refugees in Nebraska.

REFUGEES IN NEBRASKA: THE AFGHAN COMMUNITY

MAR 7, 2024 | 11:30A - 12:45P | HYBRID EVENT (UNO CEC 230)

In this panel, members of the Afghan community in Omaha, Nebraska, will share their perspectives and stories. The panel will provide a comprehensive overview of the Afghan community, shedding light on their unique traditions and contributions to the local fabric. Then, the panel will cover a personal refugee journey, offering a narrative that reflects the challenges and strength experienced by individuals seeking refuge in Omaha. This panel series aims to foster understanding, celebrate diversity, and create a space for meaningful conversations about refugees in Nebraska.

BOOK TALK BY DR. RAWAN ARAR | THE REFUGEE SYSTEM: A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH

APR 25, 2024 | 11:30A - 12:45P | HYBRID EVENT (UNO CEC 201)

In this lecture, Dr. Rawan Arar of the University of Washington will talk about her recent co-authored book with Dr. David Scott FitzGerald, *The Refugee System: A Sociological Approach* (Polity Press 2023). Understandings of forced migration tend to fall into distinct siloes that hide connections across places of origin, transit, and hosting. *The Refugee System* focuses on the connections among stages of displacement in different countries to illuminate what the siloes inadvertently conceal. A longitudinal case study of one extended Syrian family with members in Syria, Jordan, and Canada and their contemplation of options in Europe and elsewhere reveals how household decision-making interacts with policies across the globe.

Rawan Arar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Law, Societies, and Justice at the University of Washington. She completed her PhD in sociology at the University of California, San Diego and a postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University.

Learn more and register for events:

