



# Interdisciplinary Migration Studies Institute

University of Missouri

## Borders, Mobility, and Migration in the 21st Century

May 1-2, 2025

Inaugural Student Conference on Migration Studies

**May 1, 2025**

10:00 AM: Registration in Strickland Hall 124B

10:20 AM: Director's Welcome (Dr. Kristin Kopp, IMSI/SLLC)

10:30 AM: Associate Director's Welcome (Dr. Don Joseph, IMSI/SLLC)

### **Panel 1: Migrant Narratives: The Politics of Language**

10:40 AM to 11:40 AM in Strickland Hall 124B (Moderator: Tayo Jemiluyi, SLLC)

- Medinat Oyedele, "Migration and Language: Linguistic Adaptation, Loss, and Preservation in Ishmael Reed's *Japanese by Spring*"
- Matteo Totime, "Speaking Home Abroad: Negotiating Cultural Identity Through Language in the African Diaspora"
- Ayotunde Afolabi, "Out of Place: Dreams, Displacement, and the Search for Identity in Dinaw Mengestu's *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears*"

**\*11:50 AM to 1:00 PM\***

**Lunch at Plaza 900, 900 Virginia Avenue, Meal Ticket Provided for Presenters**

### **Panel 2: Reclaiming Space: Latinx Resistance and Urban Belonging**

1:10 PM to 2:10 PM in Geology 111 (Moderator: Dr. Don Joseph, IMSI/SLLC)

- Cristal Sanchez, "Whose Right to the City?: The Politicalization of Space in Latin America"
- Emma Weber, "Lock or Key? The Role of Assimilation in Luis Alfaro's *Mojada*"
- Emilia Ramírez, "Social Support and Structural Health Barriers: An Intersectional Study of Immigrant Latinas in the U.S." (Presentation via Zoom)

**Break [2:10 PM to 2:15 PM]**



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## **Panel 3: Embodied Borders: Mobility, Health, and the Politics of Care**

2:15 PM to 3:00 PM in Geology 111 (Moderator: Abigail Adediran, Health Communication)

- Jessica Gardiner, “Barriers to Healthcare Access for Refugee and Migrant Communities”
- Wendy Adjei, “An Intersectional Analysis of Communication on Feeding Experiences Among Migrant Mothers in the U.S.”

**May 2, 2025**

11:00 AM: Day 2 Conference Opening (Dr. Don Joseph, IMSI/SLLC) in Strickland Hall 124B

## **Panel 1: Legacies of Exclusion: Empire, Surveillance, and the Politics of Migration**

11:05 AM to 12:05 PM in Strickland Hall 124B (Moderator: Abigail Adediran, Health Communication)

- Denise Brown, “Shared Past, Divided Present: The Colonial Origins of Anti-Immigration Sentiment in Former Colonies”
- Fateme Goudarzi, “Biometric Data, Surveillance, and Security: Evaluating U.S. Digital Immigration Infrastructure”
- Emily Cook, “The Impact of Refugee Demographics on Far-Right Voting Trends: Exploring Refugee Flows and Political Shifts in Germany”

**\*12:15 PM to 1:20 PM\***

**Lunch at Plaza 900, 900 Virginia Avenue, Meal Ticket Provided for Presenters**

## **Panel 2: Resilience as Resistance: Migration, Marginalization, and Political Reaction**

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in Hill Hall 201 (Moderator: Tayo Jemiluyi, SLLC)

- Leela Mogadam, “Toxic Resilience: An Intersectional Understanding of First and Second-Generation Immigrant Experiences”
- Zahraa Habeeb, “Negotiating Identity, Faith, and Belonging in Anglophone Women’s Diasporic Literature”
- Marcel Jaentschke, “Sentiment, Natural History and Royalism in Colonial Mosquitia: The Letters of Miskitu King George II to the editors of London *Monthly Magazine* (ca. 1798)”

**Break and Jury Deliberation [2:30 PM to 2:50 PM]**

**Closing Remarks and Presentation of Awards from the IMSI Conference Team**