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CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE ACCOMPANIMENT (CIRA)

CIRA NEWSLETTER – FALL 2022

FROM CIRA DIRECTORS

Hope the Fall 2022 semester has been going well. We are very excited to share some of the ongoing work of our affiliates and faculty within the center. Our affiliates have contributed significantly to CIRA and its mission through their work, which we will share below. Thank you all! At CIRA, our goal is to further immigration scholarship teaching, and direct immigrant and refugee accompaniment through international and borderland field internships and community-engaged scholarship. Some of our main projects and focus areas are listed on our website which we invite you to peruse. In the next couple of months, we are working on two funded projects: a) building a trauma-informed curriculum for student interns at the US-Mexico border and, b) exploring pathways of integration of incoming Afghan refugees into the US. We invite you to reach out to us for more information and collaboration opportunities. Follow our activities on the [CIRA website](#).

María Vidal de Haymes

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ABOUT CIRA

The mission of the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Accompaniment (CIRA) is to support the formation of social work professionals that in solidarity can accompany migrants in the construction of a more inclusive local and global community; that affirms the human dignity of the person and in which immigrants and refugees realize their capabilities, exercise their rights, and transform their social condition and institutions. This formation is supported through collaborative research, advocacy, community engagement and direct accompaniment opportunities to listen, witness, and engage in critical inquiry and joint action.

CIRA IN THE NEWS

Social Work Students Respond to Highland Park Tragedy

On July 4, 2022 a mass shooter opened fire at the Highland Park Independence Day Parade, killing seven people and wounding dozens more. The community was naturally shaken and is still recovering from the events of that day.

Dozens of volunteers rallied in response to the tragedy, including three bilingual Loyola School of Social Work students. Edith Reynaga, Camille Morhun, and Nohemi Rosales all chose to volunteer their time and skills to assist Cary Rositas-Sheftel, Director of Latino Affairs for Catholic Charities, in the aftermath of the shooting. Reynaga just graduated with her MSW degree, and Morhun and Rosales each received

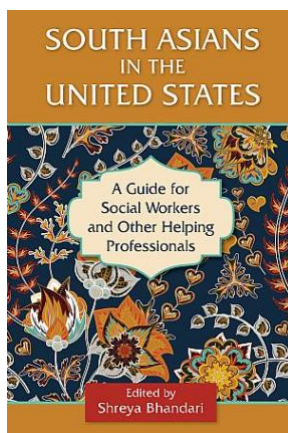
their BSW and will complete their MSW degree in 2023.

The students joined other interpreters to greet Spanish-speaking individuals and families, guide them through the different resources that were available at a family assistance center temporarily set up at Highland Park High School, and accompany the clients through FBI interviews. In some cases, the interpreters even assisted during counseling sessions to help clients process the recent events. Read more about support provided by students [here](#).



Left to right: Edith Reynaga, Cary Rositas-Sheftel, Nohemi Rosales, and Camille Morhun

NEW PUBLICATION FROM CIRA FACULTY



A new publication [South Asians in the United States – A Guide for Social Workers and Other Helping Professionals](#) (S. Bhandari, ed) from NASW Press, includes a chapter on South Asian Immigrant Women in the Workplace: Barriers, Challenges, and Opportunities, by **Abha Rai**, *Vithya Murugan, and Leena Rijhwani*

CURRICULAR INNOVATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The School of Social Work continues to offer a Migrations Studies Track in the MSW program. For more information on the track and its requirements please visit: [Migration Studies](#). The track offers domestic and international fieldwork options in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Services USA and Mexico.

The School of Social Work will resume its migration-focused study abroad options this year after a two year pause due to public health travel restrictions. This spring break students from the Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work and Medicine will partner with students from Boston College School of Social Work for an immersion course focused on migration and the social determinants of health on the San Diego-Tijuana border.

LOCAL/GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DIRECT IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ACCOMPANIMENT

LUC Students Step Up to Aid Migrants in Chicago

Few populations are as vulnerable at the moment as those of migrants who crossed the U.S.-Mexican border and then were transported by bus or plane to various sites across the country. To date, almost 4,000 migrants have been bussed to the Chicagoland area. There are many stepping up to assist these people, including volunteers from Loyola University Chicago's School of Social Work. Camille Morhun, an MSW student who volunteered through [Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago](#) and assisted with intake and other services. "Part of what I was doing was intake. A lot of these migrants had nothing with them, just some paperwork with a court date for ICE." Part of the intake process is cataloguing possessions, identifying anyone in need of medical care, and finding out if migrants had an intended destination within the U.S. Morhun also said the bussing program has now made it

more difficult to contact or travel to family members in the U.S. Catholic Charities has been attempting to arrange travel for some migrants who are hoping to reunite with loved ones in the states. Visit [Loyola's website](#) for additional information.

Loyola Students Support Highland Park Shooting Victims with Bilingual Social Services

Loyola Student volunteers became voice of some victims of Highland Park shooting, highlighting bilingual social services needs and increasing Latino population. Three bilingual students from Loyola's School of Social Work responded to the urgent call. Edith Reynaga, Nohemi Rosales and Camille Morhun were among the volunteers that assisted victims and their families for more than a week after the shooting. Their service to the Highland Park community was chronicled in a [recent Chicago Tribune article](#) as well as Loyola's [website](#).

CIRA IN THE COMMUNITY

CIRA involved in UN Women Safer Cities Project

As part of an UN initiative to create [safer public spaces for female-identified residents](#), Chicago joins 53 other cities from 32 countries in partnership with UN Women. Abha Rai is one of six researchers leading a scoping study to provide essential research to inform the City and other key stakeholders when designing a plan to address violence against women and girls in public spaces.

First Online Bystander Intervention Program for South Asian Community Developed

Abha Rai, Nathan Perkins and Susan Grossman have been developing an online bystander intervention called **B.R.A.K.E. The Cycle** to empower bystanders in the South Asian community to better support individuals

experiencing violence. The team plans to launch the intervention nationally early next year. This is the first interactive online intervention for South Asian bystanders.

CIRA COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Grant: CIRA was awarded a grant from the [Katherine Kendall Institute](#) (2020-2023) for a project titled: *A Curriculum and Internship Model for Socioemotional Care and Mental Health Services in Migration Crisis Situations*. Under this grant, the Project Co-leaders, Dr. Maria Vidal de Haymes (Loyola) and Dr. Alejandro Olayo-Méndez, SJ (Boston College) along with CIRA students and faculty affiliates, Drs. Abha Rai and Diana Franco, will develop, pilot, evaluate, and disseminate a professional internship model and curriculum designed to prepare social work students for interprofessional practice in migration crisis situations. The project will serve asylum seekers confined to the U.S. Mexican border due to the Migrant Protection Protocol and Title 42 public health policy of the U.S. government. This project is being developed in collaboration with the Jesuit Migrant Services USA and Mexico project *Caminar Contigo*, and several Mexican Jesuit Universities: Universidad Iberoamericana-Mexico City and Puebla and ITESO (Guadalajara).



Maria Post, 2nd year Loyola University Chicago MSW student was the first student to participate in the field placement with JRS. Maria completed a summer block internship with the JRS *Caminar Contigo* program this summer. As an intern, Maria worked with JRS staff to support their

work to reduce suffering, improve mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of refugees, asylum seekers, and other displaced people in the Cd. Juarez & El Paso region. While providing direct relief, this interinstitutional binational project advances the educational mission of five Jesuit universities and the JRS mission to accompany, serve, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.



International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU).

Maria Vidal serves on the Solidarity with Migrants and Refugees Task Force of the IAJU. This Task Force focuses on how Jesuit institutions of higher education, by committing together to solidarity with migrants and refugees and enhancing effort coordination, can respond more effectively and compassionately to their needs and situation. This Task Force addressed the 2022 Assembly of the IAJU at Boston College in August and presented two documents for consideration *Principles of Engagement* and *A Proposal to the IAJU Assembly*. Please click on this [link](#) to see an abbreviated version of the keynote panel presentation.



Migrant Women Mental Health: Loyola University Chicago CIRA affiliated Professor Emeritus Dr. Marta Lundy and Professor Maria Vidal and Dr. Graciela Polanco (Universidad Iberoamericana-CDMX) and Dr. Cary Rositas-Sheftel (former Director of Latino Services of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and current Associate Director of the Highland Park Public Library) recently published a guide and curriculum for migrant women mental health self-help groups that builds on the work of Jesuit Migrant Services -Mexico. This book provides a step-by-step guide for leading psychoeducational/emotional self-help groups for migrant women.

On October 15, 2022 35 women leaders from migrant-to-migrant ministry programs of the Pastoral Migratoria of the Archdiocese of Chicago and volunteers and staff from migrant serving community organizations, such as Bethany House of Hospitality and El Rincon attended a day-long training on the self-help program model. Participants have committed to ongoing training, leading self-help groups in their parishes and community organizations, and participating in a program pilot and evaluation. The pilot will include ongoing support from Dr. Polanco, Rositas-Sheftel, and Vidal.



COVID-19 And Challenges of Asian-American Children

CIRA affiliate Caleb Kim presented a keynote address on challenges of Asian American

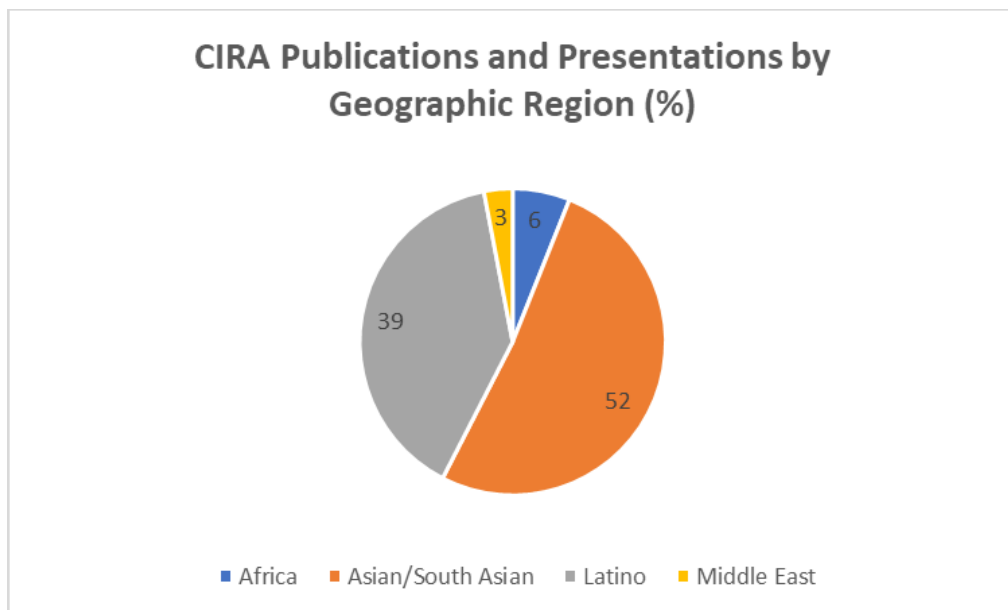
children during COVID-19 in the USA at the 2nd International Forum for Children’s Rights, held by the Korea National Center for the Rights of the Child in July 2021 in Seoul, Korea.

CIRA AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Maria Vidal de Haymes received the Loyola University Chicago [Distinguished University Research Professor](#) in the School of Social Work, July 1, 2022, in recognition of scholarship and intellectual achievements and is an honor bestowed by the University upon the recommendation of a Dean of a College or School.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

We are thrilled to share all the wonderful accomplishments by CIRA affiliates. CIRA affiliates engaged in research and scholarship that included 5 funded grants, published over 40 papers/book chapters, and over 40 peer-reviewed presentations in 2021-22. In addition, 27 publications or presentations included students as co-authors, introducing them to research and scholarship in CIRA initiatives. CIRA faculty and affiliates address migration issues in Latino, Asian/South Asian, Middle East, and African populations globally (See figure).



Grants:

Held, M. L. (Principal Investigator), & **Rai, A.** (2022-2023) (co-PI). Culturally Responsive Toolkit to Promote Health Equity Among Afghan Refugees in Illinois and Tennessee: A Pathway for Diverse Refugee Groups. Office of Research Services [Grant]. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Awarded: \$16,000

Kim, C. (Principal Investigator). (2017-2021). BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violence Engagement) (CFDA. 93.910, Grant No. YEPMP170101-01-00) [Grant]. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, Minority Youth Violence Prevention II,). Awarded: \$1,700,000.

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Huslage*, M., **Rai, A.** & Held, M.L. (2021) Building partnerships and trust: Research with vulnerable immigrant communities. *Families in Society*, 103 (2), 235-246. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894211034776>

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- Polanco-Hernandez, P. **Vidal de Haymes, M.** & Rositas-Sheftel (2021). Interinstitutional transnational experience in migration studies: Academic practice and social service program with Mexican migrant population in Chicago/ Experiencia transnacional Interinstitucional en estudios de migración: Práctica académica y Servicio social con población mexicana migrante en Chicago. *IAJU Best Practices in Jesuit Higher Education*, 1(1), 1-16. <https://kirchernet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Best-practices-Magazine-1.pdf>
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Barney, R., Chakradhar, K., Kim, C., **Rai, A.**, & Khandare, L. (2021, November 4-7). *COVID-19's impact on selected social issues: A global perspective and lessons learned*. CSWE, 67th APM, Orlando, FL, United States.

Rositas-Sheftel, C. **Vidal de Haymes, M;** & Polanco-Hernandez, G. (2021, July 15) Mujeres Floreciendo: Los grupos de salud emocional para mujeres migrante , Social Justice Summer Institute of the Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors. Conference theme: Mercy and Mental Health: Strengthening Our Pastoral Response.

Choi, K., **Caleb K.**, J. Bae and S. Kim (2021, November 11). *Social work graduate students' perceptions and attitudes toward aging, death, and dying across cultures* [Virtual conference session]. 54th Annual NYSSWEA Conference., Saratoga Spring, NY, United States.

Franco, D. (2022, April). *Mitigating Trauma Symptoms in LGBTQIA+ Migrant Students by Fostering Structural Change* [type of presentation]. Latino Social Workers Organization (LSWO), Chicago, IL, United States.

Franco, D. (2022, April). *Social Work Practice and Clinical Supports for Immigrant Youth* [Virtual conference session]. Catholic Charities Child Abuse Prevention Month Presentation, Chicago, IL, United States.

Franco, D. & Lopez M. (2022, June). *Spirituality as a Strengths-Based and Culturally Responsive Approach to Social Work Practice* [Virtual conference session]. North American Society for Spirituality and Social Work, Virtual Conference & Morgan State University School of Social Work.

*Harris, K., **Wathen, M. V.** (2022, June). *Therapists of Color strategies for handling in-session microaggressions from clients: A qualitative survey*. Presented at the Network for Social Work Management Virtual Summit.

Held, M., **Rai, A.**, Huslage, M.* (2022). *Exploring the mental health of immigrants and refugees in relation to migration policies as part of the Trump-era* [Virtual conference session]. Presented at the 19th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration.

Huslage, M.*, **Rai, A.**, Held, M., Naseh, M. (2022, January). *Identifying strategies to promote trust and overcome barriers for successful research with immigrant and refugee communities* [Roundtable presentation]. Roundtable presented at the 26th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Kim, C. (2021, June 25). *Perception of suicide in Asian American college students* [Virtual conference session], DCFS Asian American Advisory Council, Creating Awareness of Racial Equity Through Service intervention, (Virtual Conference).

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Kim, C. (2021, November 1-3). *Ethnic minority youth's perceptions of violence* [Virtual conference]. World Anti-Bullying Forum 2021, Stockholm, Sweden.

Kim, C. (2021, December 13-17). *University-Community collaboration for preventing youth violence in disadvantaged minority communities* [Virtual conference session]. 13th United Nations Geneva Forum, 8th Annual International Conference on Inclusive Education and Project Based Learning for Peace and Development, Geneva, Switzerland.

Kim, C. (2022, April 6-8). *Comparison of behavioral problems among three ethnic minority children*. European Social Work Research Association 2022, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Kim, C. (2022, June 5-9). *Minority children's perceptions toward violence exposure*. 17th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology, Donostia/San Sebastian, Spain.

Kim, C. (2022, June 13-16). *University-Community collaborative service to protect vulnerable youth*. International Congress of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, Tallinn, Estonia.

Krings, A., **Wathen, M. V.**, Kilbane, T., *Perez, G. (2022, January). *The influence of the COVID-19 Pandemic and racial justice protests on the political attitudes and behaviors of social workers*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference.

Naseh, M., Sutherland, I.*, **Rai, A.** & Donais, P.* (2022). *Health implications of migration integration policies for highly educated immigrants and refugees in the United States* [Virtual conference session]. Presented at the 19th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (online conference).

Olayo-Mendez, A., Williams, J., **Vidal de Haymes, M.** (2021, November). *Roundtable on Community Partnerships*. Critical Migration Scholarship Conference. University of San Francisco.

- Rai, A.** (2022, September). *The Physical and Emotional Impact of COVID-19 on Immigrant Health and Integration*. Quarterly Seminar of the Jesuit Migration Network – Central America and North America.
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Ravi, K.E. & **Rai, A.** (2021, November). *Starting/surviving your tenure clock during the pandemic: Can you do it?* [Poster presentation]. Council on Social Work Education 66th Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States.

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Ravi, K.E., **Rai, A.**, Voth-Schrag, R. (2022, March). *Exploring survivors' intimate partner violence experience and shelter experiences during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic* [Poster presentation]. The 19th Annual Hawaii International Summit, Honolulu, HI, United States.

Rositas-Sheftel, C. **Vidal de Haymes, M;** & Polanco-Hernandez, G. (2021 July). Justice Summer Institute of the Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors. Conference theme: Mercy and Mental Health: Strengthening Our Pastoral Response.

Russell, S. Ares Mateo, A., Popescu, D. Hlobo, R., Mertens, A. **Vidal de Haymes, M.**, Hollenhach, D., & Sardary, F. (2022, August). *Solidarity with migrants and refugees: How can Jesuit schools ease suffering and advocate for hospitality?* International Association of Jesuit universities 2022 Assembly, Boston, MA, United States.

Saasa, S., & **Rai, A.**, Malazarte, N.M.* & Yirenya-Tawiah, A.* (2021, November). *Correlates of mental health service utilization among African immigrants*. The Council on Social Work Education 66th Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States.

Shrestha, N.*, **Rai, A.**, Ravi, K., Alvarez-Hernandez, L. (2021, January). *Scoping study on culturally responsive intimate partner violence interventions for immigrant communities* [Oral Presentation]. The 25th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Sullivan, L., Allard, S., **Wathen, M. V.** (2022, April). Capacity, need, and location: Emergency Food Programs in the Detroit Metropolitan Area [Accepted for presentation]. The Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Vidal de Haymes, M. (2021, May). *Trabajo con Mujeres Migrantes en Comunidades de Destino*. Seminario Permanente del Posgrado de Trabajo Social. Autonomous University of Nuevo León, San Nicolás de los Garza, Mexico.

Vidal de Haymes, M. (2022, May). *Migrant women in the workplace: Mental health round table*. US Department of Justice and Justice for Migrant Women Virtual Roundtable.

Wathen, M. V. (2022, July). *Food Pantries' responses to need during the COVID-19 pandemic: Innovations, lessons learned, moving forward*. Presented at the 15th International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research.

Wathen, M. V., *Harris, K. (2022, January 16th). *Therapists of Color Strategies for Handling in-Session Microaggressions from Clients: A Qualitative Survey*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference.

Wathen, M. V., *Perez, G. (2022, June). *Chicago and Northern Illinois Food Pantries' responses to need during the COVID-19 pandemic: Innovations, lessons learned, moving forward* [Virtual presentation]. Presented at the Network for Social Work Management, Virtual Summit.