

Gilman Foreign Policy in Focus: Refugees & Migration Virtual Seminar Series

Seminar 4: Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States



Anne Richard

Anne C. Richard served as Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration in the Obama Administration (2012-2017). Previously, she was Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy for the International Rescue Committee. In addition to the State Department, she served at Peace Corps Headquarters and the US Office of Management and Budget earlier in her career. She has enjoyed fellowships from the Council on Foreign Relations and the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Ms. Richard is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and has a Master's degree in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago. Since leaving office in January 2017, she has taught at Georgetown University and been a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Perry World House.



Nahid Sharifi

Nahid Sharifi is doing a Ph.D. study at the school of Education at IU university. She was an English language lecturer at Kabul university and an advocate for women's rights in Afghanistan. She has been a voice for breaking taboos about gender and being a role model for getting women more involved and supporting them to understand their critical role in the future of Afghanistan. She left Afghanistan in 2021 when the Afghan government fell, and US forces withdrew. Having grown up in a refugee family in Iran and experiencing displacement to the United States. She was the keynote speaker at the INTESOL conference on November 2022 and shared the power of her story and offered her reflection on teaching and learning through.





Abdullah Al Nahhas

Abdullah Al Nahhas, father to a beautiful daughter Elina, 17 months old. Husband to an amazing wife, Hiba Allo. I work as an Employment and Assistance Worker for the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction, in Prince George, BC, Canada. Fourth year student at UNBC, studying BCom, in Marketing and Management Information System majors. I have been playing soccer for 20 years, and a soccer coach for children for 9 years. My life journey is mixed between, a citizen for 17 years, internally displaced for 2 years, a refugee for 4.5 years, an immigrant for 4 years, and now again a citizen since the last year, but in a different country.



Moe Moe Tun

Moe Moe Tun was born in Aung Lan, Myanmar. Her family arrived to the U.S around 12 years ago. She is currently a Junior studying East Asian Languages and Culture at IU. She is also taking prerequisites for a Physician Assistant school

