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NEW STAFF

RefugeeWorks would like to introduce our newest teammate, Linda Rabben. Linda has a Ph.D. in anthropology and more than a decade of experience working on social justice and immigration issues. She has published books and articles on human rights and is working on a book about the history of asylum. Linda will be working on our recertification program for skilled refugees and asylees. We are very glad to have her as a part of our team. She can be reached at 410-230-2769, or via e-mail at lrabben@refugeeworks.org

E-NEWS

Last week, RefugeeWorks' E-News service reached 1,000 subscribers. Thank you for spreading the word, in and beyond the refugee employment network!

Do you have news items, stories or pictures that relate to refugees in the workplace? If you'd like to submit them for publication in an upcoming newsletter, contact Daniel at dsturm@refugeeworks.org

If you know of anyone who might like to sign up for the RefugeeWorks E-Newsletter, ask them to visit our subscription page at:

--> <http://lists.lirs.org/mailman/listinfo/refugeeworks>

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--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/about/publications.html>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

[Transforming Lives Through Workforce Development](#)

Oct. 2, 2008 in Dallas, Texas, White House Conferences on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

--> <http://tinyurl.com/3sc6u2>

The Role of Community Colleges in Promoting Immigrant Integration

Oct. 21, 2008, 8:30-10 a.m., Grantmakers for Education Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland
--> <http://gcir.org/programs/2008/10/gfe>

International Unaccompanied & Separated Children's Conference

Oct. 22-24, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.
--> <http://childalone.gmu.edu/>

"In Our Hands: Building Solidarity & Community."

The Refugee Women's Network Inc. Presents its 9th Annual Refugee & Immigrant Women's Leadership Conference, Nov. 14-16, 2008, Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.
--> <http://www.riwn.org/node/79>

NEW RESOURCES

"The Somali Diaspora: A Journey Away."

After five years of documenting Somali Diaspora, the Somali Documentary Project has just released its first book, "The Somali Diaspora: A Journey Away." (Photographs by Abdi Roble. Essays by Doug Rutledge.) University Of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 2008.

--> <http://www.somaliproject.org/>
--> <http://tinyurl.com/3h7uzm>

Job Advancement for Low-Income Workers

Webinar on Job Advancement for Low-Income Workers. "A New Safety Net for Working Families: Getting the Skills and Support to Make It in Today's Job Market"

Panelists: Rebecca Blank (Brookings Institution), Michael Fletcher (Washington Post), Karin Martinson (Urban Institute), Don Winstead (Florida State Department of Children and Families), Margaret Simms (Urban Institute Moderator).

--> <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=51059>
--> <http://www.urban.org/projects/newsafetynet/>

Job Development

Supporting Work for Low-Income People with Significant Challenges

Pamela J. Loprest & Karin Martinson (Urban Institute, July 2008)

--> http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411726_supporting_work.pdf

Refugee center to open Community Resource Center is funded by grants, will have variety of services (Fort Wayne News Sentinel, Sept. 13, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/69pov2>

Los Angeles on the Leading Edge: Immigrant Integration. Indicators and Their Policy Implications.

Washington, DC, Migration Policy Institute, April 2008)

--> http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/NCIIP_Los_Angeles_on_the_Leading_Edge.pdf

Meat Industry Turns to Refugees for Labor (Chicago Public Radio, Sept. 12, 2008)

--> <http://www.wbez.org/Content.aspx?audioID=28831>

Cultural Issues

Recruiting in the World of ICE. (Workforce Management, September 2008)

--> <http://www.workforce.com/section/06/feature/25/75/35/index.html>

Name game: How do you say that again? (The Globe and Mail, Aug. 27, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/4heky9>

Colorado meatpacking plant lays off 100 Muslim workers (Los Angeles Times, Sept. 11, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/3nmvuk>

Meat plants seem a breeding ground for culture clashes (World Herald, Sept. 21, 2008)
--> http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_page=1208&u_sid=10438723

Iraqi Refugees

Iraqi Refugee Initiative Webinar Series & Other Resources (Office of Refugee Resettlement, Center for Victims of Torture, ACCESS Center for Torture Survivors)
--> <http://www.cvt.org/main.php/IraqiWebinarSeries>

Transportation

The Minnesota-based nonprofit group, Free To Be!, provides assistance with Car Repair, Car Donations, Vehicle Maintenance, Resource Management and Basic Budgeting for Diverse Populations.
--> <http://www.freetobeinc.org/>
--> <http://tinyurl.com/4dklsb>

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