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

AWARDS

The Migration Policy Institute's National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy has launched the "E Pluribus Unum Prizes" national awards program, providing four \$50,000 awards annually to exceptional initiatives that promote immigrant integration. The deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 2009.

--> <http://www.integrationawards.org/>

CONFERENCES

Working with Employers: Skills and Strategies for Job Development Success (Public Private Ventures Nov. 18, 2008)

This webinar will take place Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. EST. To sign up, send an email to:

--> mmiles@ppv.org

2009 Idaho Conference on Refugees, "Strengthening Community Across Cultures"

The Idaho Office for Refugees' Annual Conference will take place in Boise, Idaho on Jan. 29-30, 2009.

Workshop sessions should contribute to the knowledge, skills, and innovative approaches for working with refugees.

--> <http://www.idahorefugees.org/>

4th National Grassroots Immigrant Strategy Conference (National Immigrant Solidarity Network, April 10-12, 2009)

UIC College of Medicine, Chicago.

--> <http://www.ImmigrantSolidarity.org/2009Conference/>

The Summer Course (Centre for Refugee Studies, Toronto, Canada, June 6-14, 2009)

The Summer Course on Forced Migration Issues is an internationally acclaimed eight-day course for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration.

--> <http://www.yorku.ca/crs/summer.htm>

ESL & CITIZENSHIP

Free Web Site Launched to Help Immigrants Learn English (Department of Education, November 7, 2008)

--> <http://www.USALearns.org>

Multilingual Workforce Education

SpeechBubble is a simple system for conveying messages to a multilingual workforce. Using simple graphics and animated sequences, each scene is portrayed in a easily understood manner, conveying your key message in an effective way.

--> <http://www.speechbubble.ie>

Translated New Citizenship Test Questions Available on CLINIC Website

CLINIC has posted translated versions of the new citizenship test study questions online. They are available Amharic, Bosnian, Cambodian/Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Oromo, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Somali, Thai, and Tigrigna.

--> <http://www.cliniclegal.org/Refugee/test.html>

MEDIA & MENTORING

New Routes to Community Health, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Benton Foundation, is a new model for improving the health of immigrants through immigrant-created media. The organization launched a new website and will feature a new grantee every six to eight weeks as well as resources, news, and other links.
<http://newroutes.org/>

Brown students tutor refugees resettled in town (The Brown Daily Herald, Nov. 3, 2008)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/5ks8qs>

JOB DEVELOPMENT

“Working with Employers,” a curriculum designed to strengthen the effectiveness of frontline staff in workforce development organizations (Public/Private Ventures, 2007)
--><http://tinyurl.com/6ak3nl>

"Workforce Development as an Antipoverty Strategy: What Do We Know? (Urban Institute, Oct. 30, 2008)
--> <http://www.urban.org/publications/411782.html>

LEGAL ISSUES

As the economy sinks, 'wage theft' suits rise (Philadelphia Inquirer, Nov. 16, 2008)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/5st2nk>

“Look At The Facts, Not the Faces: Your Guide to Fair Employment (Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, May 2007)
--> http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/pdf/publications/en_guide0507.pdf

Social Work with Immigrant and Refugees: Legal Issues, Clinical Skills, and Advocacy (Fernando Chang-Muy and Elaine Congress, October 2008)
Topics discussed in the book include current trends, policy and advocacy methods, and the need for cultural competence.
--> http://www.springerpub.com/prod.aspx?prod_id=33355

RESETTLEMENT NEWS

Iraqi Refugees Find Michigan Is No Land Of Plenty (NPR Morning Edition, Nov. 11, 2008)
--> <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=96830836>

Nebraska names new coordinator of refugee programs (Associated Press, Nov. 5, 2008)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/58o99s>

Refugees and Asylees: 2007. Annual Flow Report (Department of Homeland Security/ Office of Immigration Statistics, 2007, July 2008)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/5zlqr9>

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act extends SSI eligibility for qualifying refugees and others from 7 to 9 years for the period of October 1, 2008- September 30, 2011
--> http://www.ssa.gov/legislation/legis_bulletin_100108.html

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Uneven Progress: The Employment Pathways of Skilled Immigrants in the United States (The Migration Policy Institute, October 2008)
--> <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/BrainWasteOct08.pdf>

Untapped Talents of Educated Immigrants. 20% With Degrees In Unskilled Jobs or Jobless, Study Finds (Oct. 23, 2008 Washington Post)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/69r96z>

Strangers in a Familiar Profession (Inside Higher Education, Oct. 20, 2008)
--> <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/10/20/nursing>

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