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RefugeeWorks On the Road

--> http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_30.pdf

FILMS & CULTURAL ISSUES

Directory of Books and Films about Refugees (Project SOAR, The International Rescue Committee, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycx9tqj>

Hometown Baghdad is an online web series about life in Baghdad. It tells the stories of three young Iraqis struggling to survive during the war (Hometown Baghdad, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/6olw73>

Integrating Islam. Muslim Immigrants in Europe and the US (America Abroad Media, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yd6wmg6>

ECONOMICS

Refugee Resettlement in New Hampshire: Pathways and Barriers to Building Community (University of New Hampshire, 2009)

--> <http://www.unh.edu/news/docs/refugeereport.pdf>

Report by the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress (Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, September 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/oqrojn>

ENTREPRENEURS

An Iraqi Calligrapher Reclaims His Career (RefugeeWorks Newsletter #30, Sept. 2009)

--> http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_30.pdf

11 years after fleeing Bosnia, family starts Balkan Bakery in city (Charlottesville Daily Progress, Sept. 14, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydrhdh8>

Local store focuses on world foods. Babylon Market imports food from Middle East, Africa (The Arizona Daily Star, Sept. 17, 2009)

--> <http://www.azstarnet.com/metro/309104>

Pathways to Self-Sufficiency: Successful Entrepreneurship for Refugees (Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work, 2007, Vol. 16, Issues 1&2)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybppejy>

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GREEN JOBS

KC Catholic Charities & KCCUA Community Integration Heroes (ISED Blog, Sept. 5, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycwwrz6>

San Diego Community Farm Helps Immigrants Feel at Home. Refugees and Immigrants find friendship and purpose farming together (The Epoch Times, Sept. 17, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yc3d2je>

Solving the Garden-Transportation Problem (ISED Blog, Aug. 26, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yauxxrs>

NEW POPULATIONS

Bhutan Refugees Find a Toehold in the Bronx (The New York Times, Sept. 25, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycd2dnw>

One year later, Iraqi refugees are turning a haven into a home (Wilton Bulletin, Sept. 24, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycrkbh8>

Spotlight on the Bhutanese: An Interview with K.N. Upreti (RefugeeWorks Newsletter #30, Sept. 2009)

--> http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_30.pdf

Web forums help Iraqi refugees adapt to America (McClatchy Newspapers, Sept. 23, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y98etkf>

LANGUAGE

CAL is working with the WIDA Consortium to develop ONPAR, an alternative test that is sensitive to a lower English proficiency, allowing students to demonstrate their content knowledge.

--> <http://www.cal.org/projects/onpar.html>

Nashville, Tennessee need more language translators, group says. Influx of immigrants creates shortage (The Tennessean, Sept. 12, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/l7ol4a>

LEGAL ISSUES

2009 Labor Day List: Responsible Business Practices in a Tough Economy (American Rights at Work, Sept. 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yekp3ej>

Find an employee rights attorney in your area (Workplace Fairness, 2009)

--> <http://www.workplacefairness.org/attorneys>

Hyatt Hotels tells Mass. governor: Your boycott threat threatens existing jobs (USA Today, Sept. 24, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ya6dpsd>

PEER MENTORING

Center helps African immigrants succeed (The Minneapolis Star Tribune, Sept. 20, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/n8tzuj>

Looking for a "Missing Link": Formal Employment Services and Social Networks in Refugees' Job Search (Journal of Intercultural Studies, May 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycq3ecs>

The Skilled Migrant Mentoring Program (Australia)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8lmy65>

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Cross-Cultural Interviewing. A Training for Human Resources and Hiring Managers (Upwardly Global, 2009)

--> <http://www.upwardlyglobal.org/interviewing/>

The 10 Best Interview Tips for Immigrant Jobseekers (Upwardly Global, 2009)

Domestic Service Provider Toolkit (Cultural Orientation Resource Center, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yb6re9s>

RECERTIFICATION

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RECESSION

Congress Moves to Extend Unemployment Insurance to Hard-Hit States (Workplace Fairness, Sept. 22, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycfvtrd>

Fractures in the Foundation: The Latino Worker's Experience in an Era of Declining Job Quality (National Council of La Raza, January 2009)

--> <http://www.nclr.org/content/publications/download/59227>

More of world's talented workers opt to leave USA (USA Today, Sept. 21, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/mszv5n>

Number of Foreign-Born U.S. Residents Drops (The Washington Post, Sept. 22, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/kruzs4>

Poverty in Fresno carries hidden costs (The Fresno Bee, Sept. 19, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8fjocr>

Putting Our Communities on the Map: The Road to Economic Recovery for Latinos and Other Communities of Color (National Council of La Raza, Sept. 23, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y9l8t2q>

U.S. Job Seekers Exceed Openings by Record Ratio (New York Times, Sept. 26, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y9kp3nf>

WEBINARS

Grantseeking Basics Free Webinar by the Foundation Center (Oct. 1, 2009 -- 2-3 p.m. EST)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/qzrejx>

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