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Welcoming Refugees Into the Commonwealth

A Discussion with Practitioners, Scholars, and Refugees



April 15th, 2019 | 3pm | The Niles Gallery

Scholars and practitioners across Kentucky are working to enact Federal and State policies that better support our incoming refugees. This panel discussion will bring these actors together to discuss the unique challenges faced by refugees resettled in the Commonwealth, and the ways policy could be designed to better support Kentucky's new immigrants.

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Panel Participants:

Mary Beth Diener McGavran, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Kentucky and serves as the Associate Director of Clinical Training. Since 2014 she has been doing pro bono work with people who are refugees at the Survivors of Torture Recovery Center in Louisville, KY.

Elisha Cito Mutayongwa, born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, graduate of Tates Creek High School, he is a current student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and holds a certificate in Biotech. He is also Co-founder of the African Community Center in Lexington, Swahili Manager for Online Lingo, and a refugee advocate.

Diane Sumney is an ESL teacher with Fayette County Schools. Beginning in 2008, Sumney was instrumental in developing a newcomer program to support refugee children and their parents from the war torn countries of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nepal, and Iraq.

Emily Jones has worked in the immigration legal services offices of Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) since 2013. Emily assists immigrant clients with a variety of cases, including applications for citizenship, family petitions (to bring family members to the United States), U-Visas, violence against women act (VAWA) petitions, and asylum. She holds a law degree from UK College of Law.