



## History 415: Migrants and Refugees Winter 2022 (CRN 23104) Professor [Julie M. Weise](#)

Human migration is as old as humanity itself; the nation-state system of borders and passports is but a few centuries old. Current political debates over the place of migrants and refugees in the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific have long histories. The primary goal of this course is to teach students how to think about present-day developments by understanding their centuries-long roots.

Topics include the global exclusion of Chinese, the legacies of the two world wars, migrations in colonial contexts, the origins of spread of the concept of the refugee, labor migrations and guest worker programs, the Jewish and Palestinian diasporas, and contemporary migration and refugee movements.

Reading assignments, lectures, and in-class activities span a variety of disciplines and examine different types of sources, including academic books and articles in history and the social sciences, first-person migration narratives, literature, photography, and film.