This speaker series connects the academic study of refugees and displacement to the world of policy and practice.

IMMIGRATION: POLICY AND PRACTICE

Monday, October 2, 7:00 PM, CAPA Symposium

Robert Carey, former director of the US Office of Refugee Resettlement, and Armina Medic, former refugee and refugee advocate, will discuss U.S. policy as it relates to refugees. Moderated by CAPA Director Susan Sgorbati and Vermont State Senator Brian Campion.

INDIGENOUS OROMO MOVIES DURING A TIME OF POLITICAL CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

Monday, October 30, 7:00 PM, CAPA Symposium

Professors Teferi Niggusie Tafa and Steven W. Thomas will describe their work and their experiences researching indigenous Oromo filmmaking in Ethiopia.

THE ABCS OF IMMIGRATION

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 PM, CAPA Symposium

Brooke Mead, executive director of the Berkshire Immigrant Center in Pittsfield, MA, will lead a workshop that will include an overview of immigration laws, procedures, and terminology; immigration remedies for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes; and national and state-wide immigration news and advocacy.

THE PEACE PETITION AND THE ACADEMIC PURGE IN TURKEY

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 PM, CAPA Symposium

E. Ahmet Tonak and Burcu Yasemin Seyben, who were among the 1,128 signatories of the 2016 Peace Petition in Turkey, will tell their stories and will explain the current situation of academics both in Turkey and abroad.

DIGNITY, COMPASSION, AND ACTION: IN CONVERSATION WITH SARIA SAMAKIE

Saturday, November 18, 7:00 PM, CAPA Symposium

Georgetown freshman Saria Samakie, who endured three years of civil war and survived three kidnappings in Syria-including being held by government forces when he was just 15 years old-will give a talk on his thoughts and experiences in Syria.

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