

Holy Cross

Katherine A. Henry '86 Memorial Lecture
Series on Women's Health Issues

Immigrant and Refugee Women's Health Care: *Medicine, Advocacy, and Research*

A moderated panel discussion about the health needs of immigrant and refugee women in Massachusetts and local efforts to manage the obstacles to care they face.



THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026 | 4:00 PM | HOGAN SUITE B/C



Dr. Katharine Barnard is a family physician with more than two decades of experience working in the care of underserved communities in Worcester. Focused on maternal and child health, refugee and immigrant health, and care of vulnerable and marginalized populations, she is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at U Mass-Chan Medical School and the medical director at Worcester RISE for Health and at Hector Reyes House.



Prof. Cristina Araujo Brinkerhoff, PhD, is a full-time lecturer at Boston University's School of Social Work and the president of the board of the Brazilian Workers Center in Boston. Dr. Brinkerhoff's research focuses on immigrant health and well-being, particularly the relationship between social networks and the health of Brazilian immigrant mothers in the United States.



Dr. Lara Jirmanus (MD, MPH) is a family physician at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, and a faculty member at the CHA Center for Health Equity Education and Advocacy. She founded the Massachusetts Coalition for Health Equity and the Health and Law Immigrant Solidarity Network, and has organized, advocated, and conducted research on behalf of worker and immigrant rights in the US and on the impact of conflict in the Middle East.



Tut Liu, Health and Wellness Coordinator at Ascentria Care Alliance, was born and raised in Worcester by refugee parents. Through his work, which focuses on helping individuals navigate the complex healthcare system, he serves as a community advocate, empowering people to improve their physical and mental health and their overall quality of life.

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