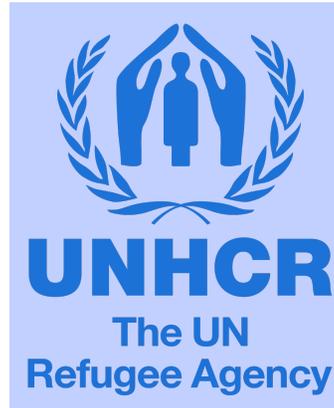
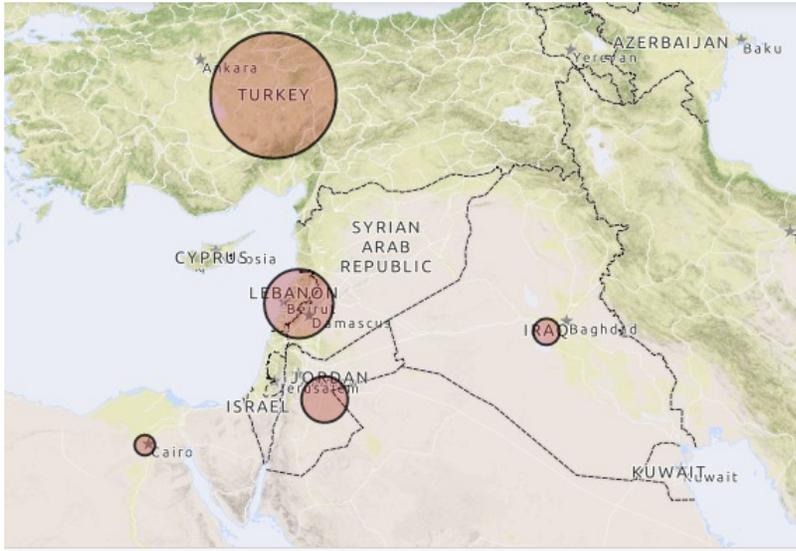


# Across Boundaries: Research on Migration Across Disciplines

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# Virtual Policy Incubator: Forced Migration and Human Trafficking



Digital Solutions and  
Displacement

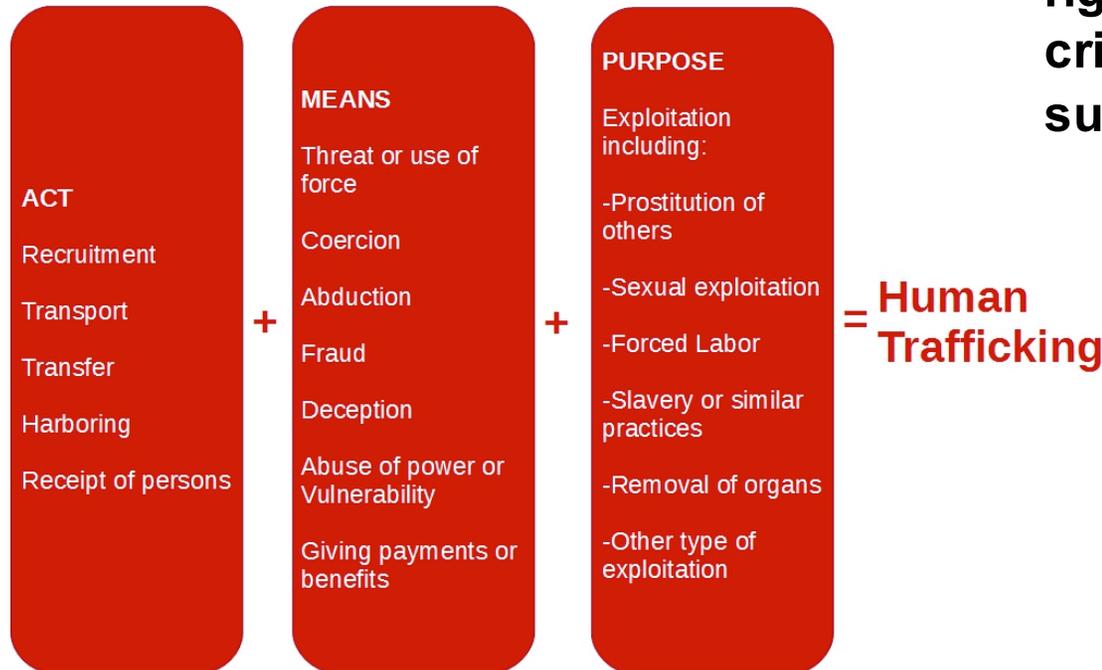


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# From Protection to Prosecution: The Evolution of Human Trafficking Law in Massachusetts

- Elimination of “force, fraud or coercion” in criminal context.
- Goal: Mechanism to protect survivors and increase criminal prosecutions.
- Will new standard improve survivor rights/choices OR further criminalize and marginalize survivors?



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## International Migrations and the New Shibboleth Tests

Who are **genuine asylum seekers** among these people?  
Do their **language skills and knowledge** confirm their claims?



Source: Massimo Sestini. The picture won the World Press Photo Award in 2014

- [Bible's shibboleth test](#) for authenticating the claims of some asylum seekers (Erard, 2003).
- Pronunciation of the word [shibboleth](#) (flood water) and the [dialectal variable \[ʃ\]](#) (Erard, 2003).
- According to the Book of Judges, about [42,000 men of Ephraim perished for want of the correct sibilant](#) (Erard, 2003).
- Today's [shibboleth test](#) is called [LADO](#) (Language Analysis for the Determination of Origin).

## LADO: The New Shibboleth Test

### Goals and Challenges:

- LADO is part of the strategies to identify *genuine asylum seekers* from “*economic or bogus asylum seekers*.”
- LADO has been faced with several challenges.
- Some governments resort to native-speakers with questionable training in linguistics as “*experts*” to conduct these serious analyses. Many scholars find the conclusions of these “*experts*” to be inaccurate.
- The scholars produced: “*The Guidelines: Guidelines for the Use of Language Analysis in Relation to Questions of National Origin in Refugee Cases*,” in *The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, Vol. 11 (2), 2004, 261-266.
- (See <https://journals.equinoxpub.com/index.php/IJSLL/article/viewFile/555/1386>)

## LADO “Intelligence”/Analysis of Applicants’ Knowledge

### 1. Analysis: Issues that come up in West African cases include:

- Elasticity of ethnicity in macro-ethnolinguistic groups
- Gendered knowledge and taboo knowledge
- Localized cultural knowledge (burial rituals, weddings, culinary habits, etc.)
- Age-graded knowledge in age-set societies

### 2. The Intelligence Report

- Focuses on the following question: Is the asylum seeker’s knowledge consistent with that of people in his/her claimed place of origin?

### 3. The Conclusion

- The intelligence report and linguistic analysis report are combined to generate the final conclusion
- The conclusion may confirm or disconfirm the asylum seeker’s claims, and may reveal his/her actual place(s) of origin/primary socialization

## Conclusion

- Not enough time to fully explain the field of *LADO*
- Training in *sociolinguistics/linguistic anthropology* (through advanced degrees and peer-reviewed publications) and regular fieldwork are key.
- Hopes for the future

Thank you for your attention!

# Migration Between Rural and Urban Areas in Lower-Income Countries

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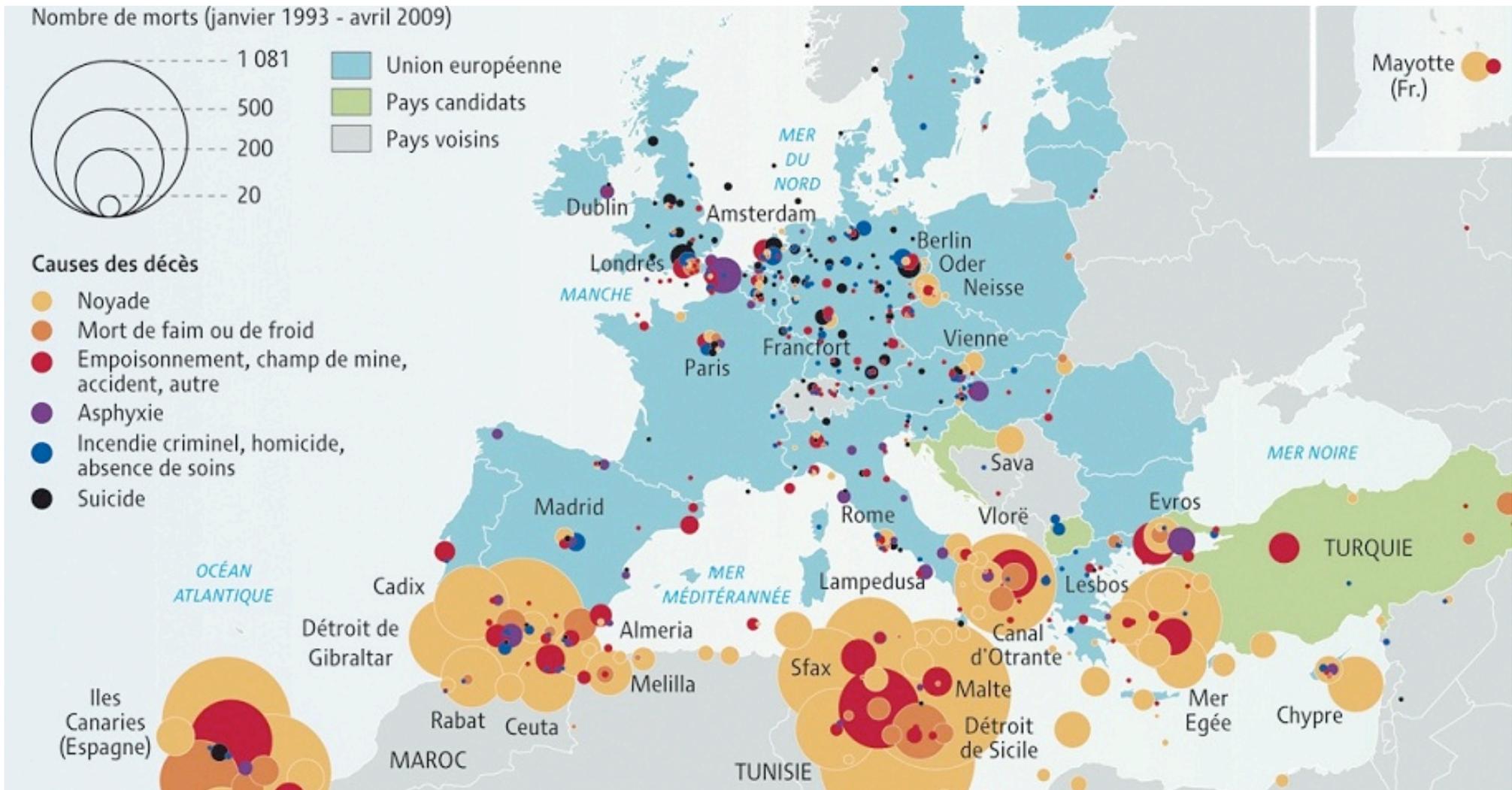
# U.S. Cuba Immigration Policy and its Unintended Consequences

1. Historical and contemporary analysis of a 'path dependence' of privileges
2. Data sources: U.S. & Cuban
3. Compares Cuban with other immigrant experiences
4. Builds on my earlier research on Cuba, Cuban Americans, and immigrant impacts in their homelands

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# FRONTEX and the Unintended Consequences of Open Borders Inside the European Union



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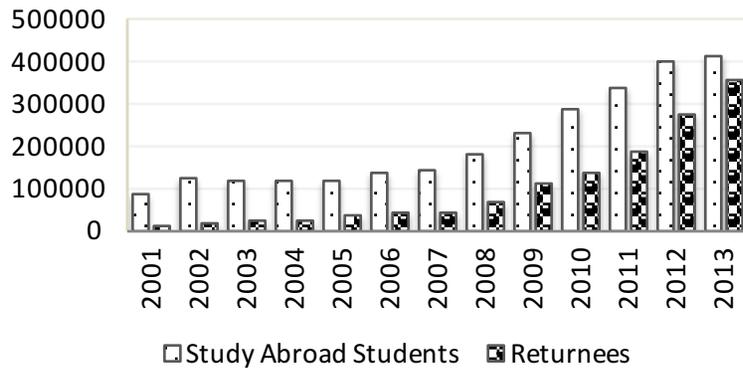
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# “Apolitical Cooptation”

## How The Chinese State Reintegrates Transnational Talent Without Sharing Power?

### A Comparative and Political Study of Returnees in China

Educational Migration in China



Sociology: brain drain and transformation  
 China scholarship: state programs to overcome brain drain

Questions: How are the state programs implemented? To what extent do returnees transform existing politics?

		State Power	
		<u>weak</u>	<u>strong</u>
Relations with Returnees	hierarchical	<i>Brain Drain</i> Cuba Nigeria Jamaica*	<i>Apolitical Cooptation</i> China (2000s) Singapore
	horizontal	<i>Transformation</i> Taiwan India China (1980s)	4 <i>Cooptation</i> India (Indira Gandhi**) Taiwan (Chiang Chingkuo) Chile (Pinochet)

Research: state awards programs; returnees; grants recipients; political representation

Conclusion: rising S&T experts, limited political power, “apolitical cooptation”

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# Foreign Nurses in the U.S.

## ▪ Motivation

- Predicted nurse shortage in the US
- Increased reliance on nurse importation



- Strategy of nurse importation contentious:

Hospitals & Employers:



Native Nurse Assoc.



- Concerns on nurse quality
- Ethical implications – brain drain

## ▪ Research Questions

- Relative quality of Filipino nurses
- Effects on native nurses' outcomes

## Data and Methodology

- Census data (US and Philippines)
- OLS and IV

## Main results

- Quality: Filipino nurses are of higher quality than natives, based on wage comparisons and a battery of controls
- Foreign nurses have not effect on wages, but displace natives



Likely explained by positive selection into nursing and into migration, result of Philippines migration policy

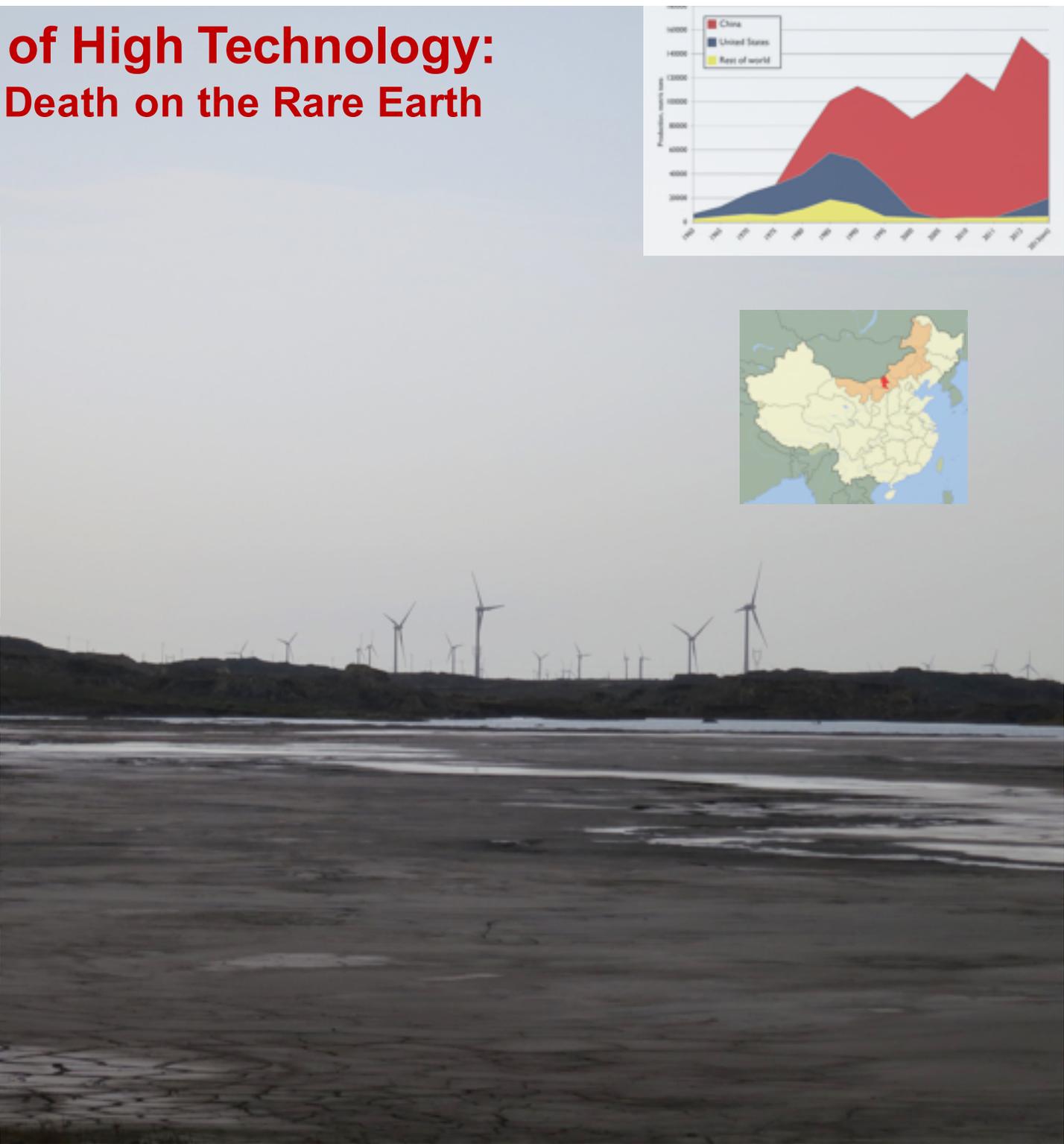
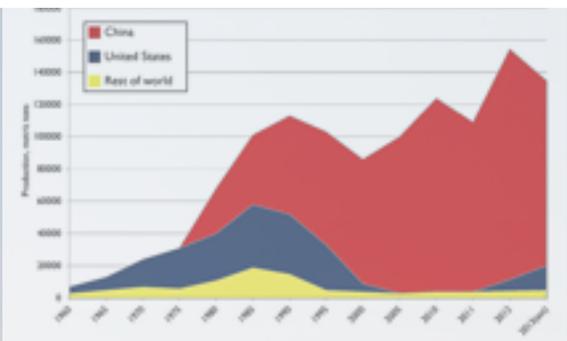


Native nurses switch to other occupations  
Fewer natives decide to become nurses.  
Choose teaching instead

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# The Human Costs of High Technology: Misery, Precarity, and Death on the Rare Earth Frontier



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# American Muslim Approaches to Healing

**Greater Boston Muslim Health Initiative**  
Mapping social networks and services  
Confronting discrimination, extremism and surveillance

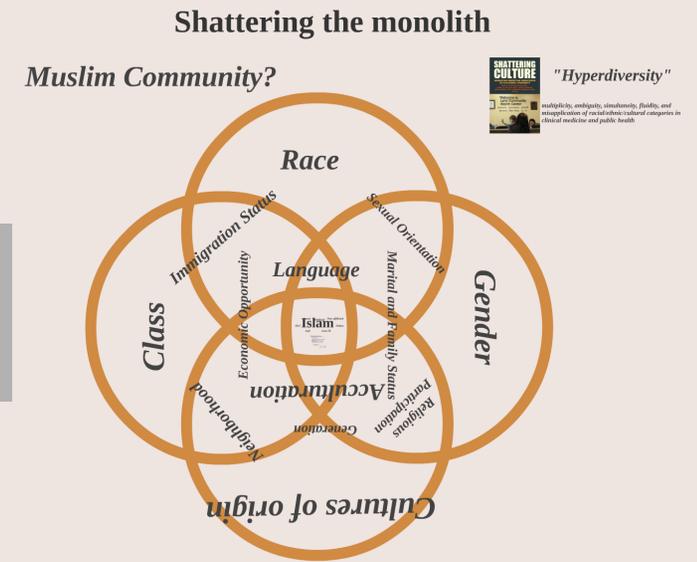
**MACCP Student projects**  
with refugees, asylees, and  
immigrants

**Improving Access to Care**  
for Muslim women experiencing DV

**American Muslim Physicians**  
“Cultural Citizenship” and the cultural capital of faith-based clinics



**Somali Oral Health: “Looking Islam in the Teeth”**  
Religion, culture, and migration in the social life of a traveling toothbrush



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# Caring for the Special Needs Child and Transnational Parenting

Caring for special needs child and family dynamics

How do these intersect with migration structures and experiences?

What are the strategies used by caregivers?

What are the sources of support?

What are the dynamics of exchange between societies?

# Latinos, Circular Migration, Addiction, and HIV: A Participatory Research Training for Public Health Social Work

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# Heroin & HIV Risk Behaviors in Puerto Rico



Cultural Immersion for graduate students



Circular migration  
Puerto Rico & USA mainland

Community Participatory Research

Public Health Social Work

Addiction & HIV Prevention

**Table 3: Odds-Ratios Heroin+Xylazine Users, HIV Risk Behaviors and Poor Health Outcomes**

Variables	n	OR	(95% CI)
Shared Needles/Works in Past 30 Days	445	2.73**	1.34-5.57
Inject more than 5x/Day	443	9.57***	4.72-19.40
Inject Others	445	5.79***	2.59-12.98
Injected By Others	444	5.27***	2.36-11.77
Report Lower Health Status <sup>1</sup>	449	2.85*	1.23-6.66
Diagnosed with Hepatitis C	409	1.90*	1.13-3.18

<sup>1</sup>Report poor/fair health as opposed to good/excellent health

\*p<.05

\*\*p<.01

\*\*\*p<.001

# Musical Migration: Preservation, Appropriation, or Cultural Dialogue and Exchange

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