

2023-2024

Rome

McMaster Fellow

Kathryn Phillips, Assistant Professor in Religious Studies - This McMaster initiative investigates the best practices in helping refugees integrate into their host countries. We work with Programma Integra, an organization in Rome that offers multiple services and additional aid to governmental agencies

McMaster Associate Fellow

Kimberly Kuiper, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies

McMaster Scholars

Allie Bevins, Sophomore, History & Religious Studies - Her research project focuses on analyzing Biblical texts and contemporary speeches given by the Pope to understand how a language of obligation toward refugees is communicated through religious means.

Caia Bevins, Sophomore, Criminal Justice & Psychology - Her research project is specifically interested in juvenile delinquency and crimes against children among refugees and whether there is a correlation between living in a high-crime area and later criminal activity among these individuals.

Cassi Van Dyke, Sophomore, Nursing & Business Administration - Her project works to identify current policies that are in place to assist with the integration of refugees into vocational roles. It aims to identify how best to help refugees with successful integration into society through evaluation of their completed education and potential job placement in their host countries.

Dana Peterson, Senior, English & Communication Studies - Her project is using the material frame of the communication theory of identity. She is specifically looking at the themes associated with self-view when it comes to physical location change.

Mallory Timbrook, Junior, Middle School Education - Her project focus is on the education of refugees and how their past experiences impact their current education and learning. She is also researching ways governments can help schools and the staff to best support refugee students.