REFUGEES, FRAGILE STATES AND OUR COMMUNITIES
Teaching Resources on Migration and Refugees from around the World

We’ve put together some helpful resources to help faculty teach their students about the current Syrian refugee crisis as well as other refugee and immigration crises around the world.

GENERAL REFUGEE & MIGRATION RESOURCES
The Guardian: Migration Page
Current events related to global migration issues. http://www.theguardian.com/world/migration

UN Refugee Agency
Videos about various refugee crises around the world. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL587DEB510E8CB629

RESOURCES ON THE SYRIAN CRISIS
“Where are the Syrian Refugees?,” Gapminder Foundation, June 9, 2015
Three-minute video that demonstrates the movement of Syrian refugees. Good visual demonstration of relative numbers of refugees. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_OrlapiNOW

“The Syrian refugee crisis, explained in one map,” Vox, updated September 27, 2015
Strong visual image representing the numbers of refugees entering Europe and countries in the Middle East. http://www.vox.com/2015/9/27/9394959/syria-refugee-map

“Migration Crisis: Migration to Europe Explained in Graphics,” BBC News, October 27, 2015

“The Migrant Crisis, By the Numbers,” NPR, September 8, 2015

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ABOUT REFUGEES
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR): Lesson Modules
Refugee themes can help students understand fundamental issues in history, geography, human rights or education for citizenship; and they can bring an unexpectedly poignant and imaginative approach to teaching of language, literature or art. UNHCR has developed lesson modules for three different age
groups that will help educators introduce refugee issues into the curriculum of these different subject areas. http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4ab356d36.html
Statistical snapshots of refugees, fact sheets, and related policies and planning in the region.
http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49e45b276.html

Jesuit Refugee Service: Curriculum for Secondary Schools
A curricular module about forced displacement in the modern era based on an innovative approach to learning that is built on five important steps in the student's learning cycle: Context, Experience, Reflection, Action and Evaluation. http://www.jrsusa.org/education

Bridging Refugee Youth and Children’s Services (BRYCS): Immigrant/Refugee Awareness Instructional Materials
BRYCS strengthens the capacity of refugee-serving and mainstream organizations across the U.S. to ensure the successful development of refugee children, youth, and their families by increasing information sharing and promoting collaboration at the local, state, regional, and national levels. http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/Highlighted-Resources-Immigrant-Refugee-Awareness-Instructional-Materials.cfm

The Guardian: How to Teach about Refugees
http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/may/25/how-to-teach-refugees

World View, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Resources collected by a global education program at UNC on the Syrian refugee crisis.
http://worldview.unc.edu/resources-for-teaching-the-syrian-refugee-crisis/

PBS LearningMedia (www.pbslearningmedia.org)
Provides access to thousands of innovative, standards-aligned digital resources, compelling student experiences, and professional development opportunities. Includes over 300 resources related to refugees across the globe.
“A Tale of Two Heavens: Escaping North Korea – Lesson Plan”
Lesson for grades 9 to 13+ from the Wide Angle episode “Crossing Heaven’s Border,” students learn about the conditions in North Korea that have compelled many North Koreans to attempt a dangerous escape to see what they see as the “Heaven” of South Korea.

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