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**MCCC TO HOST PANEL DISCUSSION
ON REFUGEE CRISIS**

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College will host a panel discussion on the refugee crisis on October 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Audrey M. Warrick Student Services/Administration Building.

The panel discussions is free and open to the public. It will be hosted by MCCC President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey.

According to Dr. Joanna Sabo, MCCC professor of political science, a refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence. Many refugees then spend years and sometimes decades in substandard refugee camps. Less than 1 percent of all refugees get the chance to leave a camp and resettle in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, or other countries that resettle refugees.

Each year, Americans welcome refugees to the U.S. The Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement partner with agencies like the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Detroit to assist refugees through the resettlement process. When a refugee arrives in America, he or she usually comes with little more than the clothes on his or her back.

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Panelists will include:

- Zeina Hamade, community outreach coordinator for the Detroit Office of U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Detroit
- Dr. Joanna Sabo, MCCC professor of political science
- Vinnie Maltese, dean of MCCC's Science/Math Division
- Terry Telfer, MCCC professor of English
- Charles Friedline, Upward Bound academic skills coordinator – Airport
- Niles Williamson, writer and editor for the World Socialist Web Site

The panel discussion is part of the Culture and Current Affairs Speakers Series sponsored by MCCC, which features MCCC faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members with expertise on a variety of cultural, political or social topics of importance and interest at the present time.

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