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This talk intends to deepen our current understanding of refugees' livelihood transformation and integration by investigating the experience of socio-economic well-being among vulnerable Sub-Saharan African refugees from Rwanda, Congo, and Burundi. Economic geography has devoted little attention to the indebted status of U.S. refugees; I attempt to fill that scholarly gap. I work within the parameters of human geography and economic geography and contribute to the debates on debt and financialization with a case study on how the International Organization of Migration (IOM) loans Sub-Saharan African refugees take out for travel expenses to come to the US affect their lives.



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