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First, I would like to thank the generous donors of the Gillman Grant that allowed me to travel to London and pursue this opportunity. Participating in the International Migration Conference in London, United Kingdom was a significant opportunity for intellectual enrichment and professional growth as a graduate student specializing in the field. As a presenter, the experience deepened my understanding and command of the material, while teaching me to anticipate questions and effectively defend my arguments. Connecting with scholars and practitioners underscored the interdisciplinary nature of migration studies and demonstrated its rightful place within the canonical academic curriculum. The intersectionality of migration among other disciplines highlights a core component of Pardee's mission statement as outlined by the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. On these insights, I adapted my work for an audience, sharpening my ability to present complex ideas in accessible ways—useful in both the academy as well as policy work, specifically countering global anti-immigrant rhetoric that has been translated into policy. Perhaps most noteworthy, I had the opportunity to network alongside a fellow Boston University student, a PhD candidate in the field of Public Health, where we were able to further explore the intersectionalities within the migration sector. I firmly hold that the Gillman Grant is essential for Pardee students to expand their horizons beyond the classroom.