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Opening Remarks

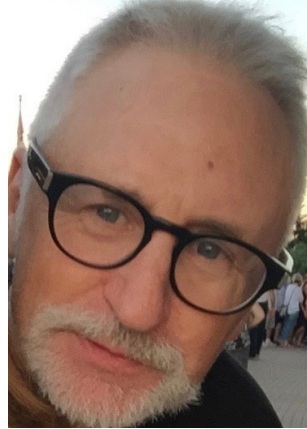
Message from the Carleton University Scholars at Risk Committee Co-Chairs



Andrew Johnston
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Aaron Doyle
Sociology & Anthropology



Norah Vollmer
Faculty Affairs

This Fall, Carleton's Scholars at Risk Committee will mark its first decade. It was ten years ago when Angelo Mingarelli and Carleton University's Academic Staff Association (CUASA) took the initiative in partnering our university with the international Scholars at Risk network. Today, Carleton's SAR Committee has 23 members from all parts of the university. And in the past ten years we have supported, in one form or another, almost 20 academics and activists who have had to flee their home countries to continue their academic work. These scholars become integral members of the Carleton community, teaching, mentoring, researching, and providing testimony to the ongoing importance of academic freedom.

Intellectual freedom is increasingly besieged around the world. Successive wars in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, among others, produced a global humanitarian crisis that also involved political crackdowns and a growing hostility, in general, toward intellectual openness. From war and poverty to online harassment and old-fashioned political repression, universities around the world face growing challenges to sustain the open research and teaching upon which we all depend. In response, the global Scholars at Risk network has grown, as more and more universities follow our lead in providing temporary shelter for threatened colleagues. Carleton has one of the strongest and most active programmes in North America, due in no small part to the unwavering support of the university, its academic units, CUASA, and our committee of volunteers. As we take stock of our success over the past decade, we also, unfortunately, have to continue planning for the next ten years, as threatened scholars around the world will need our support more than ever.

Message from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)



Pauline Rankin
Provost and Vice-President
(Academic)

Since welcoming our first at-risk scholar in 2014, Carleton University has participated in this unique program through donations from our campus community and support from the Scholars at Risk Network and the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF). The scholars we've been privileged to host at Carleton have become an integral part of our university community, making invaluable contributions to academic units across all Faculties by engaging students, staff, faculty, alumni, and donors. Through lectures, presentations, panel discussions, and research collaborations, they have shared their knowledge and enriched our academic environment.

On behalf of our scholars and the entire Carleton community, thank you for supporting academic freedom through your warm welcome and generous support. Carleton University remains committed to the Scholars At Risk program as an integral part of our academic mission to serve Ottawa and the world.

Message from the SAR Committee Communications Coordinator

This report marks the fifth year that I've been helping share the amazing accomplishments of SAR Carleton, and this year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 10 years of advocacy on behalf of at-risk scholars. For me, protecting scholars suffering grave threats to their lives, liberty and wellbeing is a cause worth supporting, so in addition to contributing my time and energy to the SAR Carleton committee, I also donate to the funding campaign every year. More than ever, I hope that this year's annual report will inspire others to support our cause and become involved. As you can imagine, the work that we do requires considerable financial resources, and we rely on individual donations to supplement the institutional support we receive. We hope to continue to expand our network of donors that we can increase the level of support and benefits we are able to offer our visiting scholars.



Julie Garlen,
Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies
(Childhood and Youth Studies)

Message from the Carleton University Academic Staff Association



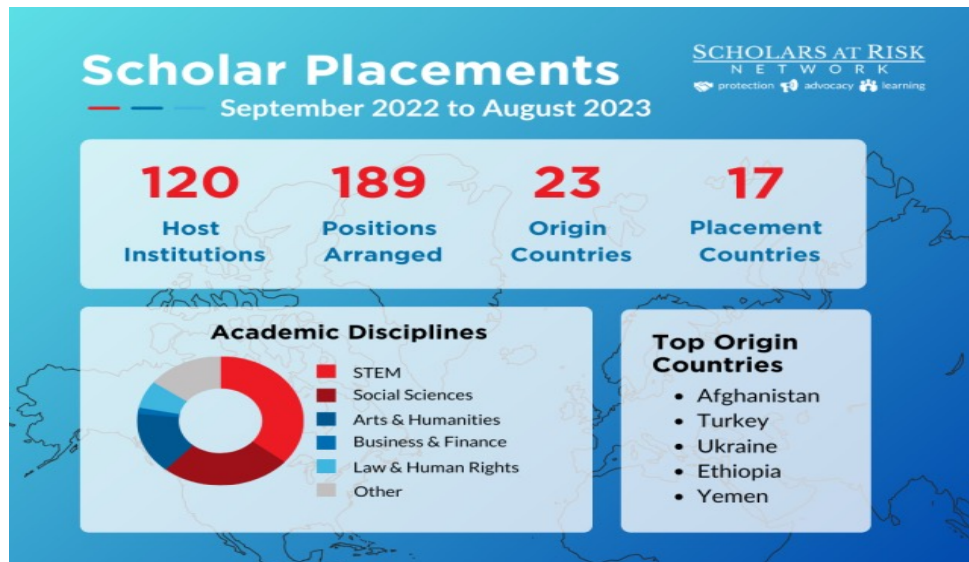
Angelo Mingarelli,
Past CUASA President

CUASA's past president, Angelo Mingarelli and former Scholars at Risk Chair Melanie Adrian have been passionate advocates of the SAR program and a major force behind its success since its inception at Carleton. CUASA and the Scholars at Risk program at Carleton University go back a long way. In fact, CUASA takes pride in being the key initiator of the program on our campus and continues to support it alongside Carleton, in partnership with the global Scholars at Risk network and the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF). It has now grown into a fulsome program on campus, and we have welcomed 14 scholars from across the world.

From the comfort of safety that most of us take for granted in Canada, it is hard to imagine how scholars in many parts of the world continue to work under the shadow of everyday surveillance, repression, and threat to their life and work. As we see from the testimonials, this program has had an immeasurably positive impact on countless scholars who have benefited from the support and the safe space to live and conduct their research in. By continuing to support this program, we become part of a global network of scholars and institutions that uphold and defend human rights and academic freedom. The successful running of the program at Carleton is reliant on our Future Funder campaign. Please pledge your support for the Scholars at Risk program at Carleton at <https://futurefunder.carleton.ca/giving-fund/scholars-at-risk-fund-giving/>.

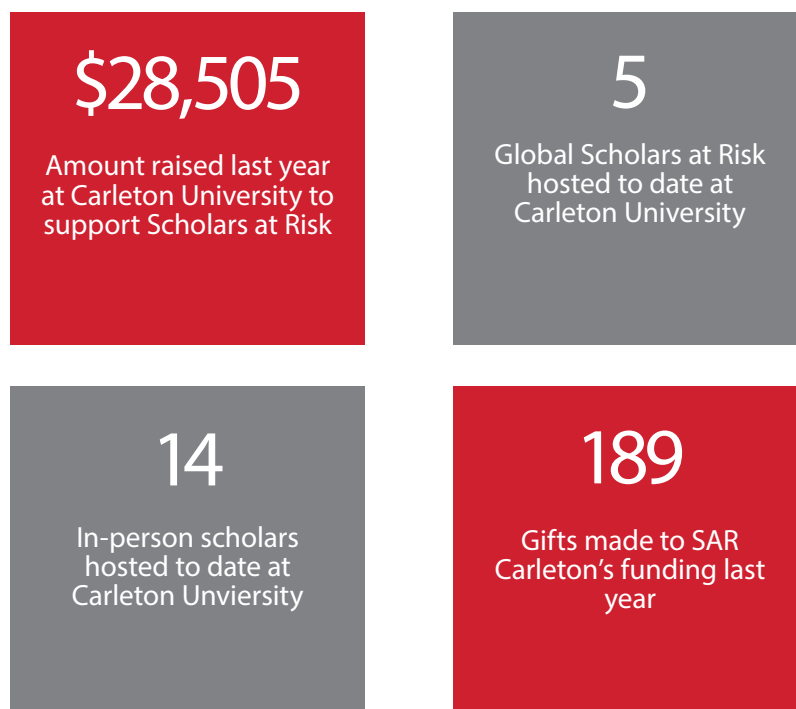
Scholars at Risk—At a glance

In the World



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<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/2023/09/an-unprecedented-year-for-the-sar-network/>

At Carleton



Carleton University's Scholars at Risk Committee Update

Norah Vollmer (Manager, Faculty Affairs, Office of the Deputy Provost)

As a co-Chair of Carleton's Scholars at Risk Committee, I am pleased to present this brief update.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Carleton's Scholars at Risk (SAR) initiative. Carleton and the University of Ottawa joined the Scholars at Risk Network in 2014, and, under this partnership worked to co-host their first at-risk scholar in 2015-16. After a successful first year, both programs began to grow and each university began hosting scholars independently. Since then, Carleton's Scholars at Risk committee has been able to have a significant impact on the local and international academic community. This would not have been possible without the help and support of the Carleton community.



Hosting Scholars

Carleton welcomes scholars through three main pathways, including:

- hosting at-risk scholars in person for one to two-years as recommended by the Scholars at Risk committee;
- offering financial support (a travel/research grant) for visiting professors hired through an academic unit;
- inviting honorary ranks or guest lecturers as recommended by an academic unit
- coordinating the remote scholars program, which provides at-risk scholars who continue to reside in their home countries with a university affiliation and access to university resources through MacOdrum Library

Finances

We have a sustainable budget model with revenues that rely on the generous support of: Carleton's Provost and Faculty Deans; ongoing donations from the larger community on campus and across Ottawa; the Carleton University Academic Staff Association; as well as grants from the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF), the Scholar at Risk Ukraine Fellowships from the SAR Network, and the Afghan Challenge Fund from the Open Society University Network.

Expenses include scholar salaries, research grants, student salaries, events, conferences and membership fees. During 2022-23, through fundraising, we raised over \$28,500 from approximately 100 donors through almost 200 gifts. In addition, we are grateful for in-kind support from the many Academic Units and Departments across campus who welcome these scholars and their families to our community.

Key Accomplishments

In 2022-23, SAR Carleton:

- Hosted four at-risk scholars to campus at Carleton University and provided an academic community to five global scholars;
- Expanded the supports and benefits for our scholars thanks to the generous support of our community;
- Received more than \$28,500 in fundraising (increase of 64%).
- In the spring of 2023, Carleton was invited to host the Royal Society of Canada's Academic Job Search Workshop for Displaced and At-Risk Scholars and Academics where Amber Lannon, University Librarian, welcomed more than 15 current and former scholars from across Canada and Norah Vollmer, Manager, Faculty Affairs, presented on the academic hiring process.
- Welcomed the community to our SAR Free to Think Conversation event on March 23, 2023 featuring Sarah Willcox, Deputy Director of SAR International; James King, Director of Scholar Rescue Fund; Mirja Trilsch, Co-Chair of SAR Canada; Andrew Johnston, SAR Carleton Co-Chair; our scholars: and Mustafa Bahrán, Department of Physics, Carleton University.
- Norah Vollmer who has been a key member of SAR since its inception at Carleton a decade ago, has been honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Carleton University's Scholars at Risk Committee Update (c'tnd)

Looking Forward

In 2023-24, we will:

- Continue to welcome at-risk scholars and remote scholars within the existing budget framework;
- Work towards achieving our fundraising goals
- Seek other avenues to increase and stabilize funding that will allow the Committee to respond quickly to emerging issues and crises;
- After a productive strategic planning session in the spring, we are working on developing a plan to be issued in the fall. As part of this plan, a project coordinator has been hired to focus on delivering a series of workshops in the fall related to integration and the Canadian academic context.
- Host a major international conference on November 20 -21 entitled Freedom to Think Summit featuring Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Tawakkol Abdel-Salam Karman as well as a series of panels on academic freedom.

Support

You can donate to Carleton University's Scholars at Risk initiative online at <https://futurefunder.carleton.ca/givingfund/scholars-at-risk-fund-giving/>, where you have the option of making a one-time donation or a monthly pledge. All donations have a tangible impact on the lives of SAR scholars in our community. Thank you!

At any time, if you have any questions about our program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at norah.vollmer@carleton.ca.

2022-2023 Carleton University Scholars at Risk Committee

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SAR Community Members

Carleton SAR Continues to Support Remote Scholars

Laura Madokoro

Rationale

Throughout the world, thousands of academics face serious threats to their lives and livelihoods, based on their research. Many are punitively dismissed from their institutions, as well as persecuted by hostile governments. Without academic affiliations, these scholars are unable to continue their research, submit papers, and have the expected connection with peers. To address this issue, SAR Carleton created a remote scholars program in conjunction with the established Scholars at Risk Program. This initiative provides Remote Scholars at Risk with a university affiliation and access to university resources through MacOdrum Library. While this proposal barely addresses the large number of scholars who have been deprived of academic freedom and connections in their home countries, it is hoped that Carleton University can make a difference in this regard and serve as model for other institutions.



Laura Madokoro
SAR Carleton

Proposal

Each year, Carleton University will provide support to as many as five scholars who are in their home countries and have been deprived of academic freedom and connections. These designations would, for two years (on a renewable basis for up to five years), allow a scholar based in another country who has lost their institutional affiliations to:

- Be designated as an Adjunct Professor or Adjunct Research Professor according to established departmental and university practices
- Have remote access to research databases via MacOdrum Library
- Have a Carleton University email, allowing for the researcher to submit their work to journals with an institutional affiliation and a listing in Carleton University Directory
- When appropriate or possible, have professional contacts with Carleton University faculty in the discipline (such as presenting virtually during a class session, discussing research with likeminded faculty and/or students, etc). Academic Units, for instance, might be encouraged to appoint a faculty host.

Impact

In 2016, Carleton University was one of 7 universities in Canada supporting Scholars at Risk. Today, in 2023, there are 30 member universities across the nation. To date, Carleton has supported half a dozen remote scholars in a range of disciplines, ranging from Film Studies to Engineering to Economics. The program builds on the established foundations of the Scholars at Risk Program and benefits from remote technologies to support continued research and knowledge-production. Remote Scholars are located around the world and the connections provided by Carleton University are intended to be a support bridge until, hopefully, a more permanent situation can be created. In some cases, this has already occurred but there is still much to be done.

Your donations help us make a difference!

Scholar Perspectives

Remarks from Carleton Scholars

DR. DORIS KAKURU, PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA



My name is Doris Kakuru. In 2019-2020, I joined the SAR program at Carleton University. I migrated to Canada as a scholar at risk in 2018. Consequently, I lost my academic position, community research networks, and funding. SAR gave me a soft landing in Canada and the opportunity to re-launch my career and research program. During my placement at Carleton, I taught two courses, established new professional networks and continued developing my research program. During my time at Carleton University, I was mentored and given the tools I needed to regroup, relaunch, and rebuild my career. In July 2020, I joined the University of Victoria's school of child and youth care, where I continued my anti-oppressive scholarship. My current research is examining the experiences of parenting and expecting adolescent girls in Uganda.

DR. MUSTAFA BAHRAN, VISITING PROFESSOR AND INSTRUCTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS



In 2015, the war in Yemen forced me and my family to flee to Saudi Arabia. In January 2017, I joined Oklahoma University as a visiting professor supported by the IIE-SRF and Oklahoma University. In June 2018, I joined Carleton u\ University's Department of Physics as a visiting professor supported by the IIE-SRF and SAR Carleton. When my wife and I visited the Carleton campus for the first time, immediately upon arriving, we were taken aback by the beauty of the environment surrounding the campus, particularly the riverside. The first thing we noticed was the friendly and helpful people on campus. We were surprised that every time we would ask someone for directions, they would walk us to our destination while smiling and wishing us well; this made us feel immensely welcome. Indeed, there is something unique about the level of kindness displayed here in Ottawa, specifically at Carleton. It has left a positive impression on us that continues to increase as time goes on.

I have been at Carleton for more than five years now and I have been able to contribute to the great academic and research work that Carleton university conducts. I have taught University Physics to about 2000 students so far. I continue working on a research project supported via a grant from Carleton concentrating on one of the current and topical issues in physics education research.

I have been engaged with the Carleton community as well as Ottawa at large speaking about the cause of scholars at risk. I have been also engaged in advocating to stop the war in Yemen within my Carleton community, Canada, and the world at large. I have been writing Op-Ed pieces in the Canadian press. I am also heavily involved with NGOs registered in Ontario such as "Friends of Yemen Organization" and the "Association of Yemeni Academics and Professionals". In summary, I have been fortunate to join Carleton university and work with excellent academics, researchers, students, and staff.

Scholar Perspectives

Remarks from Carleton Scholars

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SCHOLAR



War is a very ugly word and a devastating calamity that forced us to leave our country and all our possessions and savings in order to get out of that violent and dictatorial system; I wish this pain would only end with getting out because this incident that caused separation of friends and even the closest family members is so painful to bear. But, I am grateful to Carleton University and the SAR program, which by supporting and laying the groundwork for the work and life of endangered scholars, has opened a door to hope and thus opened a new page in my daughter's life. On that cold winter day, when everyone was armed with masks due to the fear of COVID, Dr. Allan Thompson, the head of the Department of Journalism, kindly welcomed me and escorted me to the office he had prepared. A few days later, we were invited by a group of professors of the Journalism Department to a meeting of knowledge, which was attended by several Journalism professors. I felt proud and happy and felt that we are not alone anymore; they are a part of the family who is by our side. I am very grateful for this hosting and the opportunity provided by the support of the SAR Committee,

because on the one hand, I got out of my mental situation, and on the other hand, I was able to talk about the facts and the injustice that has been done to the people of Afghanistan, especially women. I have partnered with the world in different ways to file a lawsuit for the support of women. Also, another part of this program is the opportunity to share my professional experiences, which I was able to present to the students of Carleton and a few other universities through open discussions and lectures.

ILLIA KONONOV, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,
LUHANSK TARAS SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, UKRAINE



My name is Illia Kononov. In Ukraine, I worked as the head of the Department of Philosophy and Sociology at the Lugansk Taras Shevchenko National University. I hold a Ph.D. in sociology and I defended my dissertation at the Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv. I am a full professor. Russia's aggression caught me in the city of Bakhmut. For a month, my wife and I lived under shelling. Our university was evacuated to Poltava where we had no physical premises and no library. I began to receive threats of physical violence from the occupied territory. The program Scholars at Risk literally saved my life and the life of my wife. My stay at Carleton University allowed me to return to my academic work, which now centers on the sociological study of war. At Carleton University, my wife and I met wonderful people who helped us adapt to Canadian life.

During the first year of work at Carleton, I acquired some knowledge of the English language. Although I am not yet proficient in English, I can already read English-language scholarship. I published one scholarly article in a reputable Canadian journal: "Ukrainian refugees of the period of the Russian-Ukrainian war in NATO countries: the geopolitical context of the military migration crisis," Canadian Foreign Policy Journal, 2023. Currently, I am working on a sociological study of the Russian-Ukrainian war and the possible post-war structure of Ukraine.

Scholar Perspectives

Remarks from Carleton Scholars

MOHAMMAD TAVAKOLI, VISITING SCHOLAR, SPROTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



My academic journey began in Kabul, Afghanistan, where I served as a university professor for eight years. During this time, I had the privilege of leading the Faculty of Economics and Management as its dean for three years. It was an immensely rewarding experience to work in an academic environment alongside the dedicated and hardworking students of my nation. Witnessing my former students thrive as graduate and doctoral scholars in prestigious universities worldwide, as well as contributing to high-ranking positions in government and non-government sectors, further fueled my dedication to Afghanistan's educational future.

I have always believed in fostering not only knowledge but also critical thinking and awareness among my students. Open discussions, including dialogue on political and ideological matters, were an integral part of my teaching philosophy. While I encountered occasional resistance and challenges due to the evolving political landscape in Afghanistan, I remained committed to providing a well-rounded education that encouraged my students to think critically and engage with complex issues.

Tragically, the academic landscape in Afghanistan underwent significant changes with the Taliban's return to power. The challenges I faced compelled me to make the difficult decision to leave my home country, leaving behind my career and possessions. We were fortunate to receive support from SAR New York and the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF), which paved the way for our relocation to Ottawa and my affiliation with Carleton University as a visiting scholar.

Carleton University's embrace and support have been instrumental in my journey to rebuild and continue my academic pursuits. I am deeply grateful to the Sprott School of Business, my gracious host within the university, and the entire SAR Committee for their unique and unwavering support. Their commitment to academic freedom, human rights, and the protection of scholars at risk has made a profound impact on my life and that of countless others.

As I look towards the future, I am reminded of the critical role that organizations and universities play in safeguarding the lives and academic careers of individuals facing perilous circumstances. Afghanistan has undergone immense changes, and the freedoms once cherished are now under threat. Through SAR, IIE-SRF, and the collective efforts of academic institutions like Carleton University, we stand as a beacon of hope, striving to preserve knowledge, promote critical thinking, and combat oppression worldwide. I remain committed to contributing to these efforts and am humbled to be a member of the Carleton University SAR Committee, working towards a brighter future for scholars and the pursuit of knowledge.



Scholars at Risk

Carleton Scholars at Risk

<https://carleton.ca/scholars-at-risk/>

Donor Statements

Remarks from SAR Donors

NINA KARHU (SHE/HER), MA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LEARNING SPACES AND PRODUCTION SERVICES
TEACHING AND LEARNING SERVICES



I support Scholars at Risk in memory of my father—Eero Karhu. My father was not a scholar in the traditional sense as his education was cut short because of World War II. Although his schooling ended while still young, he had a passion for learning (he could speak 5 languages) and continually encouraged me to pursue higher education. When I donate, I think of those people who were not provided the chance to become scholars and whole heartedly support an organization that works to protect academic freedom around the globe.

EDWARD LAI, PROFESSOR,
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

My connection to Carleton University is from the Department of Chemistry through the Faculty of Science. I heard about the work of SAR Carleton mostly through University communications. Scholars at Risk is an initiative that I feel compelled to support because those scholars continue to need our help after the urgent appeal to the CUASA community last August for the sake of global humanity.



ELENA MAKSIMOVA, LEAVE ADMINISTRATION SPECIALIST, HUMAN RESOURCES

I am a staff member at Carleton University and had found out about Scholars At Risk program through the annual FutureFundors campaign a few years ago. I support the Scholars At Risk program because I still believe that universities are places where diverse scholars are united in the common goal of the pursuit of knowledge unfettered by ideology or politics. I see Carleton University as the institution that can offer both a respite and an opportunity for scholars at risk to freely engage in their academic work, inspire their colleagues, and make meaningful connections within the scholarly community.



RAHIM QADER

I was a scholar at risk, and Carleton University supported me. I know how the SAR committee at Carleton U sincerely and honestly works to provide a better position for a scholar at risk. I know that the scholars need financial assistance to cover basic education and relocation expenses in a safer environment. So my donation, however small, can help cover these costs. When I know my donation allows them to continue their effective work, research and educational pursuits even in challenging circumstances, I will be grateful to participate in their support.

Free to Think: Conversations at Carleton

SAR Carleton Event, March 2023



Carleton University's Winter 2023 event, titled "Free to Think: Conversations at Carleton," delved into the critical topic of safeguarding academic freedom. These attacks on academic freedom and higher education are alarmingly frequent and have far-reaching, sometimes even lethal, repercussions for scholars, students, and society as a whole. These assaults are observed not only in closed societies, where the right to free thought and expression is consistently suppressed but also in open, democratic, and stable nations, making no country immune to this threat.

A range of actors, including state and non-state entities such as armed extremist groups, police and military forces, government authorities, off-campus organizations, and even members of higher education communities, carry out these attacks. Tragically, they often result in casualties, injuries, imprisonment, and the disruption of academic careers for scholars and students. Furthermore, academic freedom faces threats within the global political landscape, even in advanced industrialized countries.

The Carleton Scholars at Risk (SAR) committee organized an extensive university-wide event, "Free to Think: Conversations at Carleton," hosted at the MacOdrum Library on the afternoon of March 23rd. The event garnered a substantial audience, both in-

person and online, with participation from the Carleton community, the broader Ottawa region, and international attendees.

The panel discussion featured distinguished speakers who shared valuable insights:

1. Sarah Willcox, Deputy Director of the SAR Network, discussed the status of scholars at risk worldwide and the global response from affiliated higher education institutions, including those in Canada.
2. James King, Director of Scholars Rescue Fund (SRF), highlighted the SRF's tireless efforts in assisting scholars at risk on a global scale and emphasized the collaborative role played by Carleton University's SAR initiative.
3. Mirja Trilsch, Co-Chair of SAR Canada, shed light on the substantial efforts undertaken by SAR Canada, a consortium of over 30 major higher education institutions.
4. Andrew Johnston, SAR Carleton Co-Chair, showcased Carleton's SAR initiative as a leading example among Canadian higher education institutions collaborating with the SAR network and the SRF.
5. Guzel Iusupova, a scholar at risk hosted by Carleton University, eloquently shared her personal journey as a scholar at risk, expressing gratitude for the tireless work of those involved in this noble cause.

Mustafa Bahrán, a member of SAR Carleton from the Department of Physics at Carleton University, moderated the enriching discussion, which also featured valuable questions and remarks from the engaged audience.

Message from the Scholars at Risk Network

SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

protection advocacy learning

"Supporters of SAR play a decisive role in ensuring the safety of people like me who stand for freedom, enlightenment, and tolerance."

— SAR-ASSISTED SCHOLAR

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Message from the global Scholars at Risk Network

This academic year marks ten years from the inauguration of the Scholars at Risk committee at Carleton University (SAR Carleton). In that time, SAR Carleton has become an exemplary member of the global Scholars at Risk Network, a leader for innovative programming in both the SAR Canada section and the international community.

The Scholars at Risk Network sees SAR Carleton as a model for both hosting and supporting scholars at risk, regularly hosting scholars who can no longer safely pursue their academic work in their home countries, and continuously offering programming that creates opportunities and provides support for those scholars to successfully advance their careers and make meaningful contributions to Carleton's academic life.

The Scholars at Risk Network celebrates the past ten years of tremendous work by the Carleton SAR committee and looks forward to the many more years of innovative scholar support endeavors that lie ahead.



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Message from the Scholar Rescue Fund



November 3, 2023

Carleton University
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Dear Carleton University Community,

Carleton University is an essential partner in the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF)'s efforts to preserve the lives and work of threatened scholars. Welcoming its first IIE-SRF fellow in 2017, Carleton has now hosted five IIE-SRF fellows from Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Uganda, and Yemen (eight total fellowships) and will soon welcome another fellow from Afghanistan. Behind these impressive numbers lies an equally impressive reality. The university – led by Carleton SAR – has welcomed these scholars as colleagues, providing them and their families with friendship, community, solidarity, and the chance to rebuild. Notably, Carleton SAR alumni (including IIE-SRF alumnus Mustafa Bahrán) are now playing a leading role in these efforts by serving on the Carleton SAR committee, organizing events, and speaking on panels.

We express our sincere gratitude to Carleton SAR for its partnership and efforts on behalf of threatened and displaced scholars for 10 years. At a time when IIE-SRF is receiving a record number of requests for support, we will continue to rely on our precious partnership with Carleton to offer these resilient and talented scholars safe haven, academic opportunities, and the chance to rebuild their lives and careers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J-R King".

James Robin King
Director, IIE Scholar Rescue Fund

How to get involved

Support

You can donate to Carleton University's Scholars at Risk initiative online at futurefunder.carleton.ca, where you have the option of making a one-time donation or a monthly pledge. All donations have a tangible impact on the lives of SAR scholars in our community. Thank you!

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Scholars at Risk

Carleton Scholars at Risk
<https://carleton.ca/scholars-at-risk/>

SCHOLARS AT RISK

N E T W O R K



protection



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