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2. List Faculties that supplied active members to the ORU, indicating the number of active members from each.

Geography – 3	Sociology – 2	Anthropology – 2
SPPA – 2	Glendon – 2	Political Science – 2
Social Work – 2	Social Science – 2	Health - 1
Osgoode – 1	FES – 2	Education – 1

3. Charter dates

First charter 05/1988; last renewal 05/2009

4. Mandate

The Centre for Refugee Studies produces knowledge in and disseminates research on refugee issues. CRS operates educational programming for the public, for graduate and undergraduate students, for front-line settlement workers, and for professionals and faculty focusing on refugee-related issues. CRS informs public discussion and promotes innovative policy development and practice by governmental, research and settlement organizations in local, provincial, national and international contexts. Refugee studies is conceived of in broad terms as being concerned with the disasters, natural and human-made, that create human displacement across and within borders, and the violation of fundamental human rights and their restoration through transitional justice. From displacement to asylum and on to repatriation or resettlement, CRS's research mandate spans all aspects of the migration continuum. Our approaches are necessarily interdisciplinary.

5. Membership and Governance

York full-time faculty (active members only)			
Last Name	First Name	Faculty	Term
Adelman	Howard	Philosophy (emeritus)	Dec. 2015
Barutciski	Michael	Public & International Affairs/Glendon	Sept 2016
Basu	Ranu	Geography/LAPS	Oct. 2015

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Canefe	Nergis	SPPA/Political Science/LAPS	Dec. 2015
Clark-Kazak	Christina	International Studies/Glendon	Sept 2015
Creal	Michael	Emeritus	Dec. 2015
Dippo	Don	Education	Oct. 2016
Giles	Wenona	Anthropology/LAPS	Dec. 2015
Goldring	Luin	Sociology/LAPS	Dec. 2015
Good			
Gingrich	Luann	Social Work/LAPS	Jun. 2014
Hyndman	Jennifer	Geography/Social Science/LAPS	Aug. 2015
Hynie	Michaela	Psychology/Health	Jan 2015
Kapoor	Ilan	Faculty of Environmental Studies	Dec. 2015
Kernerman	Gerald	Political Science/LAPS	Feb. 2015
Lam	Lawrence	Sociology/LAPS	Dec. 2015
Lunstrum	Libby	Geography/LAPS	Jun. 2015
McGrath	Susan	Social Work/LAPS	Dec. 2016
Murray	David	Anthropology/LAPS	Feb. 2017
Quadir	Fahimul	Social Science/LAPS	Dec. 2015
Rehaag	Sean	Osgoode	May 2015
Roth	Robin	Geography/LAPS	March 2015
Simeon	James	SPPA/LAPS	Jun. 2016
Simmons	Alan B.	Sociology/LAPS (emeritus)	Dec. 2015
Zalik	Anna	FES	Sept. 2016
Other members			
Last Name	First Name	Affiliation	Membership Term
Ahmed	Iman	Independent Researcher	Sept. 2013
Aiken	Sharryn	Queen's University	Jan. 2015
Atak	Idil	Ryerson University	Sept. 2016
Baglay	Sasha	UOIT	Sept, 2015
Bardouille	Raj	Independent Researcher	Sept. 2016
Bose	Pablo	University of Vermont	Sept. 2014
Castrillon	Zilia	Independent Researcher	Sept. 2013
Cheran	Rudhramoorthy	Wilfrid Laurier University	Sept. 2014
Clark	Tom	Community Scholar	Dec. 2015
Cleveland	Janet	McGill University	Sept 2016
Collet	Bruce	Bowling Green State University	Dec. 2015
		Government of India's Institute on Social Science Research	
Das Kundu	Nivedita		Dec. 2016
Dryden- Peterson	Sarah	Harvard University	Jan. 2016
Gopikrishna	S.	Community Scholar	Apr. 2016
Hossain	Amzad	Independent Researcher	Sept. 2015

Ilcan	Suzan	University of Waterloo	Apr. 2016
Johnson	Heather	University of Belfast	Apr. 2016
Kalocsai	Csilla	University of Toronto	Sept. 2015
Karanja	Lucy	University of Western Ontario	Apr. 2017
Macklin	Audrey	University of Toronto	Dec. 2015
Manocchi	Michele	University of Western Ontario	Apr. 2017
Mata	Fernando	University of Ottawa	Apr. 2016
Milner	James	Carleton University	Sept. 2014
Nyers	Peter	McMaster University	Dec. 2014
Sadoway	Geraldine	Parkdale Legal Clinic/Osgoode	Apr. 2017
Sharma	Nandita	University of Hawaii	Oct. 2015
Vasquez	Natalia	Independent Researcher	Sept. 2013

Executive Committee members

2013-2014 CRS Executive Committee

Jennifer Hyndman, Director
 Wenona Giles, Faculty Representative
 NergisCanefe, Associate Director, Faculty Representative
 Christina Clark-Kazak, Faculty Representative
 Don Dippo, Faculty Representative
 FahimQuadir, Faculty Representative
 Luann Good Gingrich, Faculty Representative
 Susan McGrath, Faculty Representative
 Sean Rehaag, Faculty Representative
 James C. Simeon, Faculty Representative
 Monica Abdelkader, Dacia Douhaibi Student Representatives
 Michele Millard, Centre Coordinator (consulting member)

Executive Committee Subcommittee (name and members)(if any)

N/A

External Advisory Body members (if any)

N/A

6. Annual Progress in Fulfilling Mandate (details available in Appendix 1)

a) New Funding Proposals and Grants Awarded in the Past Year

CRS supported one LOI for a SSHRC Partnerships Grant (P.I.: Preston) on migrant resilience. Giles applied for a MacArthur Foundation Grant of \$500K. Simeon applied for a SSHRC Insight Grant for \$490K; Good Gingrich to same for \$295K; and Pilkington sought funding from IDRC for \$60K.

Grants awarded in 2013-14 so far amounted to just over \$500,000 and include:

- Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) – Indochinese Refugee Sponsorship Conferences (\$235,074) P.I.: Simeon
- CIC – Synthesizing Knowledge on Five Themes of Canadian Immigration (\$136,647) P.I.: Turegun
- National Science Foundation - Forecasting the Break: Big Data in Forced Migration Studies (US\$90,000) P.I.: Martin (Georgetown), Co-applicant: McGrath
- Connections Grant – Indochinese Refugee Sponsorship (\$37,000) P.I.: Simeon
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs - Conference - Encounters in Canada (\$5,000) P.I.: Dalton

b) Total Number of Events Hosted or Organized

The Centre for Refugee Studies hosted or co-hosted a total of 30 seminars, workshops and conferences this year. Detailed information is in Appendix 1.

c) Knowledge Mobilization/Outreach/Engagement

i) Joint Projects with Non-Academic Partners

The **Norwegian Refugee Council** requested CRS to host the North American consultation on the Cartagena Declaration of 1984; CRS accepted the request in December 2013.

CRS supports two **student bursaries**, one developed with UNHCR Canada and a second administered entirely by CRS, for York students who are refugee claimants but have not yet secured status.

ii) New Texts, Tools, Web Features or Other Products

CRS hosts a number of listserves, both internal to York and to support the wider refugee research community. These include CRSNEWS, CRSSTUDENTS, and MIGRATION MATTERS. Listserves supporting NGOs that serve refugees include CCRLIST, CCRTOR, and the REF-SPONSORLIST. Those we have developed through the Refugee Research Network include AGEMIGNEWS, CARFMSLIST, IASFM, and REFUGEE RESEARCH.

Taken together with our external networks (e.g. Refugee Studies Centre's Forced Migration Online, the RRN Facebook and Twitter Feeds), CRS is connected to substantial national and international networks of 5,000-7,000 individuals working in refugee studies as academics, practitioners or policy makers. CRS maintains a YouTube channel which currently hosts 75 videos.

This past year the CRS website saw 14,674 unique visitors, and 60,326 pageviews. The majority of users are located in Canada (58%), with significant numbers from the US, and many visitors from the Global South.

The Andrew Forbes Resource Centre is on the 6th floor, Kaneff Tower, led by Resource Centre Coordinator, Dr. Faida Abu-Ghazaleh. The activity report is in **Appendix 1**.

Refuge: Canada's Periodical on Refugees is edited by CRS member Christina Clark-Kazak. *Refuge* published two editions this year: one special edition subtitled *Environmentally Induced Displacement and Forced Migration* and a general issue. *Refuge* has moved to an online open access policy at www.yorku.ca/refuge.

In 2013-2014, *Refuge* had 20,433 unique users, who engaged in 26,428 sessions. Visitors accessed the online journal from 167 countries, with Canada (34%), the US (16%), the UK (9%) and Australia (7%) identified as the top 4 countries.

iii) **Media Engagement**

CRS engages and prioritizes media interactions, often by request. This year we participated in a number of TV and radio programs, as well as news stories. **See Appendix 1 for a detailed list.**

iv) **Provision of Research Expertise to Non-Academic Users**

CRS provided expertise to Citizenship and Immigration Canada via a research synthesis report on resettled refugees, 2009-2014.

d) **Facilitating Faculty or Student Research through Mentorship, Development or Support Programs/Services**

CRS research projects employed 25 York graduate and undergraduate students as Graduate Assistants and Research Assistants. Four undergraduate students were employed as workstudy students. Students conducted literature reviews, data analysis, event organizing, journal management, annotated bibliographies and report writing. CRS has a student caucus executive of 7 active members led by graduate students Dacia Douhaibi and Monica Abdelkader.

Through the RRN, CRS supports the New Scholars' Network. NSN has over 500 members who communicate through a listserv, Facebook, Google group and the RRN website.

e) **Contributions to Teaching**

- i) **The CRS Summer School** is a self-funded, intensive program on forced migration offered annually in May with international participation.

- ii) **The Graduate Diploma in Refugee and Migration Studies** is a teaching concentration in which **70** students are enrolled, with **9** new students joined in 2013.
- iii) **The Undergraduate Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies** is a concentration in which **132** students are enrolled, with **21** new students joined in 2013.
- iv) **The Continuing Education Certificate in Refugee and Forced Migration Issues** is a professional development education program in the settlement sector offered online across Canada.

f) Other Research Leadership Activities of the Unit

Dr. Susan McGrath was selected by York for SSHRC Impact award.

See **Appendix 2** for the individual academic contributions of CRS members.

7. **Financial Accountability** (see attached *CRS Annual financial template - 2013-14.xlsx*)

8. Objectives for Upcoming Year

In June 2014 the Administrative and Academic Prioritization Review (**AAPR**) will require CRS to submit a PIF template measuring its outputs. During the summer and fall, CRS will apply for a new charter and 5 year mandate. This will involve revisiting governance structures and streamlining appointments for researchers and executive members. Research collaborations and grants will remain central to our mission.

Research Application Plans

- a) Dr. Christina Clark-Kazak will convene meetings in spring 2014 to prepare a SSHRC Partnership Grant LOI on development of methodology and pedagogy in forced migration studies, starting with pilot research through the RRN. This will require substantive and budgetary CRS input.
- b) Dr. Christina Clark-Kazak is preparing a SSHRC Connections Grant submission for a workshop on mainstreaming in development policy and practice (as pertaining to the RRN cluster on age and generation).
- c) Drs. Susan McGrath and Jennifer Hyndman are meeting with York faculty in Computer Science (Science) and Information Studies (LAPS) to arrange a 'big data' grant to analyze data produced in humanitarian emergencies. Modest funds are being allocated for an RA position for summer 2014 in order to model sentiments in relation to humanitarian crises, with a view to a SSHRC or NSERC grant on the horizon.

- d) Dr. James Simeon is preparing a SSHRC Insight Grant on oral histories, in conjunction with Dr. Stephanie Stobbe at the Institute for Oral History, University of Winnipeg. .
- e) Dr. Wenona Giles, P.I. of the BHER project team, is launching a **crowdfunding initiative** to raise money for reading lamps in Dadaab camp, Kenya. A person can facilitate refugee students' studying at night through a \$31 donation towards solar-powered lamps. Refugees in Dadaab have no access to electricity.
- f) Dr. Jennifer Hyndman will apply for CIC funding to host a signature international conference on refugee resettlement in Canada, bringing together government policymakers, NGOs (specifically frontline refugee-serving organizations), faculty and graduate students to analyze the changes in Canada's settlement architecture, pressing issues, and policy implications. The conference would honour the late Debra Presse, former Director of Resettlement at Citizenship and Immigration Canada. This will include consultations with stakeholders about research needs and gaps, which will pave the way for further grants.
- g) Dr. Clark-Kazak will apply to SSHRC's Aid for Scholarly Publications to renew funding for *Refuge*.

Research Conference/Workshop Plans

- a) CRS Graduate Student Conference, May 3, 2014
- b) CARFMS May 7-9, 2014
- c) Summer Course, May 12-14, 2014
- d) RRN Workshop with IASFM, Bogota, Colombia, July 14, 2014
- e) IASFM Conference, Bogota, Colombia, July 15 – 18, 2014
- f) Planned signature conference on Refugee Resettlement among government, NGOs and academics for late spring 2015.

Advancement Objectives

CRS Director Jennifer Hyndman is working with Advancement staff, particularly Wade Hall, to develop a new fundraising package. With former CRS director Susan McGrath and professional fundraiser Susan Davis, Hyndman has begun to identify prospective new donors in the Ismaili refugee community, specifically those who fled Idi Amin's rule in 1972.

External Partnership Objectives

In conjunction with CARE Canada, CRS will send 2 faculty members (Hyndman and McGrath) and 2 grad student rapporteurs to UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva to participate in UNHCR's annual NGO Consultation. This new partnership with CARE also presents additional professional development opportunities for graduate students;

for example, two research-related internships on urban Syrian refugees with CARE in Jordan.

CRS will renew its Memorandum of Understanding with UNHCR. This agreement foregrounds refugee research and professional opportunities for graduate students. This will take place during meetings noted above.

A policy workshop with federal government interlocutors in CIC, CBSA and DFATD will feature refugee-related research by York students and faculty. It is being organized through RRN for fall 2014. The workshop will strengthen links with Ottawa, given considerable rotation of staff, especially at CIC.

Membership Objectives

Any research centre demands new ideas, approaches, and people to generate creative research. CRS has been engaging new faculty to York in its summer course, at research seminars, and through informal channels in order to extend membership. In the coming year, CRS aims to add between five and ten new members.

9. Other Relevant Items the Director Wishes to Report

In 2013, CRS celebrated 25 years as a research centre. We held a signature conference to mark the occasion on the 30th anniversary of the Indochinese refugee arrivals to Canada, and held two widely-sponsored speaking engagements with internationally renowned scholars: Dr. Catherine Dauvergne (UBC Law) and Dr. Patricia Daley (Oxford Geography). The profile and reputation of CRS continues to grow, and if we take international visitors as a barometer of our profile/reputation, CRS is doing better than ever. In 2013-14, **8** visitors from **6** countries were visiting scholars at the centre. We have an increasing number of graduate students from both Canada and abroad who seek to intern with us, so we have created an internship application process and timeline to ensure fair consideration of all for just one position.

Beginning in July 2013, CRS agreed to host the staff and activities of the Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS) at York for two years. With additional support from the VPRI's office, CRS initiated and Dr. Luann Good Gingrich led *Migration Matters*, an initiative to promote migration research at York. CRS worked hard to connect with migration researchers in as many faculties as possible on both campuses, attracting scholars from Fine Arts to Environmental Studies. More than a dozen faculty members have featured their research and creative outputs so far. A special journal issue of work by these scholars is being prepared at *Refuge* and a *Migration Matters* blog was established at www.yorku.ca/migrationmatters.

10. Appendix 1 – Additional Information about Progress in Fulfilling Mandate

11. Appendix 2 – Individual Members

Glossary of Acronyms

AAPR - Administrative and Academic Prioritization Review

PIF – Personal Information Form

LOI – Letter of Intent

CRS – Centre for Refugee Studies

SSHRC - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

PI – Principal Investigator

IDRC – International Development Research Centre

RRN – Refugee Research Network

NSN – New Scholars Network

NSERC - Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council

UNHCR – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the “UN Refugee Agency”.

CIC – Citizenship and Immigration Canada

CBSA – Canadian Border Services Agency

DFATD - Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of the Government of Canada

BHER – Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Project

CA – Contribution Agreement

InSTEP - Increased Knowledge and Skills for Tertiary Education Program

YU – York University

WUSC - World University Service of Canada

UBC – University of British Columbia

KU - Kenyatta University, Kenya

MU – Moi University, Kenya

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Research

2013 – 2014 Research Applications

- Valerie Preston – CERIS SSHRC PG LOI: Migration and Resilience in Canadian Cities: Confronting Risks and Building Capacity (\$2,499,621)
- Beryl Pilkington – IDRC: *Developing a Community Health Professional (CHP) Degree Program as a Model for Improving Access to Primary Health Care for Refugees in Dadaab, Kenya* (\$60,000) not funded
- James Simeon – SSHRC Insight: *Online Research and Teaching Tools and Practitioners Forum* (\$489,470) not funded
- Luann Good Gingrich – SSHRC Insight: *Toward policies and practices of social inclusion* (\$294,533) not funded
- Wenona Giles – MacArthur Foundation: *Building teaching capacities for secondary education through access to university training opportunities for teachers in refugee and host communities in Dadaab, Kenya* (\$499,544) not funded

2013 – 2014 Research Grants

Ongoing

- SSHRC Research Cluster – Refugee Research Network (\$2.1 million over 7 years) PI Susan McGrath
- SSHRC Standard Grant by Jennifer Hyndman - *Migrant geographies of politics, identity and belonging* (\$195,000)
- SSHRC Standard Grant by Christina Clark-Kazak - *Towards age mainstreaming? A social age analysis of Canada's international development policy and programming* (\$52,530)
- SSHRC Standard grant by David Murray - *Canada's refugee policies and processes and those who claim refugee status on the basis of sexual orientation persecution* (\$67,497)
- Academic Incentive Fund by Wenona Giles - *Intercultural learning through virtual and on-site exchanges between York University students, refugee students on the Thai Burma border and displaced migrant students in Ranong, Thailand* (\$60,578)
- SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals – *Refuge* (\$90,000) PI Michael Barutciski
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grant - *Strengthening the role of social work in the post-genocide recovery of Rwanda* (\$200,000 over 2 years) PI Susan McGrath
- CIDA *BHER Project: Building primary/secondary teaching capacities in the Dadaab refugee camps and locally in Dadaab, Kenya by increasing access to higher education* (\$4.5 million over 5 years) PI Wenona Giles

- CRS continued to support the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) as the Secretariat. It was instrumental in the success of SSHRC Connections Grant for CARFMS that was awarded to CARFMS President Nanette Neuwahl (University of Montreal), with James C. Simeon listed as co-applicant. It was awarded \$25,000 for the annual conference in May 2014.

Awarded in 2013 – 2014

- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs - Conference - Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives (\$5,000) PI – Jennifer Dalton
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Synthesizing Knowledge on Five Themes of Canadian Immigration (\$136,647) PI – Adnan Turegun
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada – Conference – Indochinese Refugee Sponsorship Program (\$235,074) PI – James Simeon
- SSHRC Connections – Indochinese Refugee Sponsorship Program (\$37,000) PI – James Simeon
- National Science Foundation - Forecasting the Break: Building Community and Capacity for Large-scale, Data-Intensive Research in Forced Migration Studies (Georgetown University, PI Susan Martin, \$309,000) Co-applicant – Susan McGrath

Collaborations between CRS and CARE offer increased research capacity for CARE in its field operations. Geography MA student, Matt Stevens, and Development Studies MA student, Ban Kattan, will be in Jordan this summer.

2013-2014 Visiting Scholars

Visiting Graduate Research Fellows

Clemens Bernardt, bernhardt@home.nl, external PhD, Department of Human Geography, Radboud University, Nijmegen and Department of Cultural Geography, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen.

October – November 2013

Dissertation research focuses on the role of space in the (re-) production of strangers within the Dutch Asylum Seekers Centre (ASC). The ASC is part of a series of spaces where Dutch and EU immigration policy is being executed: a border-space, where people are being kept on a threshold, somewhere in-between the municipality, where the ASC is located, and the EU-borders.

Esteban Acuna Cabanzo, esteban.acuna@eu-ethno.uni-freiburg.de, Institute of European Ethnology– Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

May – August 2013

Dissertation research: Trans-Atlantic Roma Mobilities: An Ethnography of Trans-local Interconnections amongst Romani Groups.

Eda Farsakoglu, eda.farsakoglu@soc.lu.se, Department of Sociology Lund University, Sweden

September 9, 2013 – February 15, 2014

The aim of her visit dealt with the intersections of migration, gender, and sexuality by focusing on the lived experiences of Iranian sexual refugees in the transit migratory space of Turkey, and that she furthered her fieldwork in Canada with two Canadian-based queer/human rights organizations who provide services to Iranian LGBT refugees not only during their stay in Turkey but also before their migration.

Carla Suarez, Carla.Suarez@dal.ca, Political Science Department, Dalhousie University

September 2013 – August 2014

Current works examine self-protection strategies used by civilians during times of armed conflict, including tactics of avoidance, confrontation, and/or violence. Dissertation on South Sudan's second civil conflict (1983-2005), particularly on micro-level violence among pastoral communities, including the Dinka and Nuer, as well as the Misseriya (from the North) and the Dinka and Nuer (from the South).

Patricia Ward, trishward17@gmail.com, Fulbright Scholar (undergraduate)

September 2012 – October 2013

Research on Highly-Skilled Iraqi Refugees in Toronto

Planned for 2014-2015

Gustavo Frota Simoes, gufsimoes@gmail.com, PhD student, University of Brasília

August 2014 – June 2015

Objective is to understand how Colombian Refugees view their experience as a refugee and their integration in both Brazilian and Canadian societies, specifically in the cities of São Paulo and Toronto. In order to do that, I will do a series of in-depth interviews with Colombian refugees living in Toronto and the help of the center will be essential in my research.

Visiting Scholars

Simon Addison, simon.addison@gmail.com, Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

April – May 2013

Political geographical dynamics of conflict---related internal displacement in Kenya, Eastern DRC and Northern Uganda.

Natasha Beranek, nberanek@yorku.ca, Ph.D, Postdoctoral Fulbright Scholar

September 2013 – April 2014

Postdoctoral research on migration of Czech/Slovak Roma to Canada as asylum seekers.

Chiara Gius, chiara.gius@gmail.com, PhD, Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali

May 2013 – June 2014

Migration with a gender perspective. Research interests focus on the study of the processes that regulate the construction and representation of social issues, tourism and, more generally, issues related to the development and solidarity between the North and the South.

Planned for 2014-2015

Caroline Lenette, c.lenette@griffith.edu.au, Lecturer & First Year Coordinator (FYC)
Logan School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith University (sabbatical leave)

May 4, 2014 - September 31, 2014

Internships

Planned for Summer 2014

Kathleen McMurray, Social Work graduate student, University of Calgary

Work Plan: Research assistant to Jennifer Hyndman, reading interview transcripts, identifying themes, coding; providing support for Refuge, proofreading copy, contributing to a database of peer reviews and working as an editorial assistant.

Reports on Selected Research Projects

Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER)

Scope of the Project

Background

On February 7, 2013 the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of the Government of Canada (DFATD) and the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Consortium led by York University (YU) entered into a Contribution Agreement (CA) to implement the project “Building Primary/Secondary Teaching Capacities in the Dadaab Refugee Camps and Locally in Dadaab, Kenya by Increasing Access to Higher Education” (aka BHER project). The BHER Project resulted from the intensive engagement of the Tertiary Education Cluster of the Refugee Research Network (RRN), a global networking initiative of the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) at York University funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). It was preceded by an SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (2011-2013) and a research grant from MasterCard Foundation (MCF) (2011-2012) to Wenona Giles (PI) and other.

Goal and Objectives

The BHER Project spans five years, 2013-2018. The **goal** is to afford refugee youth a greater likelihood of successful and productive repatriation to their home country when possible, access to resettlement elsewhere, preparation towards graduate degree programs and a rise in the quality of education in host /home countries concerned with building peaceful, equitable and socially inclusive societies. Our **objectives** are to (1) enhance the teaching workforce (female and male) in the Dadaab refugee camps and local surrounding communities in Kenya through internationally-recognized university courses and program offerings at the levels of certificate, diplomas and degrees; and (2) increase the effectiveness of Canadian and Kenyan universities to deliver quality intercultural and gender-sensitive university programs for marginalized groups and communities through partnership activities and joint courses/programs.

Outcomes

Equitable access to certificate, diploma and degree education will provide a first opportunity for women and men, primarily incentive and local teachers, to receive university education in a context where there are no comparable opportunities for university education. Up to 800 male and female students (spread across four cohorts) will participate in the BHER university preparation program, the first phase of the BHER model. Two cohorts of students with up to 160 students in each cohort will work towards a certificate and diplomas in Teacher Education (Primary or Secondary) during the second and the third phases of the model. In the fourth phase, 80 students from each of the two cohorts will work towards university degrees in social sciences. Teachers and other professionals trained through any/all phases of the BHER project are expected to

improve teaching, educational or professional practice in the primary and secondary school levels as well as other environments. Furthermore, graduating from degree programs offered through BHER will give graduates an opportunity to assist in addressing the various community needs *in situ* or wherever they resettle. Continuous interaction and joint programs offered within BHER will also strengthen the partnership among the participating institutions and improve their capacity to deliver onsite and online courses customized for marginalized and refugee contexts.

Financial Support and Participating Institutions

BHER Project is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) through a five year grant of CAN \$4,531,977 (Wenona Giles is PI; Don Diplo is Co-Lead). The Contribution Agreement was signed on February 7, 2013 and will terminate on April 30, 2018. Six institutions implement this project: York University is the Lead Institution with fiduciary responsibilities to DFATD. Other institutions include: in Canada, University of British Columbia (UBC) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC); in Kenya, Kenyatta University (KU), Moi University (MU) and Windle Trust Kenya (WTK). Canadian institutions participating in the BHER Consortium match this contribution at 28% of this funding through cash and in-kind contribution.

Reporting

This Report follows DFATD Fiscal Year Reporting Cycle that starts on April 1 of a given calendar year and finishes on March 31 of the next calendar year. As the BHER Project started on February 7, 2013, this report covers the period starting on the signature date and ending on March 31, 2014.

Programmatic Engagement

The BHER Project delivers its programmatic activities through a tuition-free stackable and portable model that is delivered onsite and online. Initially students are prepared for teaching in primary and secondary schools through certificate and diploma programs. Upon graduation from these programs students have the option to enroll in university degrees offered under BHER umbrella. The programs currently exist in institutions that offer these; students sit in the same virtual classrooms as their peers elsewhere in Canada or Kenya. Recognizing that, due to the specific circumstances of marginalization in the refugee and local communities in Dadaab, students may have knowledge and skill gaps. Thus, a university preparation program “Increased Knowledge and Skills for Tertiary Education Program” (InSTEP) intends to prepare participants for the aforementioned university courses through modules on English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Research Methods (RM) and Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Programmatically, in the first year, only InSTEP was offered.

Activities

InSTEP Delivery

The first round of admissions for Cohort 1 during May-July 2013 yielded 510 applications to InSTEP. Of these 14% were from female students. A second round of admissions targeting women only was administered after the start of the program. As a result, BHER's first cohort is made up of 204 students of whom 31% are female, 69% are refugees and 31% are members of the Kenyan host community. One hundred sixteen (or 57%) of these students are currently working as teachers in the primary and secondary schools in Dadaab. InSTEP students attended intensive classes in August and December 2013, and will complete their final term in April 2014. Because a majority of students are teachers, these intensive terms align with school holidays. Final evaluation on these terms will be conducted at the end of the InSTEP.

Admissions to Certificate and Diploma Programs

In January 2014, program staff conducted information sessions with BHER InSTEP students regarding the next phase of the program: the BHER Certificate in Education Studies (Elementary) (CES-E), offered by YU and Diploma in Teacher Education (Secondary) (DTE-S), offered by UBC and MU, and circulated application forms for these programs. By March 2014, 204 students applied to enter these programs in August 2014.

Academic Program Development

Over the year, BHER faculty members at YU, UBC and MU worked to tailor courses for CES-E and DTE-S to the Dadaab context. Furthermore, KU developed plans for its Diploma in Teacher Education (Primary) (DTE-P) and prepared for its Senate approval. MU, YU and KU also all worked to plan for the Bachelors degrees they will offer to graduates of CES-E, DTE-S and DTE-P, beginning in 2016.

Challenges

Admissions criteria: In Kenya, universities determine their admissions based on the Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), a standardized national exam. Most Kenyan recognized universities do not admit students with lower than a KCSE score of C; there is seemingly no provision for accommodating students with lower grade point average. Generally, in Dadaab, KCSE scores are far below the national average, with scores for women falling lower than scores for men; overwhelmingly women enrolled in BHER have KCSE scores at D+. Upon negotiation, BHER's Kenyan university partners are willing to consider BHER students with C- on the KCSE, however they are unable to consider students with lower scores. BHER has accepted these students into InSTEP, and YU will consider them for admission to the YU CES-E. The BHER team is working to develop an appropriate degree from a non-Kenyan institution (likely YU).

Gender ratio: The BHER project set a target of a 30% female enrollment ratio in Project Year 1, but struggled to achieve this. This may be in part because very few women graduate from secondary school in Dadaab; the small group of Dadaab women who have completed secondary school are in high demand for positions, training programs and scholarships within the camps, as various NGOs seek to achieve gender equity in their own programs. Furthermore, traditional gender norms in Dadaab often dictate that women must have approval from their families before enrolling in a program such as BHER; it is possible that some families prevented them from participating. Maintaining appropriate gender ratios in the years to come may present a challenge, with female students facing greater risk factors for dropout than their male counterparts. Recruitment and retention of female students is a top priority for BHER, and is being monitored closely.

Programmatic Look Ahead

In May 2014 (beginning of the second FY), the first cohort of students will graduate from InSTEP. Two hundred and four students in this cohort have applied to be admitted to CES-E or DTE-S. These programs start in August 2014. In parallel, faculty from participating universities will continue to develop degrees that will be offered to the students upon completion of the Diploma Programs in 2016.

Operations

BHER Learning Centre

In the first FY we completed construction of the BHER Learning Centre – this centre will aid the delivery of onsite and online university courses. The Centre is built on land donated by Dadaab community to KU and on loan to BHER for the duration of the project. Project funding allowed us to construct two computer rooms each accommodating 40 students at a time, three seminar rooms, each accommodating up to 50 students at a time; eight rooms for accommodating teaching and project staff as well as washrooms and dining facilities. As the Centre was under construction during this year, the BHER project used the teaching and learning facilities in the secondary schools in the three camps, Dagahaley, Ifo and Hagadera for the delivery of the InSTEP modules in August and December 2013. We will continue to use these facilities in the future for the delivery of InSTEP to allow Certificate and Diploma Programs to be taught in the Learning Centre.

UNHCR Support

UNHCR supports the implementation of BHER at the field level and headquarters. It facilitated the donation of 40 Hewlett Packard computers for the BHER Learning Centre; it enabled the water pipes of the BHER Centre to be linked to the water supply grid for Dadaab. Lastly it provides a car to the project via BHER partner, WTK. This has increased the ability of field staff to reach the project sites and students throughout the first year. UNHCR staff in Geneva and Dadaab participate in the monthly meetings of

the BHER partners and contribute insights, and share information regarding ways to implement aspects of the BHER project, including working with communities to increase women's enrollment to BHER.

Operational Challenges and Risk Management

The BHER Project operates in one of the most insecure areas in Kenya, with poor infrastructure and meagre resources. Northeastern Kenya where Dadaab is located has been defined as a high risk area by DFATD. DFATD continues to advise against all travel to northeast Kenya within 150 km of the Somali border, including coastal areas North of Pate Island in Lamu District, and to Garissa district (Dadaab included) where there is a risk of kidnapping and attacks. A supervisory visit of the BHER Project Manager to Nairobi and Dadaab scheduled to happen from September 30 - October 12, 2013 was postponed due to the terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi on September 21, 2013. The Dadaab office facilities of WTK, our field partner have been impacted by occasional terrorist activity; staff is also under the threat of sudden explosions.

Our Beneficiaries

The ultimate beneficiaries of the project are refugees in the Dadaab camps and local people in Dadaab, Fafi and Wajir.

Student Profiles

Currently 210 students are enrolled in InSTEP. Of the 190 students for whom we have clear Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) data, 129 have C and above, 22 have C-, and 40 have between D and D+. Of students with KCSE results below C, 85% are female.

Support

Distances from the Dadaab camps to the BHER Learning Centre are considerable and unsafe to be walked, raising security issues especially for women. While partners within the BHER Consortium have committed to a tuition-free education for BHER students, costs such as transportation, food, solar lamps are not currently covered. While some students living in refugee camps have access to minimal "incentive" wages, these wages are barely sufficient to support themselves and their families. While students from local communities may be paid at a slightly better rate, for both groups, going to school means taking away from the meagre income that supports their families. The BHER Enabling Fund provides short-term financial assistance to students from the refugee camps and town of Dadaab, Kenya who have no financial means to participate in the post-secondary programs offered by the BHER Consortium. Crowd-funding efforts are under way to support students in various practical needs including transportation, food, solar lamps, and hygienic supplies.

This year represents a particular challenge to the 36 newest women recruits in InSTEP who joined classes in December: in addition to missing the first of three 1 month intensive training sessions, they also entered the program with generally lower KCSE scores. As a result, some additional remedial support is being planned to support them during the April sessions. In addition, opportunities to provide ongoing mentoring via tools such as Facebook are in progress. Online mentorship may also be developed to support other InSTEP, Certificate and Diploma students.

Current Network and Potential for Synergies

BHER Consortium

As mentioned above, the BHER Project is implemented through a consortium of universities and non-governmental organizations (NGO) that currently include institutions based in Canada, UBC, WUSC and YU and in Kenya, KU, MU and WTK. YU is the Lead Institution and manages the project from Toronto. All partner institutions entered a Cooperation Agreement on March 1, 2013. The agreement regulates all matters pertaining to the implementation of the BHER project and outline rights and responsibilities of each partner in the delivery of various components of the model. The partnership is aided in its work by three Advisory Committees, Partnership Committee (meets monthly), Gender and Equity Committee (meets quarterly) and Research and Knowledge Mobilization Committee (meets quarterly). Membership in these committees is open to faculty and staff from institutions participating in BHER as well as individuals whose work and research interests align closely with BHER.

Potential for Synergies in Canada

A few universities in Canada have expressed an interest in the BHER model. The BHER team is exploring ways to collaborate with these institutions. For example, Ryerson University is exploring the possibility of offering courses in Business and Early Childhood Education. Guelph University and University of Alberta have also expressed an interest to participate in the BHER initiative. A protocol for induction of new institutional members into the partnership has been drafted; it establishes principles of BHER's work and aids prospective members in their decision to enter BHER.

Potential for Synergies in Kenya and the Region

In November 2013, the Government of Kenya, the Government of Somalia and the UNHCR entered a repatriation agreement. This document outlines the commitment of these three entities to work toward aiding Somali refugees in the Dadaab refugee camps and elsewhere in Kenya to repatriate voluntarily in the next three years. Furthermore, the recognition of the Somali Federal Government by various countries has put in motion several capacity building initiatives including those that focus on improving the work of Somali universities. BHER has made initial connections with Amoud University and will likely engage with the National University of Somalia (through University of Alberta) to explore their engagement in BHER.

Links to Global Initiatives

The BHER Project grew out of the Refugee Research Network (RRN), a SSHRC Strategic Partnerships Initiative (several co-investigators of this SSHRC grant are actively involved in the BHER project) led by York University. Efforts are being made to share the experiences of implementation with the membership of RRN. For example, currently a Research Discussion Forum on Gender, security and access to education in the Dadaab refugee camps is being hosted in the RRN platform. A Pilot Mentoring program involving volunteers from the YU based New Scholars Network (NSN) of the RRN and other sites was launched in December 2013. Lastly, efforts are under way to link BHER initiative to other programs on transitional issues implemented by bilateral and multilateral donors including the Danish Refugee Council and the World Bank.

Refugee Research Network (RRN)

Susan McGrath's leadership of the Refugee Research Network (RRN; with co-applicants Wenona Giles, Gerald Kernerman, and Jennifer Hyndman at York) has resulted in the formation of a range of thriving and emerging networks and research clusters responding to refugee protection issues and regional needs. McGrath provided a model of development and created opportunities for these initiatives to emerge. She worked with each cluster lead helping to: define the area of work and its scope; develop a plan to address it; negotiate RRN resources to support the cluster with funds for research assistants and transportation and staff support on funding proposals and website development; leverage additional funding (e.g. by meeting with prospective donors); establish linkages with other academics and networks working in the area (in Canada and globally); and, facilitate dissemination of findings. The knowledge generated is intended to improve the wellbeing of refugees and strengthen the national and global policies and practices designed to protect them.

As a vehicle for dissemination and information sharing, the RRN website site has been extremely successful, with 82,303 unique users since the inception of the site in 2010. **The outcomes and impacts of the various initiatives supported by this “network of networks” are summarized below. The RRN has an international management board, and its network of research centres and people also working on issues of displacement are most its main interlocutors.**

1. *Research Clusters*

a) Refugee Settlement

McGrath and colleagues are focusing on the settlement experiences of refugees in Canada for several years and recently incorporated a comparative study with Australia. After the US, Australia and Canada receive the greatest number of government sponsored refugees.

Outputs & impacts: York Professor Jennifer Hyndman produced a comprehensive review of the literature on refugee settlement in Canada for UNHCR that both guides policy actors and informs researchers. Issues of trauma experienced by refugees and the responsiveness of social services to refugees have been taken up by McGrath and two groups of scholars funded by SSHRC Standard Grants. This research is informing academics, practitioners, and policy actors. A current project compares the experiences of Karen refugees in Australia and Canada with funding secured by McGrath.

Funding: McGrath's work in this area has been supported by SSHRC Standard Grants 410-2007-2381 (\$90,000) and 410-2006-2178 (\$103,861). She also received the YUFA Leave Fellowship Award in 2012 (\$12,500) and the ACU Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow Award in 2012-13 (\$10,000).

Publications:

Hyndman, J. (2011). *Research summary on resettled refugee integration in Canada.*

Analysis commissioned by the UNHCR. Available

at: www.unhcr.org/4e4123d19.html. [Accessed 805 times via RRN website; citations (Google Scholar [GS]): 3.]

Hyndman, J., & Friesen, C. (2011). *A sector-based research agenda: Issues affecting Government-Assisted Refugees in Canada.* Available

at: http://www.refugeereseach.net/research_agenda. [Accessed 1,404 times via RRN website.]

McGrath, S., Wood, P.B., & Young, J.E.E. (2010). Safe havens? Mapping the provision of settlement services in three Canadian urban centres. *Canadian Social Work Journal* 12(1): 192-199. [Citations (GS): 1]

Moffatt, K., Carranza, M., Lee, B., McGrath, S., & George, U. (2013). Collective trauma as a personal/social concern for persons within marginalized communities. *International Journal of Community Diversity* 12(4): 61-80.

Wood, P.B., McGrath, S., & Young, J.E.E. (2012). The emotional city: Refugee resettlement in Calgary. *Journal for International Migration and Integration* 13(1): 21-37. [Citations (GS): 2]

b) Age & Generation in the Context of Forced Migration

This cluster, led by York Professor Christina Clark-Kazak, represents an innovative approach to the field and connects scholars researching across the age spectrum and/or analyzing intra- and inter-generational relations in situations of migration. The project launched with a panel at the May 2010 conference of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS). This was followed up with a seminar series hosted throughout the 2010-11 academic year, which led to two scholarly publications.

Outputs & impacts: The cluster has provided a forum in which researchers working on these issues can collaborate and currently exists as a virtual working group of over 100 members. The series culminated in a workshop of 30 Canadian researchers and graduate students in April 2011 at Glendon College York.

Funding: Seminar series funded by Vice-President, Academic, York University (\$7,500); workshop funded by SSHRC Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences (\$21,155) and Centre for Global Challenges, Glendon College, York University (\$3,000).

Publications:

Clark-Kazak, C. (Ed.) (2013). Special issue: Age, generation, and migration to Canada: Practice and policy implications. *Canadian Journal of Ethnic Studies* 44(3). [Citations (GS): 5.]

Clark-Kazak, C., & Orgocka, A. (Eds.). (2012). *Independent child migration: Insights into age, agency and family decision-making*. New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development series. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. [Citations (Web of Science [WOS]): 3]

c) Detention & Asylum

This new cluster, led by co-applicant and current CRS Director Professor Jennifer Hyndman, brings together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers interested in detention as it relates to refugees in Canada and worldwide. It aims to deepen our understanding both academically and in practice.

Outputs & impacts: This cluster examines the conditions and impacts of detention on refugees in Canada and globally with a goal of informing humanitarian practices and public policies. The Cluster launched its website (<http://refugeereseach.net/ms/detention/>) in early 2014, and will hold a roundtable at the CARFMS conference in May 2014. Early metrics (implemented on March 23, 2014) indicate that visitors to the website are from Canada (37%), the UK (22%), the USA (17%), and Australia (10%).

Publications:

Silverman, S.J. (2013). *Annotated bibliography: Key academic research on detention and asylum*. Available at: <http://refugeereseach.net/ms/detention/publications/key-academic-research/>.

Silverman, S.J. (2013). *Detention in Canada*. Available at: <http://refugeereseach.net/ms/detention/detention-asylum-in-countries/detention-in-canada/>.

d) Environmental Displacement

This cluster is pursuing related projects on Environmentally-Induced Displacement and Nature-Society Relations in and of International Borders under the leadership of York Professor Elizabeth Lunstrum.

Outputs & impacts: The cluster has brought together researchers to produce conversation across multiple distinct contexts. Knowledge generated is informing public policy actors in Canada, the US, and Africa. The cluster organised three workshops of scholars, students, and policy actors: in May 2012 (York), September 2012 (University of Vermont), and July 2013 (Kruger National Park, Mozambique). A special issue of *Area* on “Environmental Displacement in a Global Context” is anticipated in late 2014.

Funding: May 2012 workshop funded by SSHRC Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences 646-2011-1099 (\$24,159); Sept. 2012 conference funded by University of Vermont and Canadian Embassy.

Publications:

Bose, P., & Lunstrum, L. (Eds.). (2014). Special Issue: Environmentally Induced Displacement and Forced Migration. *Refuge* 29(2).

Massé, F., & Lunstrum, L. (2013). *Annotated bibliography on nature-society relations in and of international borders*. Available at: <http://www.refugeereseach.net/sites/default/files/Masse-Lunstrum%20Bib%20on%20NS%20Relatios-Borders%20FINAL%2010-2013.pdf>. [Accessed 439 times via RRN website.]

e) Gender & Sexuality

The first phase of the cluster was led by Professor Hyndman and focused on strengthening sexual minority research. The second phase, guided by York Professor Wenona Giles and Professor Eileen Pittaway of University of New South Wales, will focus on advancing gender equity including access to university programs by women.

Outputs & impacts: The cluster has raised awareness of LGBT human rights violations and related issues of persecution and displacement. This included holding a public forum on *Sexual Minority Refugees in Canada* at the University of Toronto in April 2011 with approximately 100 students, faculty, and legal and settlement practitioners in attendance. Other efforts focused on capacity building and resource sharing with the *Refugee Law Project* at Makerere University in Uganda.

Publications:

Jordan, S., Bahreini, R., & Lidstone, R. (2011). *LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Refugees & Sexual Orientation / gender identity asylum: An annotated bibliography of selected legal and social scientific publications*. Available at: <http://www.refugeeresearch.net/sites/default/files/Draft%20LGBT%20Asylum%20Biblio%201.pdf>. [Accessed 1,210 times via RRN website.]

f) International Refugee Law

This cluster has three discrete areas of activity: 1) comparative research on refugee status determination systems led by co-applicant Professor Donald Galloway of University of Victoria, helped to launch the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) and produced a report published by the Harvard Law School; 2) Professors Delphine Nakache of the University of Ottawa and Idil Atak of Ryerson University are focusing on comparative research on safe country of origin policies; 3) led by York Professor James Simeon and addressing critical issues in international refugee law.

Outputs & impacts: Part of the momentum for the founding of CARL emerged from a workshop held in October 2010. Cluster members have held a series of events at York, including a workshop on war crimes and refugee status and conference on supervision of the Refugee Convention in May 2010 and a set of workshops on “*Critical Issues in International Refugee Law*” (May 2008 and April 2011). These events have expanded our understanding of the field by connecting scholars and judicial practitioners.

Funding: Oct. 2010 workshop funded by SSHRC Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences; May 2010 workshop funded partly by SSHRC IOF 861-2008-1065 (\$75,000); May 2010 conference funded by CIC (\$10,000), DFAIT (\$35,127), IDRC (\$10,000), Japan Foundation (\$1,000), Ontario Law Foundation (\$10,000), and Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs (\$8,000); workshops on Critical Issues funded by CIDA (\$21,838), Department of Justice (\$10,000), Japan Foundation (\$1,000), Ontario Law Foundation (\$10,000), and SSHRC Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences 646-2007-1079 (\$2,000) and 646-2010-1076 (\$24,711).

Publications:

Arbel, E., & Brenner, A. (2013). *Bordering on failure: Canada-US border policy and the politics of refugee exclusion*. Harvard Immigration and Refugee Law Clinical Program, Harvard Law School. Available at: <http://harvardimmigrationclinic.wordpress.com/2013/11/26/harvard-report-finds-canada-u-s-failing-in-refugee-protection-obligations/>. [Accessed 97 times via RRN website; widely reported in Canadian media; citations (GS): 1.]

Galloway, D. Refugee determination. In S. Kneebone, D. Stevens, & L. Baldassar (Eds.), *Refugee protection and the role of law: Conflicting identities*. New York: Routledge (forthcoming, May 2014).

Simeon, J.C. (Ed.) (2010). *Critical issues in international refugee law: Strategies towards interpretative harmony*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Citations (GS): 3.]

Simeon, J.C. (Ed.) (2013). *The UNHCR and the supervision of international refugee law*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

g) Methodology & Production of Knowledge in Forced Migration Contexts

Formed in April 2012, this cluster focuses on the methodological, ethical, and epistemological challenges of engaging in research in forced migration contexts, under the leadership of York Professor Christina Clark-Kazak and Professor Galya Ruffer of Northwestern University.

Outputs & impacts: This cluster is defining the standards for research in the field of forced migration and its outputs will inform future research initiatives. In June 2013, it held a workshop at Northwestern University on methods of documenting forced migration, and a second workshop is planned in May 2014. A meeting of interested partners will be held at the IASFM conference in Bogotá in July 2014 to consider developing a SSHRC Partnership Grant proposal. York Professor James Simeon leads an international team of scholars and students in a related project: the Online Research and Training Tools (<http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/home/>) provide valuable, globally accessible resources designed to improve the practice of research.

Funding: Both workshops have been funded by the National Science Foundation.

Publications:

Nobe Ghelani, C. (2013). *Annotated bibliography: Compiled for the cluster on methodology and knowledge production in forced migration contexts*. Available at: http://refugeereseach.net/sites/default/files/ResearchMethodology.ForcedMigration-AnnotatedBibliography.June2013_0.pdf.

2.Regional & Thematic Networks

a) Canadian Association for the Study of Forced Migration (CARFMS)

Launched in 2008 with key support from Professor McGrath, CARFMS fosters an independent community of scholars dedicated to advancing and disseminating Canadian refugee and forced migration research.

Outputs & impacts: The first academic network of its kind in North America, CARFMS has been extremely successful in mobilizing Canadian scholars and students. CARFMS holds annual conferences across Canada to bring scholars, practitioners, and policymakers together around thematic issues.

Funding: SSHRC Aid to Workshops and Conferences grants have supported the following conferences: York 2008 (646-2007-1085 [\$20,000]); McMaster 2010 (\$24,860); McGill 2011 (\$23,800); York 2012 (646-2011-1095 [\$30,000]); Mount Allison 2013(\$35,000); University of Montreal 2014 (\$25,000).

b) New Scholars Network (NSN)

The RRN has supported the development and growth of the NSN, which currently has almost 500 members. The NSN is a group of scholars and practitioners focused on creating and encouraging a global professional network for those working in the field of forced migration.

Outputs & impacts: This network is developing the knowledge and capacity of future scholars and practitioners in forced migration studies and humanitarian practice. It aims to establish connections among graduate students and new academics that will encourage collaborative research and innovative practices. This enthusiastic network has a website (<http://newscholarsnetwork.wordpress.com/>) and Facebook page, and in September 2013 launched an e-journal, *Refugee Review*, with an issue focused on social movements as they apply to refugees.

c) Latin American Network for Forced Migration (LANFM) / Red Latino Americana de Migración Forzada

With RRN support, this network was launched in Bogotá in 2010 under the leadership of Professor Roberto Vidal at Javeriana University to help improve the quality of life of forced migrants in Latin America. LANFM focuses on facilitating multilateral dialogue between regional practitioners and researchers and global networks of forced migration studies.

Outputs & impacts: LANFM has mobilized Latin American and Canadian scholars and advocates in a collaborative study of forced migration in Latin America, and recently

launched a Spanish-language website (<http://redlatinoamericanamf.weebly.com/>). The network evolved through a series of workshops that leveraged funding from various sources, beginning with a November 2010 conference in Bogotá. In October 2011, an expanded network of Latin American and Canadian partners met at York for a three-day workshop, while a third workshop was held in Bogotá in June 2012. LANFM's most recent workshop was held in December 2013 in Bogotá with the support and participation of York colleagues.

Funding: Nov. 2010 conference funded by AUCC (\$11,875); Oct. 2011 workshop funded by SSHRC Aid to Conferences and Workshops 646-2011-0070 (\$24,435); June 2012 workshop funded by the RRN, German Marshall Fund, and Robert Bosch Stiftung; Dec. 2013 workshop funded by IDRC (\$15,000).

Publications:

Ravecca, P., & Payne, W. (2011). *Trade and Investment-Induced Population Displacement in Latin America: Workshop Report and Summary of Workshop Proceedings*. Available at: http://www.refugeeresearch.net/sites/default/files/Workshop%20Report%20-%20TIIDLA_0.pdf.

d) Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection (APFMC)

With support from Professor McGrath, the APFMC was launched by Professor Susan Kneebone of Monash University in November 2013 as a hub for researchers and practitioners in Australia and the Asia Pacific region on issues of forced migration, refugee law, human trafficking, and labour migration.

Outputs & impacts: This network will bring together at least 13 existing groups and networks in Australia, Thailand, Singapore, India, and the UK, and connect regional scholars and practitioners to generate knowledge and expand networks for research and knowledge mobilization. A project website will be developed with the support of the RRN. An exploratory workshop was held in November 2013 at the University of London, with plans for a special issue of the *International Journal of Human Rights*. A seminar to formally launch the APFMC is planned for August 2014 in Melbourne.

e) Global Policy Network

Launched in December 2012 at Oxford University with RRN support, this network is led by Professors James Milner at Carleton University and Alexander Betts of Oxford. It

engages scholars from Canada, the US, the UK, the EU, and Australia in a critical study of the global refugee policy regime.

Outputs & impacts: This network examines and theorises the policy-making processes at the global level in order to influence and improve the global refugee regime. Its work will be considered by RRN partner and leading INGO, UNHCR. The network organized a workshop at Oxford in December 2012 and, with RRN support, published a literature review and background paper on global public policy. A special issue of *Journal of Refugee Studies* is planned (late 2014).

Publications:

Bauman, E., & Miller, S.D. (2012). *Comprehensive literature review of global public policy: Creating a framework for understanding global refugee policy*. Refugee Studies Centre Working Paper Series No. 87, December 2012. Available at: <http://refugeereseach.net/sites/default/files/wp87-creating-framework-global-refugee-policy%20Dec2012.pdf>.

Miller, S.D. (2012). *Global refugee policy: Varying perspectives, unanswered questions*. September 2012. Available at: <http://refugeereseach.net/sites/default/files/bp-global-refugee-policy-conference%20Sept2012.pdf>.

3. Refugee Research Network Initiative

a) Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER)

This innovative RRN project led by York Professors Wenona Giles and Don Dippo includes five universities and four INGOs in Canada and Africa and was successfully awarded \$4.1 million over 5 years from CIDA/DFATD. It aims to make educational programs available where refugees need them and is now piloting post-secondary programs in the Dadaab camp in Kenya.

Outputs & impacts: The project is piloting the provision of post-secondary education to refugees who are confined to camps; the first 200 students completed a transition year in April 2014. The program offers educational training for teachers which means better quality schooling in the camps and online university degrees that will provide refugees with opportunities for better livelihoods if they can return to their home country or settle in a third country such as Canada (<http://refugeereseach.net/ms/bher/>). The BHER website has 4,259 views since November 2013.

Funding: Initial workshop funded by RRN and SSHRC Aid to Workshops and Conferences 646-2009-1082 (\$21,440). The BHER project developed with funding from

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant 890-2010-0053 (\$200,000), IDRC (\$8,006), MasterCard Foundation (\$234,683), and UNHCR (\$5,000). The project has since secured CIDA/DFATD funding (\$4,100,000) to implement the program over 5 years.

Research Events

Fifteen seminars were held as part of CRS' regular Seminar series with 3 more co-sponsored events with other York departments, and 7 seminars on "*Migration Matters*". CRS hosted or co-hosted 2 conferences, 1 symposium, and 2 workshops and is involved in supporting 2 major upcoming conferences in May and July 2014.

Recent and Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

MAY 15 – 17, 2013

Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives

(150 participants)

JULY 3 – 5, 2013,

Sudan/South Sudan Symposium (41 participants)

NOVEMBER 20 – 23 2013

JANUARY 24, 2014

Indochinese Refugee Movement and the Launch of Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program

Pre-Conference workshop held on November 20, 2013 (27 participants)

Conference held from November 21 – 23, 2013 (144 participants)

Post-Conference workshop held on January 24, 2014 (27 participants)

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Sub regional preparatory meeting of the Second Regional Humanitarian Conference of NGOs of the Americas (hosted by the Centre for Refugee Studies, in collaboration with the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES))

MAY 3, 2014

CRS Annual Student Conference: Neither Here Nor There: Refugees, Forced Migration, and the Landscapes of Displacement, Toronto, Ontario (50 participants)

MAY 7-9, 2014

7th Annual CARFMS Meeting: Coherence and Incoherence in Migration Management and Integration: Policies, Practices and Perspectives, Montreal, Quebec (176 participants, hosted by University of Montreal) CRS is the Secretariat for CARFMS

JULY 15 – 18, 2014

15th Biannual IASFM: Forced Migration and Peace, Bogota, Colombia

(hosted by Javeriana University) CRS provides Secretariat and organizing support to IASFM

CRS was invited by UNHCR to participate in its annual NGO Consultation, held on June 11-13, 2013. Susan McGrath (PI of RRN) led the delegation to Geneva where the RRN met with almost 20 NGOs.

Selected Conference and Workshop Reports

Sudan/South Sudan Symposium

The Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) at York University in Canada, the Global Collaboration Centre (GLOCOL) at Osaka University in Japan, and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany

July 3-5, 2013

York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Sudan/South Sudan Symposium was a successful event that brought together practitioners from different academic, governmental, and non-governmental disciplines in an effort to address and to construct solutions to the humanitarian challenges in the two Sudans. Held in the Kaneff Tower at York University, Toronto, Ontario, this three-day conference bore witness to the contributions of over three dozen participants.

With a particular focus on understanding the environmental, social, cultural, and political factors affecting the humanitarian crisis in the two Sudans, and with an emphasis placed on the investigation into constructive paths forward, the symposium's planning committee attempted to combine a unique blend of open public and closed expert sessions to provide a safe space for all participants to share their research and ideas and to foster new approaches and directions for future research. Without the invaluable help provided by the symposium's planning committee and volunteers, the Symposium would not have been possible. The following short report seeks to summarize the main highlights of the Symposium and some of its key outcomes. Simultaneous detailed reports on the conference's proceedings and keynote and plenary speeches are available for public access on the Sudan/South Sudan Symposium website that is found at <http://www.yorku.ca/soss/>.

Wednesday, July 3

The Sudan/South Sudan Symposium was launched on the evening of Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013 in the Moot Court Room, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. The symposium was officially opened with a welcoming speech by Dr. Patricia Burke Wood, Associate Dean Academic Affairs for the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS) at York University, and by Dr. Ali B. Ali-Dinar, the Symposium Chairperson and the Associate Director of the African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania.

Following the welcoming remarks, the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Francis M. Deng, Ambassador and South Sudan Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Commending Canada for its open acceptance of diversity, Ambassador Deng's speech stressed the importance of unity amongst different ethnic groups. Above all,

Ambassador Deng's opening speech recounted the harsh conditions in the two Sudans, particularly, drawing attention to the historical legacies of colonialism that has been the central catalyst for the divide between the Muslim Arab groups in the North and the African Christians in the South. In closing, Ambassador Deng paved the way for the rest of the symposium by reminding us that while conflict was and is still fought on racial grounds, it is important to understand that unity and the acceptance of diversity are a vital means for solving the current humanitarian problems. Following Ambassador Deng's keynote address, everyone in attendance was invited to a welcome reception that was held in the Osgoode Hall Law School's Founders Court. The welcome reception provided Symposium speakers and participants with the opportunity to meet each other in an informal and relaxed setting immediately before the Symposium. It also provided an opportunity for those in attendance to meet Ambassador Deng and to continue the debates and discussions that commenced in the question and answer session following his keynote address.

Thursday, July 4

The second full day of the symposium took place in room 519, the Conference Centre, Kaneff Tower, at York University. The day began with the Symposium introduction and the first plenary session focusing on the topic of "Understanding the Extent and Nature of the Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan and South Sudan". As the facilitator for this first session, Ambassador Deng, delivered yet another stirring speech about the unforgiving realities in the two Sudans, and in particular, capturing the extent of the marginalization of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Plagued with their mutual homelessness, Ambassador Deng explained that the IDPs are also labeled enemies by their governments and are denied help from the international community as well. In these harsh conditions, Ambassador Deng called on the two national governments not only to learn how to negotiate between State sovereignty and the reality on the ground, but, to accept international help to restore peace and order in these war torn states.

Following Ambassador Deng's presentation, these points were further expanded upon by Justice Isaac Lenaola, High Court of Justice, Kenya. Justice Lenaola delivered a vivid and descriptive account of the challenges faced by the people in the two Sudans. As shortages of all basic necessities continue to plague the lives of many in these remote regions, Justice Lenaola also recounted the relentless threats of human trafficking, drug abuse, occupational insecurity, and the general lack of urban development suffered by the people of Sudan, in general, and the IDPs, in particular, Justice Lenaola strongly urged reforms on all basic levels, especially, when it comes to accepting the help of humanitarian aid workers.

Following this train of thought, the discussion was expanded even further by the next presenter, Dr. Kevin McKague, Adjunct Professor for the Schulich School of Business, York University. Having recently returned from South Sudan, where he held meetings with various senior officials, he was able to provide a current account of the situation

there. Taking a different approach to the topic entirely, Dr. McKague offered a refreshing alternative outlook of the situation in the two Sudans. Viewing urban development as the key to success, Dr. McKague talked about the possibility of restoring peace through joint initiatives between the international community and the IDPs themselves. He discussed the possibility of funding open mentorship, training, and education for young and driven Sudanese entrepreneurs in order to help the IDPs and provide a possible route for peace-making and peace-building. Dr. McKague believed that while fundamental change can happen through international efforts, it can simultaneously occur from within too.

Having noted the importance of grassroots movements, the last plenary session for the morning was concluded with an eye-opening presentation by Datejje Checko Green, a Torontonian filmmaker and scholar. Presenting from a feminist and gendered perspective, Green's session began with a stunning documentary on several Southern Sudanese women who have been involved with the ratification of the CPA (Comprehensive Peace Agreement). Though the women in these interviews had talked about their struggles and sacrifices during the conflict, much of their experiences have largely remained invisible. In order to mend the ongoing conflicts between the two Sudans, Green concluded the first plenary session by arguing the importance of having more people-to-people dialogues and local peace meetings, especially, as it pertains to women's involvement in peace-making.

Following a short health break, the second plenary session was launched. This session focused on "Understanding the Economic, Social, Political and Cultural Factors Underlying the Chronic Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan/South Sudan: The Legacies of Unending Armed Conflict and War". Leading the first session was Kennedy Jawoko, a freelance journalist and an instructor in the Politics and Public Administration Department at Ryerson University. As an activist journalist for human rights, Mr. Jawoko delivered a moving speech on the importance of using the power of the media to foster dialogue in peace and nation building. According to Mr. Jawoko, the disconnect between the media and reality is often the result of the falsification of information by corrupt government officials and the lack of local community and journalist involvement. With the chronic problems of state corruption, human trafficking, and food insecurity on the rise, Mr. Jawoko stated that it is important that journalists do not turn a blind eye to these problems, but instead use strategic means to release accurate accounts about the gross human rights violations and volatile situation between the two States to the public.

Subsequent discussions on gross human rights violations were expanded by Amani El-Jack, an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Seeing oil extraction and development, forced migration, militarized conflict, and post development as pertinent exemplars to the ongoing gendered displacement and refugee situations in the two Sudans, Dr. El-Jack believed that these relations should not be studied apart from each other. To approach these interdisciplinary fields with a particular focus on

gender would mean an overall reduction of gendered and militarized patterns of displacements. Dr. El-Jack concluded by arguing that if there were more female representation in politics, education, and the media, this would significantly increase the chances of reconciliation and utopian transformation too.

Following these plenary sessions, the symposium was opened to a roundtable question and answer session. Full reports on the two plenary sessions as well as the question and answer sessions were prepared by student rapporteurs. These reports will be made available on the Sudan/South Sudan Symposium website. In addition, there are blog entries posted on the *Sudan/South Sudan Symposium Daily Blog*, found at <http://soss.apps01.yorku.ca/daily-blog/>.

Closed expert technical working groups on the morning plenary sessions took place in the Kaneff Tower after the lunch break. All invited participants were split into three groups. The first group analyzed the “Roots and Consequences of the Crisis”, which was facilitated by Dr. El-Jack, and Mr. Jawoko as the lead participant. The second technical working group discussed the “Humanitarian Assistance Situation”, and this was led by Zeinab Bashir El Bakri, Member of the Inspection Panel, World Bank, as the facilitator, and Caroline Keenan, Education in Emergencies Technical Advisor, Save the Children Canada, and Fabien Schneider, Program Unit Manager for Canada, Doctors Without Borders, as the lead participants. The third technical working group, led by Justice Lenaola, focused on the “Human Rights Situation and Justice”, and this group consisted of Dr. Joseph Rikhof, Senior Counsel and Manager of the Law, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Unit, Justice Canada, and Yukari Ando, Special Assistant Professor, Global Collaboration Centre (GLOCOL), at Osaka University, Japan.

These technical working groups took place from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. Serving the purpose of connecting scholars, advocates and practitioners from different fields of interest as well as offering an opportunity to share individual research and to create and to offer effective initiatives, interventions and programmes to the humanitarian crisis in the two Sudans, these technical working groups operated in confidential spaces to allow participants the opportunity to address candidly these themes. Following these small group discussions, all the participants came back together for an open plenary session that lasted for ninety minutes. The first full day concluded with this open debriefing session where all members regrouped to synthesize and follow-up on the content discussed at the plenary sessions and expert technical working group meetings. The session concluded with a rousing summation and reflection of the day’s presentations and deliberations by the Symposium Chairperson, Professor Ali B. Ali-Dinar. He provided a number of highly insightful observations and key points on possible areas of convergence on a number of issues and concerns raised throughout the course of the day and, specifically, how to realize an effective and sustaining peace not only within the two Sudans but throughout this region of Africa.

Friday, July 5

The morning of third and final day of the Sudan/South Sudan Symposium began with a welcome and greeting from the new Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), Jennifer Hyndman, who acknowledged the importance of an event of this kind for helping to find workable solutions to the plight of the displaced persons in the two Sudans. The first plenary session of the day began with an examination of the “Constructive Paths Forward: Searching for Solutions to the Humanitarian Crisis through Peace-Making and Peace-Building”. The morning featured two plenary sessions and three expert technical working group meetings in the afternoon. The morning plenary was opened with the welcome remarks by Dr. Robert Matthews, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

Challenging the key routes that have already been taken to peace restoration, Professor Matthews pointed out that developments in the security sector and the economy are vital components to justice and reconciliation. Peace-making and nation building should not be a top-down process; rather they must be bottom-up initiatives. These same thoughts were shared by Professor Ian Spears from the Department of Political Science, Guelph University, as well. Constructing his presentation around a series of central issues in peace-making and peace-building, he posed several key questions to the audience to problematize the idea of “constructive paths to peace-making and peace-building”. He discussed the relevance of finding a “solution” to a problem that seemed indeterminable, and sought to question whether there were any absolute consensuses to moving forward. Further, Professor Spears also pondered the idea of succession as a route to managing political complexity and the imposition of Western agendas onto the humanitarian efforts. According to Professor Spears, before we can initiate any formal peace agreements, such questions must be thoroughly investigated. Critically assessing broadly held assumptions and unsupported or unexamined assertions is absolutely necessary if one is to advance true knowledge and understanding, especially, in the field of peace studies and the prevention of armed conflict and the use of other forms of extreme and intense violence.

Simultaneous discussions on peace agreements were also elaborated by Vladimir Zhagora, former Senior Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. While also being skeptical of peace agreements, Mr. Zhagora delivered a vivid description of the precise problems with each State, and also provided key routes for salvation for them too. For the North, Mr. Zhagora mentioned the need for a new political regime that removed themselves from old racist ideologies and also to embrace the differences of the people on the periphery. As for the South, Mr. Zhagora stressed the importance of redoubling efforts to help the IDPs while providing support to the newly formed South Sudanese government and paving the path for development. Concluding the morning plenary session, Mr. Zhagora pointed out that constructive solutions to peace-making must start by seeing the two Sudans as separate States,

hence, any solutions to the humanitarian crises must be planned separately according to their needs.

After a quick roundtable question and answer session followed by a health break, the second plenary session of the day began. Drawing attention to this session's theme, "Investing in Sustainable Developments and Livelihoods", this session was facilitated by Dr. Odwa Atari, Assistant Professor of Geography at Nipissing University, North Bay, Ontario. The presentations for this session were launched by Professor Fahimul Quadir, Associate Dean for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and with the Division of Social Science and Graduate Program in International Development Studies at York University.

Approaching the topic of sustainable living with an overview of its key components and core principles, Professor Quadir stressed the imperative function of investing in people for sustainable development as a means for peace-building. Not only does it bring together different aspects of people's lives and livelihoods into development planning, implementation, and evaluation, it further encourages people to develop a common framework by uniting all relevant sectors. The success of this framework is what drives many States to adopt these methods in state-building today. Dr. Quadir asserted that this approach can also benefit by the development for practical solutions to address the crippling problems confronting the two Sudans.

Mirroring Professor Quadir's proposition, this same train of thought was also discussed by Panther Kuol, a pension analyst for Morneau Shepell, Toronto, Canada, but, more importantly, who was one of the 'lost boys of Sudan'. Panther Kuol provided a vivid description of the pitfalls of post-colonial Africa. According to Mr. Kuol, who strongly believes that governments must lay the proper foundations for future prosperity, beginning with the youth of today, investment a tall grassroots levels, including education, gender equity, and civic education are needed to make a difference, as well as the facilitation of proper physical infrastructure. Mr. Kuol concluded by arguing that investment in the youth of today will ultimately result in national prosperity in the future.

By way of another roundtable question and answer session, the fourth plenary session had come to a successful end. Following the lunch break, all invited attendees had regrouped back in the Kaneff Tower for their final closed expert technical working group meetings based on the themes of the morning sessions.

With a focus on "Durable solutions for the displaced", the fourth technical working group consisted of Vladimir Zhagora and Hy Shelow, who came from the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to participate in our Symposium, and Professor Susan McGrath, resident CRS Scholar, as the facilitator. The fifth technical working group analyzed the topic of "Developing the Institutional Capacities of the Public

Sector”, and this group consisted of Hon. Buri M. Hamza, former Minister of the Environment and Member of Parliament of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Samer Abdelnour, PhD Candidate in Management at the London School of Economics and Politics, who participated via a Skype conference call, and Dr. Zeinab Bashir El Bakri, who served as the session facilitator. And, the last technical working group consisted of Professor Galya Ruffer, Director of the Centre for Forced Migration Studies, Northwestern University, and Dr. Peter Penz, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, who focused on “Sustainable livelihoods and community development”. While the discussions in these closed expert technical working groups are confidential, subsequent reports on these technical working group meetings can be found on the Sudan/South Sudan Symposium Daily Blog website, <http://soss.apps01.yorku.ca/daily-blog/>, and, in due course, on the Sudan/South Sudan Symposium main website, <http://www.yorku.ca/soss/index.html>.

Concluding the three day conference, the closing speech was given by the Symposium Chairperson, Dr. Ali B. Ali-Dinar, who did a remarkable job of highlighting the key outcomes of the Symposium and the most notable suggestions and recommendations put forward to try to address the most pressing security and humanitarian crises confronting the two Sudans. The Symposium Chairperson presented a most compelling and passionate call for the international community to not turn its back on the plight of the people of the two Sudans and called upon everyone to work to positive change for the benefit of all those who have suffered for far too long in the two Sudans.

The Sudan/South Sudan Symposium concluded on a high note with concrete plans for not only disseminating the outcomes of the deliberations at the Symposium, but, with further plans to continue to develop the new Sudan/South Sudan Symposium website and to build a network of all those persons who are interested in and/or are working on the issues confronting these two countries and within the broader Eastern Region of Africa. We welcome you to join us in building this new online network of researchers, policy makers, activists, humanitarian aid workers, students, public officials, and others who are dedicated to addressing the plight of the people who are living in the two Sudans.

Sub regional preparatory meeting of the Second Regional Humanitarian Conference of NGOs of the Americas

Toronto, Canada¹

(in collaboration with the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES))

Presentation

On Monday the 2nd of December 2013, civil society and academic organizations that study the issues of forced migration, refuge and asylum in Canada came together with the purpose of developing a diagnostic of the current human mobility situation. This diagnostic, similar to the one produced at the previous meeting in Washington, had the goal of providing information and material for the II Regional Humanitarian Conference (II CRH, for its initials in Spanish) that will be held in Colombia in July 2014.

The Conference provides continuity to the efforts that were consolidated in the decade of the 2000s by NGOs in the Americas to monitor and evaluate the achievements of the Cartagena Declaration and its broadened definition of refuge. These efforts also included the identification of new protection and assistance challenges in the framework of a changing scenario of legal frameworks, armed conflicts, generalized urban violence and joint economic and social policies in the region.

This second meeting is part of a democratic process of participation with a methodology consisting of focus groups and seminars in distinct regions of the continent including the United States and Canada, Central America, the Caribbean, the Southern Cone and the Andean region. A final document will be produced including the topics identified in each gathering, contributions from the participating organizations and suggestions for States, UNHCR and civil society. In the framework of the 30th Anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration, the document will act as a base to guide actions related to the agenda for refuge and forced migrations in the Americas during the following decade. The perspective that it aims to strengthen should take into account new challenges in the areas of protection and have the objective of meeting the needs of people in a human mobility situation that still haven't been satisfied.

The network of organizations that continues to be consolidated through the regional meetings mentioned aims to strengthen direct participation in the central event of the II CRH through close communication. This network also has the objective of developing joint advocacy actions in the resident countries of each institution.

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Introduction

The meeting in Canada, similar to the one held in the United States, had the objective to collect and systematize concerns in regarding the protection provided in the areas of refuge, forced migration, asylum and statelessness. These concerns were identified by civil society and academic organizations as part their work with the population in a human mobility situation.

It is necessary to take into account that while Canada, like the United States, is not a signatory to the Cartagena Declaration, its cities receive a high flow of migrants seeking refuge and asylum. For this reason, the recent legislative reforms in the area of migration in both countries have a high impact on Latin America and should be considered for the configuration of the migration agenda in the next few years. This means that the current discussions on legislative and public policy initiatives in North America should take into account pending protection standards, due process and principles of anti-discrimination. The regional impact of migratory reform in the United States and Canada imposes challenges for the raising of migration standards that oblige the region to operate in a manner that provides improved protection of the rights of people in a human mobility situation.

In this sense, another of the goals of the meetings in Washington and Toronto was to facilitate interaction between the civil society and academic networks in the USA and Canada and the Latin American networks, which allows for a coordinated tackling of the phenomenon based on both the expulsion and reception contexts.

The main points of discussion that arose during the meeting in Canada are presented below, as well as some conclusions to establish the beginning of the II CRH process, based on three specific objectives:

1. Propose a protection plan for the new agenda regarding forced migration in the Americas that includes historical problems and new challenges.
2. Analyze the impact of development policies and social consequences that have led to new forms of violence.
3. Participate as autonomous representatives civil society to commemorate 30 years since the Cartagena Declaration.

Canadian Migratory Reform

With the approval of *The Protecting Canada Immigration System Act (C 31)*, regressive changes have been introduced to the area of protection for the refugee population and those applying for refugee status.

The main change introduced by the migratory reform of 2012 was the classification of the countries of origin of applicants as safe countries or unsafe countries².

The Canadian government has stated that they spend too much time and resources on the analysis of applicants from people coming from countries that are classified as safe.

As a result of this, it has established a list of 27 countries (Designated Countries of Origin - DCOs) of which Canada considers that is unlikely that they will provide the criteria required for a person coming from that country as deserving of international protection.

According to the Canadian government, this will ensure that the people deserving of international protection receive unobstructed protection as the migration authorities won't spend an unnecessary amount of time on the analysis of those who present unfounded applications, e.g. those applicants that come from a DCO.

The applicants from countries included in the DCO list, as well as those that come from other countries, have the right to a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). However, it is expected that the hearings for applicants coming from a DCO are held between 30 and 45 days after they have filed their application³ to the IRB, compared to the usual waiting period of 60 days for applicants for refugee status that come from countries considered as unsafe.

Additionally, the applicants from the DCOs who are unsuccessful will not have access to the Refugee Appeal Division and will not be eligible to work in Canada during the processing of their application. This same group of applicants will also not have the possibility that the decision to deny their granting of refugee status is reviewed by a judicial authority.

² Find official information at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/reform-safe.asp>.

³ The Canadian government's agency responsible for receiving the refugee application is the *Citizenship and Immigration Agency*. Once the application has been received, it is sent to the office of the *Immigration and Refugee Board*, which is a semi-independent entity that decides whether or not to grant refugee status. If the application is denied, the migration authorities have to inform the *Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA)*, which is responsible for deporting those individuals that have had their applications denied.

Another of the limitations for applicants coming from countries included in the DCO list is their inability to access health services. They also don't have the possibility of accessing the services of a government-funded lawyer.

This situation has led to strong criticism from civil society organizations, based on the fact that there is no consensus regarding the classification of certain countries as safe (as in the case of Mexico) and that this represents a discriminatory criteria in the assessment of applications. In addition, the organizations that attended the meeting in Toronto stated that the prohibition of the right to appeal a decision, before either the administrative authority or through the legal system, violates the due process of applicants coming from DCO countries.

Similarly, Law C-31 considerably reduces the time available for preparing and processing an applicant's appeal (in those cases in which they are still allowed to). The reform is also unclear in defining how to implement preparation processes, how proof is collected to assess applications or how to access to legal representatives for those people that have been detained⁴.

Another of the points criticized in the reform is related to the elimination of medical and social benefits for those applying for refugee status⁵.

Criminalization of the Arrival to Canada for Migrants without Documentation and a New System of Penalties for those that Transport them

Despite the fact that the 1951 Refugee Convention prohibits the punishment of refugee applicants, with the current migration reforms it is now possible for the Canadian government to impose sanctions on those applying for refugee status that reached Canadian territory unlawfully.

These applicants are automatically detained once they enter Canada. Subsequently, when these applicants are recognized as refugees, they will not have the possibility of

⁴ The reform includes the possibility of holding people in detention centers due to their migration status. It also allows for the detention of migrant children and elderly persons for a period of more than a year while their criminal records are investigated.

⁵ The medical and social benefits for individuals applying for refugee status and seeking asylum are defined in the Balanced Refugee Reform Act.

accessing permanent residency for five years, they don't have the possibility of bringing their families to Canada and they will not be provided with travel documents⁶.

At the same time, the government has designed policies to prohibit and intercept boats and planes that are transporting those seeking refugee status with Canada as their destination. This policy is complemented by the system of penalties for individuals that transport people without visas to enter Canada or individuals that are previously aware of their intention to apply for refugee status.

The fine for airlines that transport a person applying for refugee status is \$3,200 Canadian dollars. In addition to the fine, the transport company responsible will be prosecuted for people trafficking and the extent of the fine will be in accordance with the number of refugee applicants that were transported⁷.

Implementation of the Assisted Voluntary Return And Reintegration Pilot Program

The civil society organizations attending the meeting stated that the migration authorities work in conjunction with the welfare system. For this reason, when an application for refugee status is denied, social services agencies are informed that these applicants are not to receive any more social services. At the same time, they are also denied the possibility of renewing their work permits.

This policy is designed so that, faced with imminent poverty, those that have had their applications denied are forced to return to their countries of origin. Programs such as the *Assisted Voluntary Return And Reintegration Pilot Program (AVRR)* have been designed to support this process.

AVRR is a pilot program that has been implemented in the province of Ontario since the 29th of June 2012 and the pilot will be completed on March 31st of 2015. This policy aims to provide economic assistance for those that have had their applications for refugee status denied so that they can voluntarily return to their countries of origin. The criteria to select the beneficiaries of the program have been defined by the *Canada Border Services Agency*.

⁶ All refugee applicants have their identity documents from their country of origin confiscated by the authorities (passport, identity cards, etc.) and they are provided with authenticated copies of these documents. It is only possible to travel to another country (this doesn't include their country of origin) with a travel document issued by the Canadian government.

⁷ The penalty for transporting 10 or more applicants for refugee status is life imprisonment for the person who transports them.

This process does not involve a voluntary return but more a forced return due to the restrictions placed on a failed applicants' access to means of survival. This situation, combined with the obstacles in appealing denials of their applications, constitutes one of the largest challenges for those that work to support those applying for refugee status in Canada.

Resettlement from outside of Canada

Resettlement is the term used by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to describe the legal process of bringing a refugee to Canada to live as a permanent resident⁸.

The Canadian migration reform has introduced drastic changes to the program.

Before the reform

The program had a global vision accompanied by humanitarian criteria for the selection of those who were chosen to enter Canada.

Refugees are chosen for resettlement from foreign countries under two systems:

- *Assistance from the government*
- *Private sponsorship:*

This scheme involves groups or companies that have signed an agreement with the Department of Citizen and Immigration Canada. This agreement commits these parties to provide funds and comply with determined obligations to sponsor refugees that arrive to Canada.

-Private sponsorship:

This is the most popular method for bringing people to Canada. Additionally, it aims to achieve the reunification of families under a wider

⁸ Official information regarding the Resettlement Program from Outside Canada in: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/>

concept of family than that used by the Canadian government⁹.

-G5:

This corresponds to five or more Canadian citizens or permanent residents that are older than 18 years of age sponsoring one or more refugees that are brought to Canada. Additionally, the group should be committed to helping the refugee(s) establish themselves in the area.

Behind the reform

The main reform of the resettlement program in Canada is related to the change of criteria for the selection of the beneficiary communities. As previously stated, the selection of beneficiary communities is based on global and humanitarian criteria¹⁰. The civil society organizations attending the meeting have had access to the internal memos that contributed to the configuration of the reform. They stated that the selection of the eligible communities by the Canadian government responds to the possibility of their easily integrating into Canadian society in economic terms¹¹.

In 2013 the number of refugees resettled in Canada was the lowest in 10 years¹². During the meeting it was also stated that the number of people brought to Canada through government channels is lower than the number beneficiaries that arrive through private agents. As a result, the responsibility for their successful resettlement is in the hands of civil society.

An additional method to select beneficiaries for the resettlement program was included, known as *Visa-Office Referred Sponsorships*.

Additionally, limitations were imposed on private sponsors in terms of the number of people that they could bring to Canada. In terms of the refugees that the G5 can sponsor, they should have been recognized by UNHCR, which represents a limitation in helping the people that require international protection but come from regions where UNHCR has not recognized refugees.

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Another of the concerns expressed by those attending the meeting is in the area of family reunification. In Canada there are no programs for group resettlement, which means that this is a challenge. On average, family reunification can take between 2 and 5 years, and in certain cases has taken up to 10 years, depending on the area that the beneficiary has come from. The applications for family reunification from people coming from Africa are usually those that take the longest amount of time.

Similarly, the concept of “dependents”¹³ has changed as a result of the reform. Previously, dependents were defined as those under the age of 19 and those young people aged between 19 and 22 that were studying and economically depend on the person that was in Canada. As of 2014, only those who are under the age of 18 are considered dependents. The civil society organizations stated that this change was introduced based on studies (with unknown methodologies) that indicated that dependents under the age of 18 demonstrated better economic integration than dependents between the ages of 19 and 22.

It is also important to highlight that since October 2012, sponsorship of spouses to be brought to Canada requires that they live together for at least two years after arriving, and if they do not, the sponsor (who is either a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident) can cancel the sponsorship without penalty and the sponsored person is supposed to be returned to his or her country of origin. This policy was made to cut down on the number of so-called immigration or "green card" marriages, except in two instances: 1. if one of the spouses dies; and 2. in the case of domestic violence, where the violence has to be documented by reports from a social worker or police officer. In case the marriage is proven fraudulent the consequences could be face prison or fines.

The criticism around this is that it puts the sponsored person at a high risk of exploitation and harm, since abuse is under-reported and not well documented at the best of times, and there would be pressure for that individual to stay in a harmful situation rather than be deported.

In terms of grandparents and parents, the family reunification for these relatives is currently closed. It will open again in February 2014 and the criteria that will be assessed will be the income of who sponsors them and their ability to pay the medical expenses of those that are being sponsored.

According to the organizations that attended the meeting, it is expected in 2014 that 70% of the beneficiaries will be selected using the criteria of economic integration and 30% using the criteria of family member (family class).

¹³People that can be the object of a family reunification.

There is an additional concern regarding the obligation of beneficiaries that travel to Canada under this program to submit to medical examinations. Currently, there is a contract with the International Migration Organization to carry out these exams, which will expire in March 2014. Given that this falls at the end of Canada's fiscal year it has not been possible to renew this contract. This situation will mean that refugees will have to pay for their own medical exams.

Finally when parents are deported and the children are Canadian citizens, parents can take the children with them to their countries of origin by paying for their children's tickets. If this is not possible, the *Canadian Border Services Agency* pays the total cost of the trip for Canadian children.

In terms of the detention of children, the number of children detained that is reported by government entities is not accurate, given that they are not taking into account Canadian minors that are children of foreign parents. When the parents are detained due to their migration status, their Canadian children have the possibility of living with their parents in these detention centers as "guests". As a result, they are not included in the official statistics of minors that are being detained. Another possibility during the period of detention is that the Canadian government assumes custody of the children.

New Forms of Displacement and the Influence of Extractive Economies

Canada is the country with the highest level of mining in the world. 37% of the global investment in mining is from Canadian companies. In Mexico alone 50% of the mining concessions have been granted to Canadian companies (Global Group, that has its head office in Vancouver, built a mine three kilometers from a nuclear power plant in Mexico). Similarly, 60% of the world's mining companies are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

During the event, the organizations that attended the meeting stated that the forced displacements caused as a result of extractive industries have not been widely documented¹⁴. The impunity of a large number of cases of human rights violations by Canadian companies that operate in Latin America is overwhelming.

The extensive number of displaced persons in Mexico due to the effects of drug

¹⁴ Among the organizations that have presented publications on this topic are: Mining Watch Canada and KAIROS Canada. Additionally, this issue has been mentioned in Nigel Bankes' blog (which can be consulted at: <http://ablawg.ca/>).

trafficking¹⁵ and extractive economies in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador has been increased by the work of Canadian Embassies lobbying for changes in local legislation in these countries.

Even when Canadian law states that legal representatives are responsible for the criminal acts of their companies, the legal processes in which they can be declared criminally responsible are expensive and complicated.

Another legal gap is the absence of an “Ombudsman’s Office” in Canada. This has meant that a large amount of the work in supervising the respect for and observance of human rights in the country has fallen to the civil society organizations.

For its part, the Canadian government has collaborated with the mining companies. Usually the Canadian Embassies help companies access land and advise them regarding their investments. The Canadian government has even advised companies on legal action taken against them in the receptor countries, which is aimed at stopping mining occurring there.

On the other hand, in the last few years efforts have been made to contain the damaging consequences of mining activities; one of the most significant was the “*Bill C 300*”¹⁶ legislation presented by John McKay, also known as the *Corporate Accountability of Mining, Oil and Gas Corporations in Developing Countries Act*.

The Act aimed to establish better environmental practices and guarantee the protection and promotion of international human rights laws by Canadian companies that engage in mining, petroleum and natural gas activities in developing countries. The reform was presented on February 9th of 2009 and retired on 26th of October 2010 after its third debate in Congress. It was noted that congressmen and women had been called by the mining companies and were advised that the change in legislation could have negative effects on the Canadian mining industry, even at a domestic level. There were no opportunities for NGOs to contribute to this debate.

Finally, those attending the meeting stated that a number of countries classified as *Designated Country of Origin* (DCO) correspond to countries that Canada has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with. This is the case with Mexico, which in 2013 was included in the list of safe countries, despite the fact that from 2009 onwards the Canadian government began to require Mexican citizens to apply for visas with the goal

¹⁵ There are strong links between the companies and drug trafficking cartels. The cartels have forced people to sell their land to mining companies through coercion and cases of disappearances have been registered.

¹⁶ Find the complete text of *Bill C 300* at:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=3658424&Language=e&Mode=1>

of reducing the number of asylum seekers from this country¹⁷. The previous Mexican government tried to stop mining activities in the country, however, concerns from civil society members and organizations have recently resurfaced due to the FTA with Canada encouraging further mining in the country.

Conclusions

1. In the framework of the preparation meetings realized for the II Regional Humanitarian Conference, it is critical that a multi-dimensional approach to forced migration is adopted based on the work carried out by civil society organizations. In this sense, the link between extractive economies, human mobility and the role of the Canadian government in providing adequate protection should be a priority in terms of the advocacy carried out by NGOs.
2. The main theme of the 30th Anniversary of the II Regional Humanitarian Conference is a focus on improved protection for migrants and refugees provided by States. As a result, the Regional Humanitarian Conference and the Global Forum on Migration can be articulated to consolidate political support from those attending the sub-regional preparation meetings. This support can be transferred to multilateral scenarios for use in international advocacy efforts.
3. It is necessary to bring the discussion on forced migration and refugees to the distinct spaces organized by the United Nations in order to provide democratic pressure so that they take action on the content mentioned in the meeting. It is important that a human rights approach takes precedence and these discussions do not just exclusively focus on interests related to economic growth.
4. There is a need to act as a continental network in relation to the topics covered in these meetings while adopting a process-based perspective. It is important that the Conference is used as a space to articulate research, points of view and global networks and to strengthen the work of organizations from the region with the Canadian organizations.
5. It is extremely important to request an official declaration from the Canadian government regarding the Colombian peace talks and refugees from this country in the framework of the current process that seeks to end the conflict that is occurring in the country.
6. There are similarities and differences between the USA and Canada, even though in both cases the protection provided for refugees is being suppressed as part of a global trend. This trend should be an important part of the discussion in the next

¹⁷According to Liette Gilbert “in July of 2009 the government led by Stephen Harper passed a law requiring that all Mexicans wanting to travel to Canada apply for a visa. The Canadian government legitimized this decision by highlighting the growing number of Mexicans seeking asylum in the country”. Additionally, it was noted that the members of the government did not just want to control the number of asylum applications, but they also sought to criminalize asylum seekers by using official rhetoric and discriminatory language. This political discourse requires the bilateral negotiation of a human rights crisis created by violence related to drug trafficking and corruption. Taken from:

<http://www.revistascisan.unam.mx/Norteamerica/pdfs/n15/NAM00800107.pdf>

meetings. It is important to enquire about the development agendas and economic perspectives that do not prioritize human rights. The Canadian government has demonstrated a trend of continuing to restrict the rights of refugees.

7. Participants at the meetings again highlighted their concerns that undocumented migrants can be victims of exploitative working conditions due to a lack of documentation and protection of migrants.
8. Dialogue between social movements and academic groups should be maintained and strengthened. The framework of the 30th Anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration represents an opportunity for dialogue and integration between the two groups.
9. The global division between North and South is becoming more and more an artificial category. A more appropriate perspective is one that observes problems as interconnected trends and the relationship between these trends should be the subject of further research.
10. The focal points to continue the II CRH process in Canada will be CCR and CCS.

The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980 and the Launch of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program Conference

Introduction

The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980 and the Launch of the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program Conference was very active between December 1st, 2013 and February 28, 2014. It held its Post-Conference Workshop, following its highly successful conference that was held November 21st to the 23rd at York University's Senate Chambers, that was held in the Junior Common Room, 014 McLaughlin College. During this period, it also continued to develop and build its web platform for a wide variety of activities including: the development of a comprehensive archive that would house a wide collection of materials on the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada. In early January 2014, we were advised that we were awarded a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Connections Grant for our Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement initiative to fund a number of knowledge mobilization activities that are entirely separate from the funding received by CIC to help to fund our main Conference and Pre and Post-Conference Workshops. This was an extremely busy period for the principal researchers involved in the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project but also very rewarding as well.

The conference was organized around a number of central themes and featured several keynote addresses as well as a book reading and discussion session from one of Canada's award winning young writers on a subject related directly to our *Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Conference* (short title). The conference also included the voices of the Indo-Chinese Refugees who were resettled in Canada, along with their children, along with the expert researchers and practitioners in this field. The conference also provided the impetus for launching an oral history project that conducted interviews with key informants throughout the Conference.

Immediately before our main conference, a Pre-Conference Workshop was held, November 20th, 2013, to discuss a number of issues and concerns respecting the Government of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program. This Workshop also allowed the key conference participants to prepare themselves for the conference deliberations in order to move toward the achievement of a consensus on a number of key issues of concern for Canada's Private Sponsorship Program; that is, how best to revitalize this program for the better protection of refugees. The Pre-Conference Workshop was intended to critically assess the Private Sponsorship Program and look toward how might be altered to increase the number of privately sponsored refugees to Canada.

The Pre-Conference Workshop

The Pre-Conference Workshop was chaired by Brian Dyck, Chair of the Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association, and included about thirty invitation only participants. The Workshop was focused on two central questions: Where are the holes in our knowledge of the history of the refugee resettlement program? What questions need to be considered and posed during the main conference over the course of the next three days?

The featured speakers for the Workshop sessions included: Derrick Deans, Refugee Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Michael Casasola, UNHCR Canada, Paulette Johnson, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, Tom Denton, Hospitality House, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rose Dekker, World Renew. Together these speakers raised numerous questions and issues with respect to the private sponsorship program in Canada. The Workshop provided a substantial opportunity to address the relevant issues confronting the sponsorship agreement holders as well. For further information about the Pre-Conference Workshop please see the website that was designed specifically for this workshop at <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/pre-conference-workshop/>. Please note that this website is still under construction.

The Main Conference: The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980

The main conference was held from November 21st to the 23rd in York University's Senate Chambers, N940 Ross Building. The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Conference was co-chaired by Mike Molloy, President of the CIHS and a Part-Time Faculty member at the University of Ottawa, and James C. Simeon, Associate Professor and Director of the SPPA, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University. There were over 100 participants in attendance from all fields and walks of life. The entire conference was video recorded. The video recorded portions of the conference will eventually be made available on the conference website that is found at <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/conference/>.

The first day of the conference dealt with becoming a refugee and the development of the Canada Private Sponsorship program. The day closed with a dinner and a keynote address from Udo Janz, Director of the UNHCR in New York, and someone with extensive work experience in South East Asia. The first day began with an "In Memoriam" video that is dedicated to all those who fled Indo-China but did not make it to one of the asylum countries and all those Canadians who played such an important role in bringing the refugees to Canada and making them feel so at home, despite the culture shock, but who are no longer with us.

The second day of the conference dealt with the pivotal role of the media in publicizing the resettlement of the Indo-Chinese refugees to Canada. It also featured the award winning writer, Dr. Vincent Lam, Surgeon, who was born in Canada to Indo-Chinese refugees who had come to Canada in the 1980s. His latest book, *The Headmaster's Wager*, is undoubtedly a very appropriate book for our conference and as Dr. Lam explained he considered this work to be his personal writing triumph. The keynote dinner speaker was Thanh Hai Ngo, Senator, Government of Canada. Senator Ngo gave a most interesting bilingual address outlining the Government's current policy with respect to the resettlement of refugees. During the question and answer segment of the programme he made a commitment to facilitate arranging a meeting with the Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to discuss the possibility of increasing the number of Syrian refugees who would be admitted to Canada.

The final day of the conference was on Saturday, November 23rd, and it concentrated on the Indo-Chinese refugees' settlement and integration in Canada. The conference ended on a very positive note with Naomi Alboim, Adjunct Professor and Chair of the School of Policy Studies' Policy Forum, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. She

gave a succinct summary of the conference's major concerns and, specifically, how the Government ought to proceed in its response to the current refugee crisis in Syria.

It will take a number of weeks before the conference report is issued and a set of recommendations on how best to move forward in revitalizing Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program and to the Syrian refugee crisis.

Web-Based Platform for the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project

The broader Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project is now well underway. There are presently three "live" active websites and three others in development. They include the following:

- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980 and the Launch of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program Pre-Conference Workshop, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/pre-conference-workshop/>
- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980 and the Launch of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program Conference, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/conference/>
- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and Canadian Sponsorship Blog, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/icrm-blog/2013/10/24/welcome/>

There are a number of websites that are still under development.

- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement 1975-1980 and the Launch of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program Post-Conference Workshop, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/post-conference-workshop/>
- Archives (includes the materials from the Oral History Project) <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/archives/>
- Multi-Media Website <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/multi-media/>
Main "HUB" site
- <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/>

In addition to these websites, we have several more on the planning stages and will be introduced after the Post-Conference Workshop. These include:

- The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Educational Website
- The Indo-Chinese Research Network

This will be nine different websites that will all be interlinked and made easily accessible through our central "hub" or "portal" that will allow the user easy navigation from one site to the next. The main principle underlying these websites' design is ease of navigation and access to the information that is located on these various sites. This interconnected platform also has the capacity to be expanded with additional websites added to it as required. We intend to launch the web platform more formally when all the websites are operational.

The Post-Conference Workshop

The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and Launch of the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program Post-Conference Workshop was an expert, invitation only, event of those persons who not only attended our Conference but have a deep knowledge of this Indo-

Chinese Refugee Movement to Canada, along with the representatives of the key stakeholders involved in the formulation of policy with respect to the private refugee sponsorship program in Canada. This Post-Conference Workshop attracted some 30 participants who were interested in considering and discussing a number of important topics that came out of our main Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop. One of the key areas of concern was how to energize and to mobilize Canadian society in favour of increasing the number of privately sponsored refugees to Canada. Further details and the program for our Post-Conference Workshop are found on our website at <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/post-conference-workshop/>.

The Post-Conference Workshop was co-chaired by Mike Molloy, President of the Canadian Immigration Historical Society, and Dr. James C. Simeon, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University. It featured presentations from Adjunct Professor Naomi Alboim, Queen's University, and Professor Emeritus Howard Adelman, Founding Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies and CRS Scholar, York University, who led a discussion on the lessons that were learned from the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Brian Dyck, Coordinator, of the Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association, Central Mennonite Committee, and Paulette Johnson, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, Archdiocese of Edmonton, examined the future of Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program. The Workshop came together to consider a number of proposals for how best to move forward in light of the lessons learned from the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and the present challenges of the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program, the current global refugee crisis, and the prospects for galvanizing support within Canadian society not only to sponsor more refugees from war zones to Canada but to try to influence positive changes to government policies towards the reception and resettlement of more refugees in Canada.

The central focus of the Post-Conference Workshop was a paper prepared by Naomi Alboim and Howard Adelman, titled, *A Proposed Revised Refugee Resettlement Policy for a New Age*. (Please see the following web link, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/post-conference-workshop/resources/>.) One of the major outcomes of the Post-Conference Workshop was to take this draft position paper and refine it further before sharing it with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Chris Alexander. It was also agreed that Naomi Alboim, Howard Adelman and Mike Molloy would present this position paper to CIC officials in Ottawa and to various NGO and academic conferences in the coming weeks.

A number of other initiatives took shape at the Post-Conference Workshop. For instance, it was agreed that we should proceed to develop a capacity to undertake oral history projects at the CRS and/or York University and to continue to build the collection of interviews that were conducted with former key civil servants and former Indo-Chinese refugees who had resettled in Canada but also for other refugee movements that have resettled and made their homes in Canada. To this end, it was agreed that we would be holding a workshop or symposium with a number of other centres and organizations across Canada not only to engage in our oral history project on behalf of the Indo-Chinese refugees who arrived in Canada under the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program in the late 1970s or early 1980s, but to get their advice and

assistance and to draw on their expertise on how best to structure and to develop a oral history platform and archives designated specifically for this purpose.

It was also agreed that we would be moving forward with our plans for a number of publications stemming from the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and the Launch of Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program main Conference and the Pre and Post-Conference Workshops. The two main publication projects under consideration are an edited collection of academic articles on the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada and a special edited volume of *Refuge: Canada's Periodical on Refugees*. A number of the Post-Conference Workshop participants were interested in these publication ventures.

The Continued Development of the Web-Based Platform for our Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project

During this quarterly reporting period there were a number of ongoing developments with our web-based platform for our Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project. The web-based platform continues to take shape. Over this reporting period, we have created a number of new websites such as central main site or "hub" where one could gain access to some nine different websites, <http://indochinese.apps01.yorku.ca/>. Four new sites, at various stages of development, were added to the web platform. The site that has had the most attention has been the Archives. The Archives website will likely constitute the central repository of the web platform and will service all the other websites as well as the general public. The development of our Archives website will require a further infusion of funding to meet the standards of a modern online digital repository and the needs of the researchers, writers, and the public at large. In order to get this process underway, we initiated contacts with the York University Libraries to discuss how best to go about adding content to the current Archives website but also how to put together a major funding application to ensure that sufficient funds can be raised to build and to sustain the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada Archives.

The plans currently in train are to have a major funding application ready to be sent to prospective donors over the next few months. We have been exploring various options for what ought to be included in the Archives and how best they could be maintained and sustained.

SSHRC Connections Grant Awarded to the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project

In early January, we received very good news from the SSHRC had awarded us a grant of some \$37,000 for mobilizing knowledge around the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project. This funding was obtained by leveraging the funds received by CIC for holding the main Conference and the Pre and Post-Conference events and related activities. The funds awarded by SSHRC will be used to fund three or more major activities: a docudrama based on the life experiences of one of the Indo-Chinese refugees who escaped their country and made their way to Canada; a subvention to *Refuge* for the publication of a Special 25th Anniversary Issue of the CRS and the continued advancement of refugee rights; and, the balance of funds would be ear marked for use in the development of an educational website for both instructors and students who are interested in learning more about the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada. Various meetings have been held to discuss how best to realize these three major

initiatives with the SSHRC funds. Professor Emeritus Howard Adelman is taking charge of the docudrama and is working on obtaining additional funds to realize this project. It has been noted that in order to make a quality video it would cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The monies that have been provided for the production of a docudrama will be used to leverage further funding support to for this project.

The special issue of *Refuge* is still being developed and considered by the proposed guest editors, Mike Molloy and Professor James C. Simeon. And, the educational website for instructors and students interested in learning more about the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement is also underway. The plans here are to hire a doctoral student in the Faculty of Education at York University to try to address the obstacles to teaching and to learning about the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada. University Professor Don Diplo has kindly agreed to serve as a consultant on this particular project.

Conclusions

The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project over the period December 1st, 2013 to February 28th, 2014, was engaged in a number of very important activities. The principal activities over this period were: holding our Post-Conference Workshop on Friday, January 24th; the continued development of our web based platform for our Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement Project; and, leveraging the funds received from CIC to apply and to obtain additional funding for new knowledge mobilization activities following the success of our main Conference and Pre and Post-Conference Workshops.

A wide and diverse range of activities are currently underway and gaining momentum. These include a major policy initiative that is being led by Naomi Alboim and Howard Adelman with the able assistance of Mike Molloy; the development of a oral history capacity at York University and, to this purpose, holding a workshop or symposium to examine and to discuss how this could best be achieved; the publication of an academic and scholarly edited collection based on the main Conference; the further development of our Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement in Canada web platform that will be centered on the creation of a major set of digital Archives for the vast holdings of the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement; and, the use of our SSHRC awarded funds for the purposes of producing a docudrama; a 25th Anniversary Issue of *Refuge* that would be focused, in part, on how the Centre for Refugee Studies was established and how it has remained at the forefront of knowledge and research in the field of refugee issues; the use of a small amount of remaining funds for the creation of a practical, yet important, educational website that would concentrate helping instructors and students overcome the barriers to teaching and to learning regarding the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement. This wide and diverse range of activities will pre-occupy of the principal researchers, practitioners, and organizers affiliated with this initiative for months to come.

**CENTRE FOR REFUGEE STUDIES****CRS 2013-2014 SEMINAR SERIES****FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE**

ALL SEMINARS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

FALL: TUESDAYS, 2:30PM-4:00PM

WINTER: WEDNESDAYS, 11:30AM-1:00PM

*** LOCATION OF SEMINARS VARIES ***

All events listed below are open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“Impacts of Recent Refugee Reform in Canada: What You Need To Know”

Moderator:

Jennifer Hyndman, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies

Panelists:

Sean Rehaag, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Carole Simone Dahan, Director, Refugee Law Office

Member, Immigration and Refugee Board (TBA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“Pain, Pride and Politics: Post-War Activism and the Tamil Diaspora in Canada”

Moderator:

RanuBasu, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, York University

Speaker:

Amar Amarasingman, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Refugee Studies

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

LOCATION: 626 Kaneff Tower, York University

“European Perspectives on Humanitarianism and Asylum”

Moderator:

Jennifer Hyndman, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies

Panelists:

Chiara Gius, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Refugee Studies

Clemens Bernardt, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Refugee Studies

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“Representing Roma: Critical Perspectives from Canada and Europe”

Moderator:

Gerald Kernerman, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, York University

Panelists:

Gina Csanyi-Robah, Executive Director, Roma Community Centre

Natasha Beranek, Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Centre for Refugee Studies

Paul St-Clair, CultureLink / Roma Community Centre

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

6th Annual Howard Adelman Lecture at CRS

LOCATION: Room 280N, York Lanes, York University

TIME: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

“One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Ezokola and the State of Exclusions in Canadian Refugee Law”

SPEAKER

Catherine Dauvergne, Trudeau Fellow, Professor of Law at University of British Columbia (UBC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“The Defector - Escape from North Korea”

Moderator:

Ali Kazimi, Associate Professor, Department of Film, York University

‘The Defector - Escape from North Korea’(2012), followed by Q&A with Director, **Ann Shin**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

CRS 25TH Year Anniversary Celebration

LOCATION: Room 519, Kaneff Tower, York University

TIME: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

“Problematizing International Discourses on Displacement and Sexual Violence in Central Africa”

SPEAKER

Dr. Patricia Daley, Oxford University, UK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013

A Graduate Student Round Table Conversation

LOCATION: Room 138, FES Building (beside Osgoode Law School), York University

TIME: 12:00 – 1: 00pm

‘Refugees, IDPs and Citizenship Rights: The Perils of Humanitarianism in the African Great Lakes Region’

SPEAKER

Dr. Patricia Daley, Oxford University, UK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

LOCATION: 280N York Lanes, York University

“Theorizing Immobility: The Uneven Distribution of the Capacity to Adapt to Crisis Situations”

Moderator: **Jennifer Hyndman**, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

Speaker: **Michael Collyer**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Sussex

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“The City of No Return? Apartheid Displacements and Post-apartheid Claims in Cape Town”

Moderator: **Jennifer Hyndman**, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

Speaker: **Myriam Houssay-Holzschuch**, Professor of Geography at the University of Grenoble-Alpes/ Fellow, Institut Universitaire de France

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

LOCATION: 626 Kaneff Tower, York University

“Stateless Citizenship: The Palestinian-Arab Citizens of Israel”

Moderator: **Jennifer Hyndman**, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

Speaker: **Shourideh Molavi**, PhD Candidate, Political Science, York University

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“Border Controls and Access to Asylum in North America and Europe”

Moderator: **Johanna Reynolds**, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, York University

Speaker: **Idil Atak**, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Ryerson University

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 CO-SPONSORED EVENT WITH REFUGEE LAW INITIATIVE

LOCATION: Stedman Lecture Hall 120E, York University

**Centre for Refugee Studies (Toronto) – Refugee Law Initiative (London, UK)
Special Joint Seminar on Armed Conflict, Generalized Violence and Asylum Law
“The ‘War Refugee’ and International Law: New Global Approaches”**

Convenor:

James Simeon, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

Panelists:

Jean-Francois Durieux, Professor, International Law, Oxford University (retired)

Kees Wouters, Senior refugee law advisor, Division of International Protection of UNHCR, Geneva

Joseph Rikhof, Senior Counsel, Manager of the Law, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section of the Department of Justice, Government of Canada.

THURSDAY MARCH 27 CO-SPONSORED EVENT WITH CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH

LOCATION: 519 Kaneff Tower, York University

“The Inhabitation of Loss in Sri Lanka and Guatemala: A Transnational Feminist Dialogue on Memorialization”

Moderator: **Ena Dua**, Director, Centre for Feminist Research, York University

Panelists:

Alison Crosby, Associate Professor, School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, York University

Malathi de Alwis, Independent Scholar, Open University, Colombo, Sri Lanka

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

LOCATION: 626 Kaneff Tower, York University

"Celebrities: Humanitarians or Ideologues?"

Moderator: **Jennifer Hyndman**, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

Speaker: **Ilan Kapoor**, Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

Co-Sponsored Events

NOVEMBER 7, 2013 (co-sponsored with Cinema and Media Studies, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), Anthropology Department (LA&PS), York Institute for Health Research)

"Narratives on Ability"

Gerardine Wurzburg, an Academy Award winning documentary producer with an Honorary Doctorate from Syracuse University

APRIL 4, 2014 (co-sponsored with McLaughlin College)

Refugee Rights Day, "Acknowledging and Advancing Refugee Rights in Canada – April 4th,

Panelists: **Barbara Jackman**, Jackman, Nazami and Associates;

Loly Rico, President – Canadian Council of Refugees, Co-Director – FCJ Refugee Centre;

Ken Sandhu, Interim Chairperson – Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada; Panel Moderator: **James C. Simeon**, Director – SPPA

APRIL 30, 2014 (co-sponsored with McLaughlin College)

Special International Joint Public Seminar: Armed Conflict, Generalized Violence, and Asylum Law, "Regional Perspectives on the Consequences of Displacement: War, Generalized Violence, and Refugee Protection"

Dawn Chatty, Department of International Development, University of Oxford;

Susan Akram, Clinical Professor of Law, School of Law, Director, International Human Rights Clinic, Boston University;

David James Cantor, Director, Refugee Law Initiative (RLI), School of Advanced Study, University of London;

Ahmed Arbee, Head, Africa Chapter (South), International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ);

Justice Isaac Lenaola, Justice, High Court of Kenya, Nairobi, and the United Nations Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone; Moderator:

James C. Simeon, Associate Professor and Director, School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University

Migration Matters



*** LOCATION OF SEMINARS VARIES ***

JANUARY 22, 2014

Kickoff Event: *Migration at the margins: Work, profit, or nation-building?*

Leah Vosko, Department of Political Science; Canada Research Chair, Feminist Political Economy;

Luin Goldring, Department of Sociology;

Andrew Crane, Schulich School of Business; Director, Centre of Excellence in Responsible Business

JANUARY 29, 2014

“When the Escalator Gets Stuck: Intergenerational Social Mobility in Canada's Filipino Community”

Moderator: **Jennifer Hyndman**, Director of Centre for Refugee Studies; Departments of Geography and Social Science);

Philip Kelly, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Director, YCAR

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Roundtable: *“Beyond identity and integration? Defining citizenship in a transnational age,”* Moderator: **Luann Good Gingrich**, School of Social Work; Migration Matters Coordinator; Panelists:

Secil Erdogan, Department of Sociology;

Aitana Guia, Department of History;

Daphne Winland, Department of Anthropology

MARCH 13, 2014

“Labour Migration, ‘Unfree Labour’, and Resistance,”

Aziz Choudry, McGill University;

Adrian Smith, Carleton University;

Fay Faraday, the incoming Packer Chair in Social Justice at York (co-sponsored with the Global Labour Research Centre, York University)

MARCH 20, 2014

“Translating Culture,”

Moderator: **Christina Clark-Kazak**, International Studies/Professeure agrégée, Études Internationales, Glendon College;

Panelists: **Aurelia Klimkiewicz**, Translation & Interpretation, Glendon;

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Humanities, Keele;

Roberto Perin, History, Glendon

MARCH 28, 2014

“Borderlands, Transatlantic Diasporas, and Transpacific Networks: The Spatial Turn in Migration History,”

William Jenkins, Departments of History and Geography, York University;

Laura Madokoro, McGill University;

Benjamin Bryce, University of Toronto (co-sponsored with the Department of History)

APRIL 22, 2014

“Arts-Based Methodologies in Migration Research”,

Moderator: **Luann Good Gingrich**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work & Coordinator, Migration Matters,

Magdalena Kazubowski-Houston, Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre;

Modesto Amegago, Assistant Professor, Department of Dance;

Deborah Barndt, Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies

Andrew Forbes Resource Centre

The Andrew Forbes Resource Centre, located on the 6th floor of the Kaneff Tower, has seen increased activity over the last year. Housing CRS' vast collection of key books, articles and grey material, this past year two new collections were donated to the centre by founding Director Howard Adelman and former Director Susan McGrath. They contain important and unique archival materials on refugee issues that are in the process of being catalogued and digitized. The Centre also saw a substantial improvement in students and researchers using the space. Over 100 individuals have accessed the collection in the past year. The entire collection is almost completely re-catalogued and made compatible with Scott Library's system. The Resource Centre

Coordinator, Dr. Faida Abu-Ghazeleh, has been a very important member of the CRS staff, and the substantial amount of work that has been completed is due entirely to her perseverance and dedication.

With consultation and direction from the CRS Coordinator, Prof. Jennifer Hyndan, and under the leadership of Resource Centre Coordinator Dr. Abu-Ghazeleh, the Resource Centre team worked hard to reorganize boxed collections of books, documents, journals and research papers into an easily accessible and busy library. All existing materials were re-catalogued and updated on the RefWorks cataloging system. Call numbers were categorized and the physical collection was shelved. The new cataloguing system was developed to improve efficiency in locating and utilizing reference services for local and international scholars, students and researchers in the field of refugee studies.

Achievements

Over the last 4 years, Resource Centre Coordinator Dr. Abu-Ghazeleh has supervised a project which aimed to digitize, update and reorganize the collection. This project involved hundreds of new books, articles, journals, VCRs, CDs, DVDs, government resources and archival documents.

Over the last year, the coordinator has made an effort to create an inviting and intellectually stimulating environment for academics, graduate and undergraduate students and visiting scholars. As a result, the Andrew Forbes Resource Centre has developed into a friendly and supportive academic environment. Over the last year, the Centre has had more than 100 people sign-in and use the space

Volunteer and work studies students

The Resource Centre has two work study students working on two different projects. One student is currently working on a scanning project which creates an online archive for newspapers articles related to refugees and/or immigration internationally. Another student is working on scanning various materials for the Indochinese project.

Over the last year there have been 5 student volunteers each working on small projects including data entry, scanning and shelving.

Completed Projects for the 2013/2014 year

All VHS cassettes and DVDs have been cataloged, entered in RefWorks, assigned an abstract, assigned call numbers, labeled and shelved.

Paper files have been organized thematically, re-catalogued, granted new call numbers and entered in Refworks.

Academic articles have been organized thematically, granted an acquisition number and entered into Refworks.

Various journal, newsletter and article collections have been re-organized.

All PhD and MA theses have been cataloged and entered in RefWorks.

Projects in progress for the 2014/2015 year

Cataloging new books and updating them RefWorks.

CRS storage boxes are being examined; materials before 2007 are being purged and materials before this date are being kept for storage.

Work is continuing on the IRB case archive.

The Howard Adelman Collection

In November 2013 the Centre received 5 large boxes from CRS founding Director Dr. Howard Adelman. The boxes contained a number of archival resources about refugees. The coordinator is currently working on organizing and scanning materials related to Palestinian refugees written by Howard Adelman so that the material can be digitalized on the CRS website. The files currently being worked on include articles in the UNRWA Archive, articles specifically written on Palestinian and other refugee groups and 47 PDF articles stored and retrieved from a CD in the collection. Thus far 24 articles have been scanned to PDF. A total of 63 books were donated by Dr. Howard Adelman and are currently being catalogued.

Other activities

45 books were put on reservation from Dr. Luann Good Gingrich

A collection of books, journals, and newsletters were donated by former Director Dr. Susan McGrath and are in need of cataloguing

2 boxes of books were sent to Brazil as a donation to Dr. Andrea Pacheco Pacifico

Media Engagement

Tamil Vision International (Ontario TV cable channel); J. Hyndman and recent grad student, Petra Molnar Diop, discussed the implications of the new refugee adjudication system for 30 minutes on *Crossroads*, a weekly news program.

CBC Ideas – faculty was interviewed for a documentary, *Conflicted Cities*

<http://www.cbc.ca/ideas/episodes/2014/03/20/conflicted-cities/>

Globe and Mail- contributed to article on Typhoon Haiyan

Toronto Star (online/print editions) – contributed to two articles on Typhoon Haiyan

CERIS

Summary of Activities, 2013-2014

By
Adnan Türegün, Director
May 1, 2014

CERIS has completed the first year of activities under its two-year Hosting Agreement with York University. During the year, CERIS was involved in both reorganization and fulfillment of its renewed mandate to bridge migration research, policy, and practice.

The CERIS Management Board hired a new Director in September 2013. Following the hiring, the Management Board renewed the terms of reference for its members and its co-chairs, recruited new members, and revised CERIS affiliation policy. This was followed by the hiring of a part-time Coordinator and a full-time Knowledge Exchange Officer for the organization. Rebranding of CERIS communication and dissemination outlets has also been planned.

In line with its renewed mandate, CERIS carried out three main types of substantive activities during the year:

1) Research

With a view to sustaining itself in the long term, CERIS spearheaded a Letter of Intent (LOI) application to SSHRC for a Partnership Grant. York University is the applicant (host institution) and Dr. Valerie Preston the Principal Investigator for the LOI, which asks for \$19,996.20 to develop a full funding proposal in the amount of \$2,499,621. Titled “Migration and Resilience in Canadian Cities: Confronting Risks and Building Capacity,” the LOI involves 17 partners and 53 participants from research, policy, and service communities in Ontario and Quebec.

2) Research Synthesis

Via York University, CERIS concluded a Contribution Agreement with the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, which is valued at \$136,647. Titled “Synthesizing Knowledge on Five Themes of Canadian Immigration,” the project has produced five comprehensive research syntheses in the areas of settlement and integration, foreign credential recognition, citizenship, multiculturalism, and refugees. The project involved lead researchers and research assistants from six Ontario universities, including York University.

3) Knowledge Mobilization

- a) **Seminars and Panel Discussions:** From September 2013 to April 2014, CERIS organized six seminars and panel discussions bringing together representatives from research, policy, and service communities to discuss topical issues in migration and settlement.
- b) **Publishing:** In addition to its online publishing, CERIS sponsored a book titled *Immigrant Integration: Research Implications for Future Policy* drawing on the 2012 Metropolis conference in Toronto.

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Publications and Conference Presentations of Core CRS Affiliated Scholars

Resident Scholars

Wenona Giles

Significant Achievement in 2013-14

2013 Recognition of 2012-13 Research Leaders, York University

Scholarly Books

Romero, Mary; Valerie Preston and Wenona Giles. 2014. *When Care Work Goes Global: Locating the Social Relations of Domestic Work*. UK: Ashgate Publishing.

Peer Reviewed Chapters in Books

Giles, W. 2013. "Women Forced to Flee: Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons" Carol Cohn (Eds), *Women and Wars*. Cambridge UK: Polity Press.

Contributed Presentations (peer reviewed)

"*Permanent Temporariness: Livelihood, Insecurity and Other Consequences for Afghans in Iran*". Conference on *Migration and Displacement in and from Afghanistan*. Sept 20-21, 2013. Department of Social Anthropology and Forum for Asian Studies. Stockholm University, Sweden.

Conferences organized

Co-organizer of Annual Workshop for BHER international partners. June, 2014.

Research Funding

External Funding

2013-18 Principal Investigator. "Building primary/secondary teaching capabilities in the Dadaab refugee camps and locally in Dadaab, Kenya by increasing access to higher education". \$4.5M funding for 5 year project. Canadian International Development Agency. Project is co-led with Prof Don Dippo and Dr. Aida Orgocka. See website: <http://crs.yorku.ca/bher>

Wenona Giles – cont.

Research Centre Level Committees

Director, Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project; Chair BHER

Partnership Committee (6 international Partners); Member of other BHER Committees: Gender and Equity, Student Mentorship, Research and Knowledge Mobilization; Engagement in & supervisory involvement of all hires (including 4 York-based staff, 3 Kenyan based staff, 4-5 research assistantships). Oversight on hiring and management of 3 Kenyan based staff, fundraising, further development of partnership.

Luann Good Gingrich

Co-editor of special issue.

Good Gingrich, L. & Köngeter, S. (2013). Guest Editors of the Focused Topic “Transnational Social Policy: Families and Care”. *Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal*, 3(2).

Invited workshop presentation.

“*Managing paradox at home and abroad: Social welfare and the trans/nation state global/local market merger.*” International workshop on Translating Welfare and Migration Policies in Canada and Germany. Frankfurt, Germany. October 2013.

Invited lecture.

“*Ontological and epistemological issues in the empirical study of social inclusion in a 'world on the move'.*” Invited lecture for Research Training Group, University of Hildesheim, Hildesheim, Germany. October 2013.

Coordinator of *Migration Matters*, York University

Conference Paper Presentation (Peer Reviewed)

“*Exploring economic exclusion trajectories of visible minorities and immigrants in Canada: A Multilevel Model using the 2005-2010 Panel of the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics.*” With Lightman, N. Canadian Research Data Centre Network Conference, Waterloo, Ontario. October 2013.

Jennifer Hyndman

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

Invitation to Bergen to workshop a project on forced migration with a dozen research and centre directors in the field.

Hyndman, J., S D'Addario, and M.R. Stevens. (2014). "Refugee Research Synthesis, 2009 – 2013", is a research report commissioned by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) through CERIS at York (not publishable at this stage, but is an incisive analysis of the state of Canada's refugee resettlement and integration outcomes, representing over 100 hours of work.)

Refereed Journal Articles

Brunner, L. R., J. Hyndman, and A. Mountz. 2014. "Waiting for a Wife: Transnational Marriages and the Social Integration of Refugee", *Refuge*

Hyndman, J. 2013. "A Refugee Camp Conundrum: Geopolitics, Liberal Democracy, and Protracted Refugee Situations", *Refuge* 28 (2): 7-15.

Chapters in Books

Hyndman, J. "No More Tears Sister': Feminist Politics in Sri Lanka," in *Unravelling Marginalisation, Voicing Change: Alternative Visions and Paths of Development*, M. Jones, P. Blaikie & C. Brun (eds). Farnham/Burlington: Ashgate, pp. 155-167.

Hyndman, J. "Human Security in the Face of Dual Disasters", submitted for United Nations University volume on *Human Security and Disasters*.

Hyndman, J. "Intersecting Disasters: Eschewing Models, Embracing Geopolitics," chapter accepted for M. Acuto (ed.) *Negotiating Relief: the dialectics of humanitarian space*, London: Hurst & Co. and New York: Columbia University Press (forthcoming).

Editorials, and Media Commentaries

Santur, H. G. 2014. "Conflicted Cities" documentary on CBC *Ideas* (Hyndman featured) Debut on March 20 at <http://www.cbc.ca/ideas/episodes/2014/03/20/conflicted-cities/>

Jennifer Hyndman – cont.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

“Humaniterrorism? When Aid to Refugees Meets the ‘War on Terror’”, paper at International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27, 2014.

“The Perils of Refugee Camping: Scales of Security Beyond the State”, paper at International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27, 2014.

“Humaniterrorism? Proxy Wars and Economies of Death in Refugee Camps,” paper at Annual Meeting of the AAG, Tampa, April 12, 2014.

“Counterinsurgency Meets Extended Exile in Kenya: The Place of Humanitarianism” paper at International Association for Studies in Forced Migration, Bogota, July 2014.

“Dual Disasters: the Intersection of Conflict & the 2004 Tsunami in Sri Lanka & Indonesia,” invited talk at Institute for Asian Research, UBC, Vancouver, Sept. 21, 2013.

“To Move or Not To Move: Im/mobility in Sri Lanka’s War Without Sound”, invited presentation at Mobilities: Immobilities Workshop, CMI Bergen, September 6-7, 2013.

“What It Means to Stay Home During Conflict: The Case of Sri Lankan Tamils,” paper at the 4th International Emotional Geographies Conference, Groningen, July 1-3, 2013.

“Understanding Nationalisms in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka: Touring ‘Terrorism’ and Seeing What the ‘Bad Guys’ Did”, invited seminar to Political Geography Group at University of Zurich, Zurich, June 20, 2013.

Susan McGrath

Significant Achievement in 2013-14

Nominated by LA&PS and York University for a SSHRC Impact Award.

Refereed Journal Articles

Moffatt, K., M. Carranza, B. Lee, S. McGrath & U. George. (2013). Collective Trauma as a Personal/Social Concern for Persons within Marginalized Communities. *The International Journal of Community Diversity*, 12(4):61-80.

McGrath, S. & I. McGrath. (2013). Funding Matters: The Maze of Settlement funding in Canada and the Impact on Refugee Services. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*, 22(1):1-20.

Conference presentations

McGrath, S., D. Han, S. Htoo, M. Hynie & D. MacLaren. (2013). *The Karen Settlement Experience in Australia*. Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement, Toronto, Canada, May 15-17.

McGrath, S., Susan Martin, Roberto Vidal, Loren Landau & Galya Ruffer. (2013). *Mobilizing Knowledge Globally: Perspectives of the Refugee Research Network*. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Kolkata India, January 8, 2013.

Invited Presentations

McGrath, S. *Welcoming the 'Good' Refugee: Australia and Canada's Response to the Karen*. Australian Catholic University Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow Presentation, Sydney, Australia, May 8, 2013.

Susan McGrath – cont.

Research Funding

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Partnership Development Grant, 2013-15. (\$200,000). *Synthesizing Indigenous and International Social Work Theory and Practice in Rwanda*. Applicant: S. McGrath, co-applicants: S. Dudziak, J. Hahirwah, M. Hynie, R. King, C. Kalinganire & C. Rutikanga.

This project is documenting the community-based practice of social work in post-genocide Rwanda and synthesizing those findings with what is considered to be international social work theory and practice

National Science Foundation, 2013-2014. (90,000). *Forecasting the Break: Building Community and Capacity for Large-Scale, Data-Intensive Research in Forced Migration Studies*. Applicants: S. Martin & J. Collman, co-applicants: S. Berkowitz, L. Singh & S. McGrath.

Georgetown University has assembled a multidisciplinary community of scholars and practitioners to create a pilot of a large-scale, data intensive early warning system for detecting forced population displacement

Grand Challenges Canada Mental Health Grant, 2013-15.(\$250,000). *A community-based mental health intervention for maternal mental health in Rwanda*. Applicant: M. Hynie, co-applicants: Y. Bohr, S. McGrath, Benoit Umubyeyi, Marie Claire GASANGANWA, Regine King.

This project is testing a community-based intervention strategy to demonstrate the impact of social support strategies on the well-being of new mothers in Rwanda

A comparative research study of the settlement experiences of Karen refugees in Canada and Australia is being funded by a 2012 YUFA Leave Fellowship Award (value of \$12,500) and the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at Australian Catholic University (ACU) (value of \$10,000). Team members include Duncan MacLaren of ACU and Michaela Hynie, Ei Phyu Han and Sheila Htoo of York University.

Non-Resident Scholars

Ranu Basu

Guest Edited Journals

McCreary, T., **Basu, R.** and Anne Godlewska (ed) (2013) Special Issue: *Critical Geographies of Education: Subalterity in the Neoliberal Moment* for the *Canadian Geographer*, Volume 57 (3).

Rahder, B., **Basu, R.**, Gilbert, L., McGrath, S., Wood, P. (2013) Special Issue: *Diversity and Public Space* for the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*, Volume 22, Issue 1.

Refereed journal articles

Basu, R. (2013). Multiplying Spaces of Subalterity in Education: From Ideological Realms to Strategizing Outcomes in *Canadian Geographer*, Volume 57 (3).

Basu, R. (2013). In Search of *Nimmathi* for Social Sustainability? Imagining, Building and Negotiating Spaces of Peace in Toronto's Diverse Neighbourhoods in *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. Special Issue in Diversity, Volume 21, Issue 1.

Edited book chapters

Murnaghan, A. and **Basu, R.** (2013). "Playfully Negotiating Publics: Children, Space and Activism in the City" in Dutt, Ashok K., Allen G. Noble, Frank G. Costa, Rajiv R. Thakur and Surya Kant (eds) *Spatial Diversity and Dynamics in Resources and Urban Development* (Urban Development - Volume II), Netherlands: Springer

Other: Commissioned Reports

Basu, R. with Kate O'Connor, Rob Fiedler, Connie Ko, Nate Prier. (2013). *Integrative Multiplicity through Suburban Realities: Exploring Diversity through Public Spaces in Scarborough*. Report to CERIS – Ontario Metropolis.

http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Final_Report_Basu.pdf

http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Basu_Research_Summary.pdf

Ranu Basu – cont.

Conference Presentations *Suburban Renewal, Freedom and Transgression: Subaltern Perspectives*, Suburban Revolution Conference, York University, September, 2013.

Discussant: *Empire, City, Nature, IGK 2013*. Session: *Colonization and Space: On the Politics of Gentrification, Segregation and Pacification*. May, 2013, York University.

Refugee Settlement Keynote Panel: *Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement Conference. (RCIS) May 2013*.

Nergis Canefe

(Dr. Canefe was on medical leave from September 2013 to March 2014)

Book Manuscripts

Canefe, Nergis. (2013). *Transitional Justice and Civil Disobedience* (in print with Bilgi University, Human Rights Law Series, Istanbul, Turkey)

Canefe, Nergis. (2013). *The Jewish Diaspora as a paradigm: politics, religion and Belonging*. Edited volume (in print with Libra Press – Jewish Studies Series)

Canefe, Nergis. (2014). "Middle Eastern Refugees and the Post-Colonial Nation State," *Calcutta Research Group Lecture Series*

Media, Public Education and Invited Lecturer

"Turkey, Taksim and Trouble," guest speaker on the TVO program Agenda, June 19, 2013

"Disappearances and Trauma in Authoritarian States," Trauma and Memory Speaker Series, York University

"Dialogue in the Middle East, Refugees and Minorities," Mosaic Institute, York University Lecture Series

Christina Clark Kazak

Significant Achievement in 2013-2014

Dr. Clark-Kazak becomes Editor-in-Chief of *Refuge*.

Refereed contributions

Clark-Kazak, Christina. 2014. "A refugee is someone who refused to be oppressed": Self-survival strategies of Congolese young people in Uganda. *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development* 3(1): 1-11.

Clark-Kazak, Christina. 2013. "Theorizing age and generation in migration contexts: Towards social age mainstreaming?" *Canadian Journal of Ethnic Studies* 44(3): 1-10.

Clark-Kazak, Christina (ed.) 2013. "Age and generation in migration contexts in Canada – Practice and policy implications." Special Issue of *Canadian Journal of Ethnic Studies* 44(3).

Other research contributions

Clark-Kazak, Christina. 2013. "Children-in-development" to Social Age Mainstreaming? Practice, Prospects, and Proposals for Canadian Development Policy and Programming. Canadian International Council.

Presentations

Clark-Kazak, Christina. 2013. "*Beyond the Victim-Villain Dichotomy: Political Strategies of Congolese Young People in Uganda*." Invited Lecture, Migration and Ethnic Research program, Western University, London, 10 October 2013.

Don Dippo

Significant Achievement in 2013-2014

Spent several weeks in Kenya, as a 'high value target' researcher in the Dadaab refugee camps for the BHER project, with a York grad student.

Abstracts and/or papers presented

Don Dippo, Emily Antze, Negin Dahya, Sarah Dryden-Peterson, "*Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER)*", Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 2014.

Don Dippo, "*Unsettling Learning: Can Transformative Learning Be Mis-Educative?*", *Bildung* Meets Transformative Learning Conference, Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany, June 2013.

Invited presentations:

"*Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER)*", UNHCR Distance Learning Roundtable, Nairobi, Kenya, February, 2014.

Don Dippo and Negin Dahya, "*Borderless Higher Education for Refugees*", Canadian Council for Refugees Consultation, Kitchener, Ontario, November 2013.

Luin Goldring

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

Research Funding: 2013 “New and old fault lines in the Canadian labour market: the temporal and institutional dynamics of citizenship, legal status and work.” 5 year SSHRC Insight Grant. Principal Investigator. Patricia Landolt, co-investigator. Notice: April. (\$374,423)

Blog Post: <http://www.broadbentinstitute.ca/en/blog/alarmed-new-blueprint-canadian-citizenship-and-immigration-policy>

Edited Book:

Goldring, L. and P. Landolt (eds.) 2013. *Producing and Negotiating Non-Citizenship: Precarious Legal Status in Canada*. University of Toronto Press. (March).

Refereed Chapters:

Goldring, Luin, and Patricia Landolt. 2014. "Transnational Migration and the Reformulation of Analytical Categories: Unpacking Latin American Refugee Dynamics in Toronto." Pp. 103-128 in Liliana Sánchez and Fernando Lozano Asencio (eds). *The Practice of Research on Migration and Mobilities: Springer Briefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace* 14. [English version of chapter (and volume) published in Spanish, Goldring & Landolt 2009 in Rivera Sánchez and Lozano Asencio 2009].

Goldring, Luin, and Patricia Landolt. 2013. "The Conditionality of Legal Status and Rights: Conceptualizing Precarious Non-citizenship in Canada." Pp. 3-27 in Goldring and Landolt (eds.), *Producing and Negotiating Non-Citizenship: Precarious Legal Status in Canada*. University of Toronto Press.

Landolt, Patricia and Luin Goldring. 2013. "The Social Production of Non-citizenship: The Consequences of Intersecting Trajectories of Precarious Legal Status and Precarious Work." Pp. 154-174 in Goldring and Landolt (eds.), *Producing and Negotiating Non-Citizenship: Precarious Legal Status in Canada*. University of Toronto Press.

Luin Goldring – cont.

Refereed articles:

Riaño-Alcala, Pilar and Luin Goldring. 2014. “Unpacking Refugee Community Transnational Organizing: The Challenges and Diverse Experiences of Colombians in Canada.” *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 33(2): 1-28.

Teclé, Samia and Luin Goldring. 2013. “From ‘remittance’ to ‘tax’: the shifting meanings and strategies of capture of the Eritrean transnational party-state.” *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal* 6(2): 1-19.

Research report:

Lewchuck, Wayne, Michelynn Lafleche, Luin Goldring, Diane Dyson, Alan Meisner, Stephanie Procyk, Dan Rosen, John Shields, Peter Viducis, Sam Vrankulj. 2013. *It's more than Poverty: Employment Precarity and Household Well-being*. Toronto: United Way of Greater Toronto and McMaster University. February. www.pepso.ca and <http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com/whatWeDo/reports/PEPSO.php>

Other:

Goldring, Luin and Patricia Landolt. 2013. “*What do we know? Precarious migratory status in Canada.*” Final report for Seeking Solutions Symposium, Access to healthcare for the uninsured in Canada 2012. Toronto: SickKids and Women’s College Hospital. Pg. 12. <http://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/patients-and-visitors/health-equity414/wch-network-on-uninsured-clients417>

Luin Goldring – cont.

Presentations:

Teclé, Samia and Luin Goldring. 2014. “*From ‘remittance’ to ‘tax’: the shifting meanings and strategies of capture of the Eritrean transnational party-state.*” Conference presentation. International Studies Association. Toronto. (March 27.)

Goldring, Luin. 2014. “*Migration Matters: through the lens of migratory legal status and work.*” Inaugural session of the “*Migration Matters*” speaker series. Centre for Refugee Studies. York University. (January 22). (Invited.)

Goldring, Luin and Patricia Landolt. 2013. “*The Production and Negotiation of Precarious Legal Status Trajectories in Canada.*” Keynote presentation. ALAS (Latin American Association of Sociology). Working group #9 (Migration). Santiago, Chile. Sept. 30. (Invited)

Goldring, Luin and Patricia Landolt. 2013. “*Producing and Negotiating Non-citizen Precarious Status in Canada*”. Book presentation and discussion. Instituto Mora. Mexico City. Sept. 27. (Invited.)

Goldring, Luin and Patricia Landolt. 2013. “*Theorizing the chutes and ladders of non-citizenship as systemic contingency.*” XXXI Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association. Washington, D.C., May 29-June 1.

Goldring, Luin. 2013. “*Re-thinking the precarity of legal status: temporariness, precarity and conditionality.*” Conference on Immigration and Settlement: Precarious Futures? Ryerson University. Toronto: May 15-17.

Research Funding

2013. “*Patchworks of access to public services and negotiated boundaries of inclusion: exploring the lives of precarious legal status families in Toronto.*” Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Minor Research Grant. December (\$4,250)

Michaela Hynie

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

2013-2015 Grand Challenges Canada. A community-based mental health intervention for maternal mental health in Rwanda (\$269,653)

2013-2015 SSHRC Partnership Development Grant. *Living with Climate Change: Mapping Experience and Adaptation in the Global South and North* (\$197,000)

2013-2016 CIHR Operating Grant (co-applicant). *Accessibility and costs of healthcare for refugee claimants following changes to the Interim Federal Health Program* (\$766,175)

Chapters in Books

Shakya, Y.B., Guruge, S., Hynie, M., Htoo, S., Akbari, A., Jandu, B., Spasevski, M., Berhane, N., & Forster, J. (2014). "Newcomer refugee youth as 'resettlement champions' for their families: Vulnerability, resilience and empowerment." In L. Simich & L. Andermann (Eds.).

Articles in Refereed Journals

Salahi, R., Hynie, M., & Flicker, S. (accepted) "Factors associated with access to sexual health services among immigrant teens in Toronto." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

Uskul, A., & Hynie, M. (2014). "The role of self-aspects in emotions elicited by threats to **physical Health.**" *Psychology and Health*, **29(2)**, 199-217.

Accepted Chapters in Preparation

Bory, Y., & Hynie, M. "Reflecting on sources of resilience in immigrant women's mental health in Canada." In N. Khanlou & B. Pilkington (Eds.) *The Social and Societal Context of Women's Health*.

Ilan Kapoor

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

- (i) 3 keynotes and 4 invited lectures on celebrity humanitarianism, and on postcolonialism and development;
- (ii) guest editor of theme issue on "Psychoanalysis and Development" for *Third World Quarterly* (issue is forthcoming in Fall 2014);
- (iii) invitation to join editorial board of *Third World Quarterly* ;
- (iv) organized ISA panel of "Psychoanalysis and Development", Toronto, March 2014 and participated as presenter and discussant on two other ISA panels;
- (v) refereed chapter in book: "Humanitarian Heroes?," in *Age of Icons: Exploring Philanthrocapitalism in the Contemporary World* , G. Fridell and M. Konings (eds), pp. 26-49, Toronto: University of Toronto Press (2013).

Scholarly Books

2013. *Celebrity Humanitarianism: The Ideology of Global Charity* (London & New York: Routledge).

Articles in Refereed Journals

2014. "Psychoanalysis and Development: Contributions, Examples, Limits," *Third World Quarterly*, 35(7) (forthcoming).

Chapters in Books (Refereed)

2014. "Billionaire Philanthropy: 'Decaf Capitalism,'" in *International Handbook of Wealth and the Super-Rich*, J. Beaverstock and I. Hay (eds), Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (forthcoming).

2013. "Humanitarian Heroes?," in *Age of Icons: Exploring Philanthrocapitalism in the Contemporary World*, G. Fridell and M. Konings (eds), pp. 26-49, Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Encyclopedic Entry

2014. "Subaltern Studies," *Encyclopedia of Action Research*, D. Coghlan and M. Brydon-Miller (eds), London: Sage.

Ilan Kapoor – cont.

Keynotes, Invited Lectures

2014 - Keynote, “*Celebrities: Humanitarians or Ideologues?*,” International Symposium on the Celebrity-Business-Development Nexus, Roskilde University, Copenhagen, May 8-9.

Keynote, “*Celebrity Humanitarianism and Ideology*,” Conference on “Development and Humanitarianism,” Virginia Tech, Blacksburgh, April 11-12.

Keynote, “*Postcolonialism and Development*,” International Development Conference, University of Toronto-Scarborough, Feb. 8.

Invited Speaker, “*Celebrities: Humanitarians or Ideologues?*,” Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, April 16.

Invited Speaker, “*Celebrity Humanitarianism: the Ideology of Global Charity*,” Centre for Global Studies, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Gandhinagar, India, May (forthcoming, date TBA).

Invited Speaker, “*Celebrity Humanitarianism*,” Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (forthcoming, date TBA).

2013 - Invited Speaker, “*Celebrity Humanitarianism*,” University of Toronto-Scarborough (Critical Development Studies), November 20.

Invited Speaker, “*Participatory Development: Political and Postcolonial Critiques*,” Conference on “Decolonizing International Relations,” Department of International Relations, PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 28-30.

Invited Speaker, “*Canada and Development in Fragile States*,” University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Feb. 8.

Conference Papers, Presentations

2014. Chair and Panelist, “*Psychoanalysis and Development: Contributions, Examples, Limits*” and Chair, Panel on “Psychoanalysis and Development,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, March 28.

Panelist, “*Spectacular NGOs: Activism Without Action*,” Panel on “Interrogating the Places and Spaces of Social Reproduction in Global Development,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, March 28.

Discussant, Panel on “*Celebrities, Sovereignty and Performances of Transnational Charismatic Authority*,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, March 27.

Elizabeth Lunstrum

Publications:

Bose, P. & E. Lunstrum. 2014. Introduction: Environmentally Induced Displacement and Forced Migration. *Refuge* 29 (2): 5-10. Introduction to a special issue of *Refuge* on Environmentally Induced Displacement and Forced Migration, co-edited by Pablo Bose and Lunstrum.

Lunstrum, E. 2013. Articulated sovereignty: extending Mozambican state power through the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. *Political Geography*, 36: 1-11

Massé, F., and E. Lunstrum. 2013. Annotated bibliography on nature-society relations in and of international borders. Refugee Research Network, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University.

Conference Presentation:

2013. *Rhino poaching in and through the GLTFCA: A Preliminary Socio-ecological Discussion*. Presented at the Workshop on The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) a Decade after Inception: Taking Stock of Current Socio-Ecological Research, Southern African Wildlife College, July.

Workshop Organization:

The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) a Decade After Inception. Organized with Clara Bocchino (AHEAD-GLTFCA Network Coordinator, University of Pretoria) and Teresa Connor (Fort Hare Institute of Social and Economic Research); Southern African Wildlife College, July, 2013. [the workshop covered questions of conservation-induced displacement]

Elizabeth Lunstrum – cont.

Presentations:

2014. [with Francis Massé]. *Accumulation by Securitization: Neoliberal Conservation and the Creation of New Wildlife Frontiers*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, April. [Paper will also be presented at the Conference on “Green Economy in the South - Negotiating Environmental Governance, Prosperity and Development,” University of Dodoma, Tanzania, July 2014.]

Publications:

Lunstrum, E. Green Grabs, *Land Grabs, and the Spatiality of Displacement: Eviction from Mozambique’s Limpopo National Park*. Submitted to *Area* under review; submitted revised paper April 2014; 26 pages].

Lunstrum, E., P. Bose, and A. Zalik. *Environmental Displacement: The Common Ground of Climate Change, Extraction, and Conservation*. Introduction to a special issue of *Area* on “Environmental Displacement in a Global Context,” organized by Bose, Zalik, and Lunstrum; Fall 2014.

Massé, F. and E. Lunstrum. *Accumulation by Securitization: Neoliberal Conservation and the Creation of New Wildlife Frontiers*. Journal article to be submitted to *Geoforum*, Fall 2014.

Lunstrum, E. and F. Massé. *A Political ecology of International Borders*. Journal TBD, Winter 2015.

David Murray

Edited Journal Volume

2014. Guest Editor, "Queering Borders: Language, Sexuality, and Migration. Special Issue, *Journal of Language and Sexuality* 3(1).

Articles (refereed)

2014. "Real Queer: Homonormativity and LGBT Refugees in Canada". *Anthropologica* 56:21–32

2014. "Prefac" and "To Feel the Truth: Discourse and Emotion in Canadian Sexual Orientation Refugee Hearings". *Journal of Language and Sexuality* 3(1):1-5, 6-27

Conference Presentations

National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, November 2013; Invited Paper: *Document Production and Homonormativity in Canadian Sexual Orientation Refugee Claims*

2013 International Association for the Studies of Sexuality, Culture and Society Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina. August 2013; *Please Fill in This Form: Producing Documentation in Sexual Orientation Refugee Cases*

Invited Paper, Institute for Gender and Development Studies Seminar Series, University of West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. February 2014; *"Caribbean Sexualities in Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board National Documentation Packages and Expert Statements"*.

Fahim Quadir

Book

Aid Effectiveness, Civil Society and the Narrative of South-South Co-operation: understanding the future of autonomous development, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2015 (the manuscript is accepted; a revised manuscript will be submitted in December, 2014).

Edited Book

Quadir, Fahimul and Tsujinaka, Yutaka (eds). 2014. *Civil Society in Bangladesh: in search of democracy and development*, Aldershot: Ashgate.

Book Chapter

“Questioning the Role of Civil Society in Democracy: partisan politics, regulated space, and the rise of ‘illiberal democracy’ in Bangladesh”, in Fahimul Quadir and Yutaka Tsujinaka (eds.), *Civil Society in Bangladesh: in search of democracy and development*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2013 (forthcoming).

Article in Refereed Journal

Quadir, Fahimul, Cameron, John, and Tiessen, Rebecca. 2013. “A Changing Landscape for Teaching and Learning in International Development Studies: An Introduction to this Special Issue”, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 34(3): 349-363.

Fahim Quadir – cont.

Presentations

2014 “*South-South Cooperation, Realpolitik, and the Changing Global Aid Architecture: exploring the evolving role of China and India as aid providers in Africa*”, 55th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), March 26 – 29, 2014, Toronto.

2013 “*Investing in People’s Sustainable Livelihoods: are there any grounds for optimism?*”, Sudan/South Sudan Symposium, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, July 3-5.

“*Teaching Development in the 21st Century: understanding the tension between professionalization and critical interdisciplinarity*”, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of International Development (CASID), June 5-6, 2013, University of Victoria, BC.

“*A Changing Landscape for Teaching International Development Studies: an introduction to the special issue*” (with John Cameron and Rebecca Tiessen), Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of International Development (CASID), June 5-6, 2013, University of Victoria, BC.

Media

2014 Appeared as a panelist on The Agenda, a flagship current affairs show of TVO hosted by Steven Paikin, on *Democracy in a Globalizing World*, on March 24.

Sean Rehaag

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

- (1) Received the Canadian Association of Law Teachers Scholarly Paper Award for my Queen's Law Journal article entitled: "Judicial Review of Refugee Determinations: The Luck of the Draw?" "www.osgoode.yorku.ca/node/24385
- (2) Received a SSHRC Insight Grant for "Seeking asylum: an empirical assessment of Canada's new refugee determination system" (\$162,348) (still under communications embargo).
- (3) Served as the Law Commission of Ontario Scholar in Residence: <http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/node/24229>
- (4) Received a grant from the Costs of Justice Project for "No Refuge: Hungarian Romani Refugee Claimants in Canada" (\$1,500 -- shared with two co-authors).
- (5) Research was the subject of a front page National Post article: <http://news.nationalpost.com/2014/04/15/refugee-claim-acceptance-in-canada-appears-to-be-luck-of-the-draw-despite-reforms-analysis-shows/>

Media Publications

Rehaag, S. and Csanyi-Robah, G. (2013). "Time for lawyers to confront anti-Roma stereotypes" in *Law Times* (2 December).

Websites

"Refugee Claim Data & IRB Member Grant Rates" (2013). Canadian Council for Refugees, online: <http://ccrweb.ca/en/2012-refugee-claim-data>.

Presentations

"*Canada's Revised Refugee Determination System: A Preliminary Assessment*", Canadian Law and Society Association (Vancouver, 2013).

Robin Roth

Research

2011-2014 Lead on Intercultural learning through virtual and on-site exchanges between York University students, refugee students on the Thai Burma border and displaced migrant students in Ranong, Thailand **York University AIF \$100 228**

Presentations

Roth, R. *Opening Courses and Curricula for Intercultural Learning*. Canada's Collaboration for Online Higher Education and Research. Richmond BC. October 24, 2013.

Roth, R. and Lunstrum, E. *Internationalizing the Classroom: two models of online intercultural learning*. Teaching In Focus. York University. May 23, 2013.

James C. Simeon

Significant Achievements in 2013-14

Research Funding: The Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement, 1975-1980, and the Launch of the Canadian Private Refugee Sponsorship Programme Conference, Pre-Conference and Post-Conference (P.I. with CIC and SSHRC funding)

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) Annual Conference, University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec -- Conference Planning Committee & Executive Committee Member (Member at Large)

Academic activities

“The Evolution and the Development of the Refugee Status Adjudication System in Canada and the *Balanced Refugee Reform Act*,” *Migrants and the Courts: A Century of Trial and Error?* Edited by G. Care, Ashgate Publishing, 2013, pp. 213-248. <http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409451969>

“Ethics and the exclusion of those who are “not deserving” of Convention Refugee Status,” *Contemporary Issues in Refugee Law*, Edited by S. Singh Juss and C. Harvey, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2013.pp. 258-288.

“Strengthening International Refugee Rights Through the Enhanced Supervision of the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol,” *The Ashgate Research Companion to Migration Law, Theory & Policy*. Edited by S. Singh Juss, Farnham: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2013., pp. 103-128.

Critical Issues in International Refugee Law: Strategies Towards Interpretative Harmony, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, First paperback edition released in 2013.

James C. Simeon – cont.

Presentations

“*A Critical Assessment of the Supreme Court of Canada’s Judgement in Ezokola*” and Invited guest speaker for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada’s Professional Development Day, March 20th, 2014.

“*The Complex, Subtle, and Interdependent Dynamics of Refugee and Asylum Policy Change in Canada*,” presented at the “Determinants of Refugee and Asylum Admission Policy in Comparative Perspective” Conference at the University of California at San Diego, November 15-16, 2013.

“*The Human Rights Bases for Refugee Protection in Canada: Beyond the Constitutional Recognition of International Standards for the Grant of Convention Refugee Status*,” presented at the “On the Borders of Refugee Protection? The Impact of Human Rights Law on Refugee Law – Comparative Practice and Theory” Conference, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London, November - 14th, 2013.

“*From ‘personal and knowing participation’ to ‘significant and knowing contribution:’ A Critical Examination of the Supreme Court of Canada’s Judgement in the Ezokola Case and its new Standard for Complicity in Serious International Crimes*,” McLaughlin College Lunch Time Talks, September 17, 2013.

Sudan/South Sudan Symposium, York University, July - 5th, 2013. See Symposium website at www.yorku.ca/soss/.

Anna Zalik

Forthcoming

Submitted October 2013, “Trading on the Offshore: Territorialization and Extractive Access in the International Seabed” to Gavin Fridell, edited volume on *New Directions in Trade and Development*. Workshop at St. Mary’s University, Halifax. Nov 1-2 2013.

Non-refereed publications

Zalik, A. and Ghomeshi, K. 2013. “Corporate Privacy and Environmental Review at Export Development Canada” at <http://antipodefoundation.org/2013/10/23/corporate-privacy-and-environmental-review-at-export-development-canada/> Intervention to Antipode Foundation site.

Invited conference papers

2013. “*Trading on the Offshore: Nautilus Minerals at the International Seabed Authority*” to New Directions in Trade Workshop, St. Mary’s University October

2013. “*Labour as Nature and Labour versus Nature in the Oil Complex: The Mexican, Nigerian and Canadian Oil Industries*”, conference on Comparative Social Histories of Labour in the Oil Complex, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, NL.

Invited presentations

2014. “*The Ocean Grab: Extractive in the Deep Blue*” Keynote Speaker, Energy and Environment Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, April

2014. “*Trading on the Offshore*”, University of Toronto, Geography Seminar Series, February

2014. “*Enclosing the Area: Mining Capital at the International Seabed Authority*”, University of Guelph Geography Seminar Series

2013. “*So Far from God, So Close to the United States: The Mexican Gulf 75 Years after the Expropriation*”. Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Seminar Series, December.

2013. “*Resource Sovereignties*” at University of Aberdeen conference The Politics of Oil and Gas in a Changing UK

Participation in Public Tribunal

Presented written submission and oral evidence to Shell Jackpine Mine Expansion Joint Panel Review Hearing (with AsumeOsuoka), Alberta Government/Federal Government environmental review, Fort McMurray October 2012. See www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p59540/81950E.pdf

Emeritus Faculty

Howard Adelman

Significant Achievement in 2013-2014

Dr. Adelman was a co-chair of the Indochinese Refugee Conference held in November 2013; he was involved in the production of several films as part of and outcomes of the conference. As we celebrated the 25th anniversary of CRS, we also celebrated Dr. Adelman's founding of CRS in 1988.

Chapters in books:

Adelman, Howard. (2014). "Anti-Semitism in Ukraine," in *Jews and the Ukraine*, ed. Lubomyr Luciuk, Queen's University Press.

Adelman, Howard. "Iraqi Refugees," (2014). Chapter 12 in Benjamin Isakhan (ed.) *The Legacy of Iraq: Intervention, Occupation and Withdrawal*, Edinburgh University and Oxford University Press.

Adelman, Howard. (2013). "The Law of Return and the Right of Return," in M Rafiqul Islam, Azizur Rahman Chowdhury and Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan (eds.) *An Introduction to International Refugee Law*, Leiden: BRILL, Netherlands, pp. 291-318.

Adelman, Howard. (2013). "Jonah and Socrates as Refugees: Repentance, Redemption and Responsibility," in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Migration Law, Theory and Policy*, Farnham, Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing Ltd., pp. 79-102.

Adelman, Howard. (2013). "The Law of Return and the Right of Return," in M Rafiqul Islam, Azizur Rahman Chowdhury and Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan (eds.) *An Introduction to International Refugee Law*, Leiden: BRILL, Netherlands, pp. 291-318.

Howard Adelman – cont.

Conference Papers and Special Lectures

“Forced Displacement and the Failure of Global Governance?” British International Studies Association's (BISA) Annual Conference, Dublin, 28 June 2014.

“Canadian Refugee Policy: A Proposal,” Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, 3 June 2014.

“Canadian Immigration and Refugee Policy, The Global Refugee Situation and Resettlement Needs,” Policy Forum, “Global Shifts: Opportunities and Risks for Canada,” Policy Studies, Queen’s University, 25 April 2014.

“The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: The Current Status,” Annual Senior College Symposium on “Global Hotspots”, University of Toronto, 8 April 2014.

“Evil and Genocide,” Victoria College, University of Toronto, 17 March 2014.

“A Philosopher Reflects on Governance in Canada: Is Democracy in Decline?” Senior Fellows, Massey College, 23 September 2013.