

**Centre for Refugee Studies  
Annual Report  
2017-2018**

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**2. Charter Dates:** 2015 - 2020

**3. Mandate**

The Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) at York is an interdisciplinary community of researchers dedicated to advancing the well-being of refugees and others displaced by violence, persecution, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation through innovative research, education, and policy engagement. Since its inception in 1988, CRS is recognized as an international leader in the creation, mobilization, and dissemination of new knowledge that addresses forced migration issues in local, national and global contexts.

Its vision for 2015-2020 is “to be the leading refugee studies and forced migration research centre in North America, producing and disseminating new knowledge and critical analysis that enhances protection for and the well-being of refugees and other displaced people through policy and practice”.

**4. Annual Activities in Fulfilling Mandate**

CRS has had another research-active this year, applying for an NCE Kmb (\$1.6m) through the LOI process, applying for two (successful) SSHRC Connections grants, joining a 5 country-multi-million dollar application to the Spencer Foundation, and developing an international letter of intent for the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) ‘Global Ideas’ competition.

CRS has maintained its status as the pre-eminent refugee and forced migration research centre in North America, despite new actors/centres emerging and working on forced migration in the US at the Zolberg Center for Migration and Mobility, and initiatives at Indiana U and Northwestern. The CRS director met with lead faculty at both universities during the reporting year to network and offer solicited advice (by IU).

The number of visiting grad students, postdocs and faculty researchers currently in residence on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is 6, with many more visiting throughout the year from Brazil, India, and the UK. Their presence is a barometer of the Centre's reputation internationally.

a. **Research**

- i. **Capacity** – Last year our greatest challenge was capacity; we have one full-time coordinator to do research support, finance and administration, community contact, knowledge mobilization, as well as research application work. This year we were able to use the modest revenues from our summer course to add 10 hours/week to our staffing allocated to research applications.
- ii. **Grants** – Drawing on the extra capacity noted above, CRS submitted in April 2018 a Letter of Intent to apply for a **Networks of Centres of Excellence Knowledge Mobilization** 4 year (\$1.6m) grant. In the past year, CRS managed \$877,189 in funding of external research funding from 12 projects (annual instalments), including our prize CIHR grant in 2016 (total \$1.35m, PI M. Hynie) on the social determinants of Syrian health and well-being in three provinces (QC, ON, BC). We were successful on 2 Connections grants and a 2017 e-Ontario grant led by C. Kyriakides, “Social Mobilities App for Refugee, Trust and Transition - Content Identification and Formation Phase”, and house a new IDG written by CRS affiliate, Craig D. Smith.
- iii. **Policy Engagement (UN/international)** – This has been one of our most active years of engagement with intergovernmental organizations with invited participation to our CRS Director in UN consultations in San Jose and Geneva. The Centre was invited to advise and consult on the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Global Compacts: 1) a civil society consultation in Costa Rica (Sept. 2017); 2) a rights-based approach to the Compact in Geneva (November 2017); and 3) a national consultation (along with additional CRS faculty). Since the Obama Summit and New York Declaration of 2016, consultations have increased with delivery of the Compact due in fall 2018. **CRS ranked 1/51 in a SSHRC Connections** competition to provide **alternative solutions for refugee protection** beyond the Compact. Experts will meet in June 2018 to produce an alternative pathways for refugee protection and/or complementary vision of how to move forward.

- iv. **Conferences/workshops** – CRS supported the annual conferences of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) in May 2017 in Victoria, and the CRS Student Conference in September 2017.
  - v. **Community partnerships** – These have flourished in 2017-2018 through community-based research (i.e. M. Hynie's CIHR grant) and agreements to collaborate with various foundations and community groups throughout Ontario. These were reinvigorated by the preparation for the NCE Knowledge Mobilization Letter of Intent.
- b. **Education and public outreach** – CRS was very active in disseminating research and providing education to York students and to the public. Details for each item are provided in Appendix 1.
- i. CRS Seminar Series (2017-18) – CRS held 15 Seminars; we co-sponsored a number with other ORUs as well.
  - ii. Howard Adelman Lecture – Dr. Romola Sanyal (LSE) delivered her keynote in May 2016, addressing Syrian refugees living in urban Lebanon.
  - iii. CRS Undergraduate Certificate in Refugee & Forced Migration Studies
  - iv. CRS Graduate Diploma in in Refugee & Forced Migration Studies
  - v. CRS Summer course (24<sup>th</sup> year running)- the course was **full this year**, begging the question of whether CRS should scale it up.
  - vi. CRS Visiting scholars and postdocs program – CRS hosted 8 visiting scholars, including 1 Community Scholar (Dr. Anneke Rummens)
- c. **York/CRS Syrian Response and Refugee Initiative** (SRRI, part of the Lifeline Syria Challenge) – In 2017-18, CRS received renewed funding from Osgoode Hall and the Provost's office to continue support and training to sponsor groups at York, as well as public education, student engagement, and outreach beyond the campuses. The ten refugee sponsorship groups at York also received training and support (see Appendix 2 for details).

## 5. Challenges and Areas for Improvement

The main challenge for CRS at the end of this academic year remains capacity, though we have scaled up our resources and research activity over last year. The Centre is a great reputational asset to York, and we do more than our budget would suggest. We have applied for various SSHRC, NCE KMB and CIFAR grants. We have also facilitated partnership grants and other collaborations with partner Canadian universities on global refugee policy (Carleton).

**Capacity** – The directorships for the ORUs are not very attractive, given the increased workload and reduction in actual research time in recent years. CRS is looking at its succession plan, including a new director to commence July 2019. In this reporting period the Director led the Centre (organized the seminars, oversaw staff and budget/external grants, wrote 3 grant applications as PI, ran summer course with course director), ran her own national Insight Grant as PI, participated as co-applicant on three large nationally-funded team research projects, and coach CRS affiliates trying to get external funding, along with participation in international UN consultations. She also had three courses to teach on a five-course teaching load.

CRS will aim to find a director from Health (with a 1.5 teaching load), Osgoode Hall Law (2.0 load) and other faculties with lower teaching loads going forward.

**Knowledge Mobilization** – CRS has little capacity beyond basic social media and maintenance of existing websites; our biggest success in this area has been the Refugee Research Network with more than 37,000 Facebook members. Additional resources will be sought. This is another reason we have applied for the NCE KMb; it will help us translate the new CIHR grant findings to all levels of government and Canadian civil society as well as integrate other incoming research projects.

**Advancement** – CRS has no clear signals that advancement, now based in the Faculty of LA&PS, is a priority at York. There is little time to work on advancement in the Director's portfolio.

## **6. Financial Position (see attached)**

## **7. Space Utilization (see attached)**

CRS occupies a relatively small amount of real estate compared to its neighbours on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Kaneff; office space is at a premium. Ill-lit space for grad students is, in contrast, underused, and offices without ceilings have proven limited in use for some staff and faculty. Overall, CRS has a space crunch; we have evicted two resident faculty, while other ORUs have enough offices with windows and ceilings to allocate them to graduate students.

## **8. PIER Responses**

- A) Collaboration and interdisciplinary – CRS currently hosts **11 active research grants, almost all of which are interdisciplinary (see financial document); CRS faculty are often on more than one of these grants, and faculty are invariably from several different disciplines.** Our largest grant

is also our most interdisciplinary, funded by CIHR but as much in the social sciences and examining Syrian integration in Canada.

- i. **Impact on policy and practice** – as noted CRS has been involved in UNHCR consultations on the Global Compact and succeeded in securing funding to run its own ‘alternative solutions’ workshop in 2018; invitations to present research at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada are exciting opportunities for policy-relevant engagement of our research;
- ii. **Team research** – is increasingly a large part of CRS’ portfolio; we participate in PGs with other schools, and are part of smaller teams across universities. For example, the CRS director is a co-applicant on Susan McGrath’s (PI) ‘Big Data’ project with social and computer scientists at York as well as highly qualified personnel from Wilfrid Laurier University; co-investigator with CRS affiliate Luin Goldring on Audrey Macklin’s (PI) ground-breaking research in private sponsors of Syrians to Canada; co-applicant on Michaela Hynie’s pioneering research on Syrian health and well-being, including production of an original longitudinal database in Canada with Susan McGrath as senior co-applicant and many other CRS staff and faculty. A new PG at Carleton on global refugee engagement has 3 CRS co-apps, including the Director. Many of these research teams are invisible, in part because the funding is not always based at York or CRS. Nonetheless. CRS is in the thick of it!

**B) Internationalization of Research** – ‘Internationalized’ research continues to be our modus operandi for several grants (SSHRC Rapid Impact Grant; Alternative Solutions to Refugee Protection SSHRC Connections project); the PG with Carleton. The CRS director, its resident faculty, and affiliates accept most international invitations to speak to the research being done at CRS, and network with researchers in the field transnationally on a regular basis.

## **9. Objectives for Upcoming Year (e.g. events, membership, grants, space needs)**

### **a. Events –**

- i. Objective: **expand CRS’s profile in current global debates** on re-imagining the international refugee regime by running a ‘dream team’ workshop of disruptive thinkers about refugee protection, culminating in an alternative vision report on providing refugee protection (workshop is **June 5-6, 2018**);
- ii. **Collaborate with national NGO sector and scale up this knowledge mobilization**: CRS will co-sponsor with the Canadian

Council for Refugees an international refugee conference for more than 700 people at York in **June 7-9 2018** as well as a related Youth Action Gathering on **June 5 and 6 2018**.

- iii. **Maintain CRS' reputation as national forced migration hub** by hosting the national meeting of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) at York in **May 2019**. This is a scholarly association that CRS and its Refugee Research Network (RRN) helped to found; this event will be the 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.
- b. **Grants** – CRS will continue to cultivate and make grant applications to Insight, Connections, Talent and Partnership granting pots, and potentially to Tri-Council funds through the NCE competitions. Discussions about a Talent PG continue though capacity remains a serious issue.
- c. **Syrian Response Refugee Initiative** – CRS aims to renew this project for one more year, given the impressive student engagement at York and beyond. Some Syrian families have yet to arrive in Canada.
- d. **Graduate Student Mentoring, Training, Organizing** – CRS will continue to support and facilitate graduate student training related to the research and education mandates of the Centre; several new RAships should be available through our new PG grant (still under embargo, based at Carleton); the annual Grad-student run Refugee Conference will take place in **October 2018**, on a theme yet to be finalized;
- e. **Scholar of Practice** – We have had another successful second year with our 'scholar of practice', an honorary, unpaid post occupied by Dr. Anneke Rummens that comes with shared office space, library privileges, and opportunities to share professional experience at CRS. The CRS Executive will discuss making the True Visitor invited to York for 2018-19, Dr. Omer Ozcan (PhD, U of Texas Austin) as our next scholar of practice when it convenes next.
- f. **Space** – continue to seek space so CRS no longer has to displace resident faculty involved in the Centre. We remain an active centre with very modest real estate compared to our peer centres (see space inventory).
- g. **Research and Education Capacity** – extend the contract of our educational/public outreach officer if summer course revenues allow.

#### 10. Other relevant items the Director wishes to include in the annual report

The Centre aims to be *the* international hub for refugee and forced migration research and policy analysis. CRS is a strong reputational asset for York.

#### 11. Appendix 1 – Membership and Governance Attached

**12. Appendix 2 – Additional Information about Progress in Fulfilling Mandate  
Attached**

# Appendix 1

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## Membership and Governance

### 2017 - 2018 CRS Executive Committee

Jennifer Hyndman, Director  
Don Dippo, Faculty Representative  
Luann Good Gingrich, Faculty Representative  
Khalis Hassan, FGS Certificate and CRS Education Coordinator  
Michaela Hynie, Faculty Representative  
Christopher Kyriakides, Faculty Representative (joined Jan. 2017)  
Susan McGrath, Faculty Representative  
Merouan Merkouar, Faculty Representative  
Sean Rehaag, Faculty Representative  
Dagmar Soennecken, Faculty Representative (filled vacancy, joining March 2017)  
Sarah Marshall, Aytak Dibavar, Student Representatives  
Michele Millard, Centre Coordinator (consulting member)

### York full-time affiliates (active members only)

First Name	Last Name	Department	Faculty
Don	Dippo	Education	Education
Anna	Zalik	FES	FES
Michaela	Hynie	Psychology	Health
Yuka	Nakamura	Kinesiology	Health
Wenona	Giles	Anthropology	LA&PS
Antonio	Sorge	Anthropology	LA&PS
Daphne	Winland	Anthropology	LA&PS LA&PS
Ranu	Basu	Geography	LA&PS
Libby	Lunstrum	Geography	LA&PS
Valerie	Preston	Geography	LA&PS
Jennifer	Hyndman	Geography/Social Science	LA&PS
Janice	Kim	History	LA&PS
Alison	Crosby	School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies	LA&PS
Merouan	Merkouar	Social Science	LA&PS
Fahimul	Quadir	Social Science	LA&PS
Ozgun	Topak	Social Science	LA&PS
Luann	Good Gingrich	Social Work	LA&PS
Susan	McGrath	Social Work	LA&PS



# Appendix 2

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## 2017-2018 Research Activities

### Research Proposals (Awarded) in 2017-18

Jennifer Hyndman (P.I.), *Alt-Solutions Workshop on Refugee Protection*, SSHRC Connections, \$24,762

Susan McGrath (P.I.), *Connecting Emerging Scholars and Practitioners to Foster Critical Reflection and Innovation in Migration Research*, SSHRC Connections, \$40,250

Craig Damian Smith (P.I.) *Understanding Emergent Irregular Migration Systems to Canada*, SSHRC IDG, \$51,000

### Research Proposals (Submitted)

Jennifer Hyndman (P.I.), *Welcome.Net*, Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) Knowledge Mobilization Initiative Letter of Intent submission to competition, \$1,599,176

Jennifer Hyndman (P.I.), Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Global Ideas Call Letter of Intent

Jennifer Hyndman (Co-App), Ranu Basu (Co-App), Elzbieta Gozdziaik (P.I.), *Roads to Refuge, Paths to Education: Improving Refugee Children and Youth Education in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Lyle Spencer Research Awards, submitted through ISIM, Georgetown University, USD\$750,000-\$1,000,000

Susan McGrath (Collaborator); Jaswant Bajwa (P.I.) *Creating successful pathways for refugees in post-secondary education*, SSHRC Connections, submitted through George Brown College Centre for Preparatory & Liberal Studies, \$24,976

### Ongoing Research Grants

Michaela Hynie (P.I.), Susan McGrath (senior co-applicant), Jennifer Hyndman, Kwame McKenzie, Branka Agic, Farah Ahmad, Neil Arya, Ahmed Bayoumi, Christina Clark-Kazak, Janet Cleveland, Marcela Diaz, Ben Kuo, Joanna Rummens, Yogendra Shakya (co-applicants), *Refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada*, \$1.35 million from CIHR.

Wenona Giles (P.I.) *Supporting provision of university degrees to refugee and local population in Dadaab, Kenya*, Open Society Foundation, USD\$199,700.

Jennifer Hyndman (P.I.) *Probing Private Refugee Resettlement in Canada*, SSHRC Insight Grant, K. Sherrell (co-applicant), \$181,198.

Susan McGrath (P.I.), Ali Asgary, Alison Mountz, Jeffrey Collman, Jennifer Hyndman, Kim Rygiel, Lisa Singh, Luann Good Gingrich, Susan Martin, Aijun An, Jianhong Wu, Xiangshi Huang (co-applicants), *Building Bridges across Social and Computational Sciences: Using Big Data to Inform Humanitarian Policy and Interventions*, SSHRC PDG, \$200,000 (one year extension).

Susan McGrath (P.I.) SSHRC Impact Award, \$50,000.

Ranu Basu (P.I.), *Subalterity, public education, and welfare cities: Comparing the experience of displaced migrants in three cities*, SSHRC Insight, \$58,171.

### **Ongoing Research Grants (continued)**

Luann Good Gingrich (P.I.), Rupa Banerjee, Ernie Lightman (co-applicants) *Advancing social inclusion in Canada's diverse communities: Neighbourhood, regional, and national comparisons*, SSHRC Insight, \$252,949.

Wenona Giles, (P.I.), Don Dippo (co-applicant), with institutional partners Windle Trust, Moi University, Kenyatta University, UBC, Global Affairs Canada, *Building primary/secondary teaching capacities in the Dadaab refugee camps and locally in Dadaab, Kenya by increasing access to higher education*, \$4.1 million.

Susan McGrath (P.I.) Michaela Hynie, Peter Isaboke, Regine King, Suzanne Dudziak, Charles Kalinganire, Charles Rutikanga, Joseph Hahirwa (co-applicants) SSHRC PDG, *Synthesizing indigenous and international social work theory and practice in Rwanda*, \$200,000 (one year extension).

### **Completed in 2017**

Susan McGrath (P.I.), W. Giles (senior co-app), Sharryn Aiken, Michael Barutciski, Nergis Canefe, R. Cheran, Francois Crepeau, Donald Galloway, Jennifer Hyndman, Gerald Kernerman, (co-applicants), *A Canadian Refugee Research Network: Globalizing Knowledge*, SSHRC Research Cluster Grant, \$2.1 million (one year extension).

Nergis Canefe (P.I.) *Syrians are Coming? Archiving the Canadian Response to the Syrian Refugee Crises*, LA&PS internal grant, \$5,000

## **Major Research Project Updates**

### **1. Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) \$5.4m**

**Leads: W. Giles and D. Dippo; Project Manager A. Ogorcka**

#### **Key activities**

The Global Affairs funded project technically ends in October 2018 but supplementary funding from the Soros Open Society Foundation has been found to continue programming until mid\_2019. Efforts to renew BHER funded have not resulted in additional grants to date.

In April 2018, BHER hosted graduation for its first graduates from the degree program in Dadaab, Kenya. Several of the top graduates have entered the M.Ed. program at York as graduate students under the supervision of Dr. Don Dippo. These students will present at a CARFMS academic conference in May 2018.

In Year 5, BHER facilitated these activities: (1) Cohort 2: completion of studies in the Diploma in Teacher Education – Primary (DTE-P) delivered by KU; the Diploma in Teacher Education – Secondary (DTE-S) (Arts Specialization) delivered by MU and UBC; (2) Cohort 1: continued the delivery of four degree programs, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Geography by YU, Bachelor of Sciences (B.Sc.) Community Health Education (CHEd) by MU, Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Arts and B.Ed. Science by KU; Cohort 2: coordinated admissions of three degree programs, B.A. Educational Studies offered by YU, B.Ed. Arts

and B.Ed. Primary Teacher Education (PTE) offered by KU and began delivery of the three degree programs, B.A. Educational Studies, B.Ed. Arts and B.Ed. Primary Teacher Education. In addition, (3) BHER field staff based in Dadaab (managed through WIK) and BHER staff headquartered in Toronto, Canada provided programmatic, operational and financial support to all programs through their management expertise and the BHER Learning Centre.

### **Key achievements**

During the reporting period, all diploma programs were completed. Among cohort 2 of DTE-S students, with an Arts Specialization, convocation was held in December 2017. However, Cohort 2 students in KU's DTE-P cohort have not yet convoked due to administrative barriers internal to KU. All degree programs for Cohort 1 continued according to the schedule. Three degree programs for Cohort 2 started in the Fall of 2017 (see discussion on outputs and outcomes below for specific programmatic achievements).

### **Key challenges**

The retention of students in university programs has proven difficult. At the end of the reporting period, we retained 146 students (18% female, 66% refugees, 58% teachers) out of the 368 students (23% female, 69% refugees, 59% teachers) who have ever engaged with the program (i.e., students who have meaningful encounters with the programs whether it is through taking one course and then dropping out, spot attendance or rigorous and systematic attendance in the various courses). Resettlement, competing opportunities, family obligations, varied academic support by partner institutions as well as decreased motivation of some students to continue with degree programs impacted attrition.

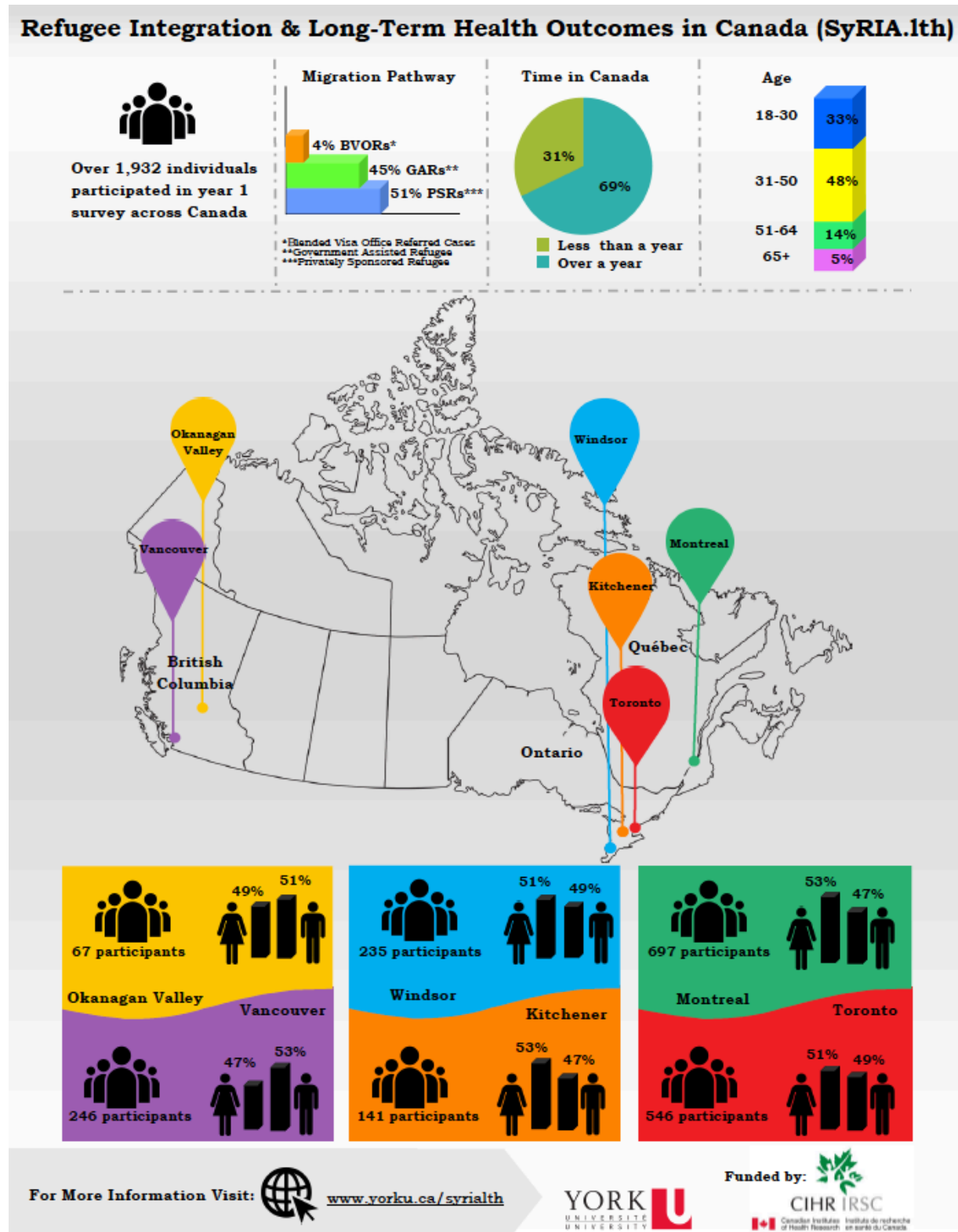
The **Dadaab camps closure** was announced, with planned relocation to Kalobeyei. In Year 5, the BHER project continued to face the uncertainty of this yet-to-happen move to close the Dadaab camps. Contrary to initial communication by the Government of Kenya (GoK) that camps would close within 2016, the relocation and repatriation of refugees has tapered off. At the end of the reporting period, nine students from different programs had relocated to Kalobeyei (a settlement approximately 29 km from Kakuma refugee camps in northwestern Kenya). Of these, four students disengaged after completing their studies in the diploma programs. The other five students (and one refugee woman admitted from Kakuma) are actively engaged in their degree studies. BHER Project provided support for students' transportation and internet connectivity as well as computing facility within WIK Kakuma through UNHCR and its own funds, so that students could connect to online courses and continue their learning.

BHER project continues to operate in a context that is challenging to the **security and safety** of teaching and project staff as well as students. We continued to take all necessary precautions including security orientation for staff, accommodation in safe compounds and adding armed police staff when instruction took place at the BHER Learning Centre. In the week leading to Kenya's general elections, all field level activities were halted as GoK announced that all businesses including universities had to stop their activity. Furthermore, a two week stand-off initiated by local communities in Dadaab in December 2017 following budgetary reduction of UNHCR operations in Dadaab impacted the delivery of programmatic activities scheduled then. As the security situation has worsened after the project started, all security related expenses continue to introduce pressures to the BHER budget.

During the reporting period, Kenyan universities and York University have had to cope with **delays** related to the repercussions of disruption of academic and administrative activities due to a labor dispute. While partner institutions have made efforts to ease these repercussions, progress in studies has been delayed minimally.

2. Refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada (\$1.35m)

Michaela Hynie (P.I.) with 22 co-applicants across Canada (see infographic)



## *2. Refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada (continued)*

Refugee Integration and Long-term Health Outcomes in Canada is a pan-Canadian longitudinal study funded by The Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR). The project is a partnership between settlement service agencies and academic research institutions in three of Canada's largest refugee resettlement provinces: British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec.

We are looking at how different resettlement programs support the social integration of Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) and Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) and the impact of integration pathways on their long-term physical and mental health. Our goal is to improve the health and well-being of new Canadians by understanding what leads to successful integration outcomes and for whom so that we can tailor resettlement programs to best suit newcomers' needs and circumstances.

### **Work-to-date:**

- 1932 base-line interviews with newly resettled Syrian refugees across Canada
- Follow-up interviews are underway
- 24 focus groups with newly resettled Syrian refugees across Canada
- Research data analyses (see p.2 for initial Year 1 survey results- National infographic)
- Various dissemination activities (see p.3 for dissemination activities- Dissemination Summary)

### **Visiting Scholars**

Dr. Debora Correa de Siqueira, Brazil

Neil Judge, PhD student JNU, New Delhi, India

Dr. Linda Morrice, University of Sussex, UK

Dr. Morgan Poteet, Mount Allison University, NB

Dr. Anneke Rummens, University of Toronto, ON

Dr. Linda Tip, University of Brighton, UK

## Knowledge Mobilization, Outreach and Public Media

### *CRS Annual Lecture*

**May 12, 2017** Annual Howard Adelman Lecture, with guest speaker Romola Sanyal (LSE); **Cities of Refuge: Humanitarian Remaking of Urban Spaces**

### *CRS Seminar Series*

(please note that the seminar series was curtailed in 2018 due to the strike at York)

**Sept 20, 2017**, Book launch: **Threads: From the Refugee Crisis** by Kate Evans (co-sponsored by CRS)

**Sept 27, 2017**, Ishan Ashutosh, Dept. of Geography, University of Indiana; **The State of Diaspora: From Insurrection to Assimilation**

**Oct 4, 2017**, Robert Adelman, Ayesegul Balta, and Watoii Rabii, State University of New York (SUNY) Buffalo; **Buffalo's West Side Story: Migrants and Neighborhood Change**

**Oct 12, 2017**, Nevzat Soguk, University of Hawaii (keynote speaker at CRS student conference); **Migrants Unbound : Insurrectional Migrancy in a Globalized World**

**Oct 17, 2017**, Suneet Kharay, RSTP National Trainer; **Refugee Sponsorship Training Program Workshop: Transitioning to Month 13 and "Post-Sponsorship": Workshop and Discussion**

**Nov 2, 2017**, Ozgun Topak, Dept. of Social Science (Criminology Program), York University; **The Making of a Totalitarian Surveillance Machine: Surveillance in Turkey Under AKP Rule**

**Nov 8, 2017**, Hilary Evans Cameron, Adjunct Professor and SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at Osgoode Hall Law School; **'Refugee Law's Fact-Finding Crisis: Truth, Risk, and the Wrong Mistake**

**Nov 21, 2017**, Morgan Poteet, Visiting Scholar at Centre for Refugee Studies/Mount Allison University; **"Step into the Past": Institutionalizing Performances of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia**

**Nov 21, 2017**, **Challenging Trafficking in Canada Policy Brief Launch** (Centre for Feminist Studies, with CRS as co-sponsor)

**Dec 7, 2017**, Nasir Uddin, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong; **The Plight of the Rohingyas: Ethnic Cleansing, Genocide and Refugee Crisis**

**Dec 12, 2017**, Ranabir Samaddar, Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group; **Refugee and Migrant Labour and the Population Question Under Global Capitalism**

**Jan 16, 2018**, Professor Ron McCallum & Mary Crooks (co-sponsored by CRS); **Monitoring the UN Convention on The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities: The Constructive Dialogues of The CRPD Committee and the Simplified Reporting Mechanism**

**Jan 24, 2018**, Joanna Anneke Rummens, CRS Visiting Scholar of Practice; **'Achieving Uptake': From Policy Practice Relevant Research to Real World Impact**

**Feb 5, 2018**, Book Launch of *Running on Empty: Canada and the Indochinese Refugees*, by Mike Molloy, University of Ottawa (with co-editor Peter Duschinsky)

**Feb 7, 2018**, Linda Tip, Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Brighton (UK) and Linda Morrice, Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Sussex (UK); **Refugee resettlement & integration**

## *CRS Conferences*

CRS hosted its annual student conference in October 2018, and was involved in supporting one major conference in May 2017 (*CARFMS17: Forgotten Corridors – Global Displacement and the Politics of Engagement* hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' Migration and Mobility Program, University of Victoria, as well as providing conference and Secretariat support to upcoming CARFMS and IASFM conferences, held in May 2018 (Ottawa, ON) and July 2018 (Thessaloniki, Greece) respectively as well as the Canadian Council for Refugees International Refugee Rights Conference, to be held at York University in June 2018.

### *Community Engagement*

CRS continued to be active in the community and policy arenas, participating in a number of initiatives and events.

**2017/18 Visiting Scholar of Practice in Residence** - Dr. Anneke Rummens

## *CRS Projects*

### **York University Syria Response and Refugee Initiative**

Since Fall 2015 the York University Syria Response and Refugee Initiative ( 10 of 13 families/units) has led York's participation in the Pan-GTA Ryerson University Lifeline Syria Challenge to sponsor Syrian refugees and helped educate, mobilize and work with York students to promote awareness of refugee issues amongst themselves and the wider community. The SRRI has been hosted at the Centre for Refugee Studies with financial support from the Provost's Office and Osgoode Hall Law School. Project Lead and CRS Graduate Research Fellow John Carlaw has led the project and collaborated with Pierre-Andre Theriault, his counterpart at Osgoode Hall Law School.

### **Syrian Refugee Response & Sponsor Education Update**

As of April 2018, 25 Syrian refugees sponsored by York teams have arrived. Three of these arrived on World Refugee Day, June 20th, 2017. As of March 2018, York teams completed their obligations of providing one year of sponsorship and settlement support for 22 of those sponsored refugees. Sixteen Syrian refugees to be sponsored by three York teams have yet to arrive to Canada, but are expected to arrive in 2018 or early 2019. The SRRI has also facilitated the transfer of funds raised through donations to York and Osgoode sponsorship fundraising efforts to some of our highest needs sponsorships.

In June 2017 a panel discussion on the sponsorship process, as well as settlement professionals from the City of Toronto, with York and CRS alumna Melissa Scott of the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program serving as a discussant. In October of 2017 CRS hosted a workshop and discussion on "Transitioning to Month 13 and 'Post-Sponsorship'" with the support of the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and City of Toronto Employment and Social Services and a well-attended reception for all sponsors in the wider Ryerson University Lifeline Syria Challenge.

### **Promotion of WUSC Refugee Sponsorship and Collaboration with WUSC Committees**

The World University Services of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program at York is also a private sponsor of refugees that has been operating for much longer than SRRI, so CRS has used its SRRI

resources to support both. Indicative of the amazing work York students are doing in this field, WUSC Keele Committee Chair Robert Hanlon was recently awarded one of two Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Outstanding volunteer Awards in part for his work on that committee and participation in joint activities with our Refugees Welcome Here! campaign.

**Student Engagement** Growing out of collaborations and trainings from this project, Student Project Ambassador Humaima Ashfaque has become a prominent student and youth leader at CRS, with the Canadian Council for Refugees Youth Network, as well as at Amnesty International at York and the WUSC Keele Campus Committee are joining the Centre for Refugee Studies as the local hosts for the 2018 National Youth Action Gathering (YAG) of the Youth Network in June 2018 alongside the co-sponsorship of the international refugee rights conference with the Canadian Council for Refugees for 770 participants June 7-9, 2018. York students and collaborators conducted a second highly successful winter clothing drive for the local FCJ Refugee Centre this year and continued fundraising to contribute to paying off WUSC Keele student transportation loans and raise awareness about this policy.

CRS joined the City of Toronto's Refugee Rights Month Planning Committee for April 2018, building on prior 2016 and 2017 efforts to help carry out an exciting month of activities with community partners. Amnesty International at York was also a member of this committee. For more information see event details and refugee-related public outreach and student activities at <https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/refugees/newsandupdates/>

### **Invitations to High Level Federal Government Policy Consultations**

CRS was invited to advise and consult on the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Global Compacts; the Director participated in civil society consultations in San Jose (Costa Rica) (Sept. 2017) and Geneva (November 2017). Several CRS members also participated in the national consultation process from fall 2017 until spring 2018. The second draft of the Refugee Compact was released April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### *Social Media and Listservs (national and international, hosted and supported by CRS)*

**CRS Website:** <http://crs.info.yorku.ca/>

**CRS Student Caucus Website:** <http://crsstudents.wordpress.com>

**CRS Summer Course Website:** <http://crs.yorku.ca/summer/>

### **Twitter**

CRS: <https://twitter.com/crsyorku> ( 1,236 followers)

Refugee Research Network: <https://twitter.com/RefugeeResearch> (3,244 followers)

### **Facebook**

CRS Summer Course: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/611304198899243/> (595 members)

Refugee Research Network: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30614536012/> (38,471 members)

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138817499465045/> (3,559 members)

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/450410108332979/> (10,613 members)

### **Listervs**

CRSNEWSLIST (552 subscribers)

CCRLIST (1,165 subscribers)

CRSSTUDENTS (168 subscribers)

CCRTOR (138 subscribers)



IASFM (504 subscribers)

CARFMS (296 subscribers)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/refugeereseach>

### **CRS Graduate Student Engagement, Mentoring, and Training Opportunities**

CRS research projects employed a number graduate and undergraduate students as Research Assistants on grants held at CRS and Teaching Assistants (through BHER). Opportunities for skill development included teaching support, literature reviews, data analysis, conference/workshop organizing, journal management, annotated bibliographies and report writing. In February, the Emerging Scholars and Practitioners Migration Initiative and Susan McGrath initiated a \$40K grant to enhance the training opportunities for graduate students and recent PhDs through a SSHRC Connections grant. This new scholars' network has over 500 members (primarily recent graduates, graduate students and practitioners) and communicates through a listserv, Facebook, Google group and the RRN website.

### **Student Caucus**

The CRS student caucus was led this year by Sarah Marshall, PhD student in Sociology, and Aytak Akbari-Dibavar, PhD Candidate in Political Science who took over from Dina Taha and Corey Robinson in October 2017. The annual conference was held on October 12-13, 2017, with the theme '*Bordering on Crisis: Citizenship, Borders and Forced Displacement*' and which was a great success. The 2018 conference will take a different turn and engage the Centre for Aboriginal Students for a smaller gathering between indigenous elders and participants and refugee participants (possibly the clients of Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture). The student caucus is engaged in opening the space to bridge the gap between indigenous and refugee persons through the collaboration of indigenous and refugee centres. This circle is scheduled to take place the last week of October 2018.

### **Student Bursaries**

CRS continues to support two undergraduate student bursary programs. One developed in collaboration with UNHCR Canada, for York students who have Convention Refugee status. A second bursary is supported by CRS and is directed at York students who are refugee claimants but have not yet secured status. Each bursary offers \$1,500 per year to one student, though in 2017 we were able to award three bursaries due to higher levels of funds in our account. The levy approved by York YUFA members in the previous year was placed into an endowment account, which will allow us to award 2 students a minimum of \$1,500 each year in perpetuity.

### **Education programs**

i) **The CRS Summer Course** is an internationally renowned, self-funded, week long intensive program on forced migration offered annually in May. In 2017 it was led by Course Director Johanna Reynolds and Academic Director Jennifer Hyndman with 57 external participants supported by 5 interns and excellent representation from a number of countries and from across Canada (including other parts of Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland). International applicants came from the following countries: Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Scotland, USA. Jennifer Hyndman was also present as course director for the graduate seminar, DVST 5123, from which 20 York students also participated.

ii) **Graduate Diploma in Refugee and Migration Studies** – a concentrated research and study program in the area of refugee and migration studies offered through FGS for York graduate students.

89 students were enrolled during the 2017/2018 academic year. Dr. Khalis Hassan is the FGS Coordinator for this Diploma.

### Education programs

iii) Undergraduate Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies – a concentrated research and study program in the area of refugee and migration studies offered to York undergraduate students. 68 students were enrolled during the 2017/2018 academic year.

### Refuge

Online, bilingual, open-access, SSHRC-funded, and peer-reviewed: *Refuge* is the staple scholarly publication at CRS. In 2017-18, *Refuge* published a general issue, as well as a special issue on intersectionality. We launched and managed a call for papers for a 2018 issue on racialization. *Refuge* continues to work with Érudit to increase our visibility in French-language bibliographic databases and to work towards a more attractive online presence in Open Journal Systems. We revised our publication agreement and online files to comply more fully with our open access status. A thorough linguistic review by a francophone was undertaken to ensure that the French-language content of the website is accurate and complete. *Refuge* staff represented the journal at Metropolis, the Canadian Council for Refugees consultations, the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) conference and the Centre for Refugee Studies summer course.

### CRS Resource Centre

The last year was an important year for the Andrew Forbes Resource Centre, a year of progress in implementing a new cataloging and classification system developed to be compatible with the Scott library cataloging system.

Under the direct consultations and direction of the CRS Coordinator and the leadership of the Resource Centre coordinator, Dr. Faida Abu-Ghazaleh, the Resource Centre team worked hard to reshape the boxed collections of books, documents, journals and research papers into a physical and functioning library. All existing materials were re-cataloged, updated on the ZOTERO cataloging system, categorized call numbers and shelved. The importance of the new cataloging system is to improve efficiency in locating and utilizing reference services for local and international scholars, students and researchers in the field of refugee studies.

The Resource Centre team members provided general support to the daily operations of the Andrew Forbes Resource Centre.

### Achievements

Over the last year, the Resource Centre Coordinator has created an inviting and intellectually stimulating environment for academics, graduate and undergraduate students and visiting scholars. This friendly milieu has attracted a total of 700 people who individually signed in over a two year period. The space is also used to house the work of 5 student volunteers each working on small projects including data entry, scanning and shelving. In 2017-18, it also helped to host an AIF grant at York led by Vice-Provost Alice Pitt and Head Librarian Joy Kirchner; CRS provided a student research assistant whose work featuring refugees represented in the *Toronto Telegram* archive is posted on the CRS website.

Sylvia	Bawa	Sociology	LA&PS
Secil	Ertorer	Sociology	LA&PS
Luin	Goldring	Sociology	LA&PS
Christopher	Kyriakides	Sociology	LA&PS
James	Simeon	SPPA	LA&PS
Dagmar	Soennecken	SPPA	LA&PS
Nergis	Canefe	SPPA/Political Science	LA&PS
David	Dewitt	Political Science	LA&PS
Willem	Maas	Political Science	LA&PS
Obiora	Okafor	Osgoode Law	Osgoode
Sean	Rehaag	Osgoode Law	Osgoode

### **External Affiliates**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Membership Term</b>
Idil	Atak	Prof. , Department of Criminology, Ryerson University	2019
Laura	Bisaillon	Prof., Social and Behavioural Health Sciences, University of Toronto	2020
Nimo	Bokore	Prof., School of Social Work, Carleton University	2019
Pablo	Bose	Prof., Department of Geography, University of Vermont	2017
Tom	Clark	Community Scholar	2018
Christina	Clark-Kazak	Associate Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa	2021
Janet	Cleveland	McGill University	2019
Nivedita	Das Kundu	Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi	2019
Sarah	Dryden-Peterson	Harvard Graduate School of Education	2019
Noheir	Elgendy	Former Prof. Urban Studies, Cairo University	2019
Barzoo	Eliassi	Prof., Department of Social Work, Linnaeus University	2018
Claire	Ellis	Community Scholar, ESPMI Network	2021
Neda	Faregh	Independent Researcher	2018
Adele	Garnier	Université Libre de Bruxelles	2019
Sacha	Guney	Community Scholar	2019
Heather	Johnson	Dr., School of Politics and International Studies, Queen's University Belfast	2019
Audrey	Macklin	Prof., Law, University of Toronto	2018

Michele	Manocchi	Researcher, University of Western Ontario	2020
Kevin	McKague	Prof., Sannon School of Business, Cape Breton University	2019
James	Milner	Prof., Political Science, Carleton University	2018
Petra	Molnar	Barrister and Solicitor	2020
Morgan	Poteet	Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Mt. Allison University	2021
Niloufar	Pourzand	PhD, Independent Researcher	2019
Ajnesh	Prasad	Canada Research Chair (Tier II), School of Business, Royal Roads University	2021
Diane	Riskedahl	Sessional Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto	2020
Althea-Maria	Rivas	University of Sussex	2020
Justin	Rogers	Prof., Social Work, University of Bath	2020
Fidaa	Shehada	Centennial College	2019
Craig	Smith	Munk School of Global Affairs	2020
Abdul Aziz	Thabet	Emeritus Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry-School of Public Health - Al Quds University- Jerusalem	2020
Sule	Tomkinson	Department of Political Science, Prof., Political Science, Université Laval	2019

### **CRS Graduate Research Fellows**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Ameeta	Agrawal	PhD candidate, Computer Science, Lassonde
Aytak	Akbari-Dibavar	PhD candidate, Trudeau Scholar, Political Science, LA&PS, York University
Ghuna	Bdiwi	PhD candidate, Osgood Hall Law School, York University
John	Carlaw	PhD candidate, Political Science, LA&PS, York University
Martin	Dimkovsky	PhD candidate, School of Information Technology, LA&PS, York University
Giulia	El Dardiry	PhD candidate, McGill University
Michael	Gordon	PhD candidate, Political Science, McMaster University
Neil	Judge	MPhil candidate, Jawaharlal University
HaEun	Kim	PhD candidate, Faculty of Education, York University
Forouksadat	Khonsari	PhD candidate, Computer Science, Lassonde
Monireh	Mohammadi	PhD Candidate, Humanities, York University
Aysegul	Ozgen	PhD candidate, Sociology, University of Buffalo
William	Payne	PhD candidate, Geography, LA&PS, York University

Kazi	Rahman	School of Information Technology, LA&PS, York University
Corey	Ranford-Robinson	PhD candidate, Sociology, LA&PS, York University
Hawa	Sabriye	PhD candidate, Faculty of Education, York University
Dina	Taha	PhD candidate, Sociology, LA&PS, York University

## Publications and Conference Presentations of Core CRS Affiliated Scholars

### Ranu Basu

#### Research in Progress

**2015-20 (Principal Investigator)** Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) *Subalterity, public education, and welfare cities: Comparing the experience of displaced migrants in three cities* [Havana, Toronto, Kolkata]

#### Publications:

**Basu, R.**, Ascii, P (forthcoming 2018) *Intermediary Cities of Refuge: From Istanbul to Kolkata* in Thakur, R, Dutt, A, Pomeroy, G and Thakur S (eds) 'Urban and Regional Planning and Development: 20th century Forms and 21st century Transformations'.

Reilly, K, **Basu, R.** (forthcoming 2018) *Geographies of Education: Context, Possibilities and Futures in Geographies of Children and Young People.* in Tracey Skelton and Stuart Aitken (eds) *Geographies of Children and Young People. Establishing Geographies of Children and Young People* Springer Singapore.

#### Multimedia

**Basu, R.** Budiman, S. (2017) *Revolution, Space and Education: Havana* [00:16:40 minutes]

#### Conference Presentations: 2017

বাঙ্গালি *Geographical Imaginaries: Kolkata to Toronto*, The Bengali Diaspora in Canada: Current Research Trends and Future Pathways workshop, York University, December 1, 2017.

*Crossing Scarborough: Nation, Migration and Place-Making* (cross dialogue with Aboriginal and Migration Scholars working in Scarborough), University of Toronto Scarborough, September 2017

### Nergis Canefe

#### Research Grants

2018 Pan-University AIF Grant, Participant Faculty, York University, project on adjudication of special class acceptance of Syrian refugees in Canada

2018 Principal Investigator, Transitional Justice Archives (A global open access legal advocacy source), partnership between Center for Refugee Studies, York University, Canada, Buffett Center for Forced

Migration Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA and Bilgi University Law School, Istanbul, Turkey (application in progress)

2017 Co-investigator, Canadian Communication Engagement Study 2017, Think for Actions Think Tank, Calgary [pro bono work]; supervision of the completion of first nation-wide pilot study on Islamophobia in Canada

### **Journal Articles**

2017 “Mea Culpa, Sua Culpa, Tua Maxima Culpa: Collective Responsibility and Legal Judgment.” *Revista Direito UFMS* 3 (1).

2017 “Syrians are Coming” Arts Narrative, *Journal of Narrative Politics* (published in March 2017 issue)

2017 “Hybrid Courts and the Future of International Criminal Law.” Submitted to *Transnational Human Rights Review* (under review)

2017 “Legislating the Unforgivable: Jurisprudential Debates on Crimes Against Humanity.” *International Human Rights Law* 2(1).

2017 Editor of Special Issue titled *Syrians are Coming*; “Introduction: Syrians are Coming? Reframing the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” *Refugee Watch* 48 (May 2017): 1-7.

2017 “Migration as Necessity: Contextualizing the European Response to Syrian Exodus.” *Refugee Watch* 48 (May 2017): 82-104.

### **David Dewitt**

Joined Joe Clark as the commentator when he was the keynote speaker at the Munk School’s conference on March 12 for “Shaping Global Summitry,” which focused on Canada’s involvement in the G7 and G20, and in anticipation of our hosting this June’s summit in Quebec.

David Dewitt (with Mary M. Young, Alex Brouse, and Jinelle Piereder) “AWOL – Canada’s Defence Policy and Presence in the Asia Pacific,” *International Journal* (in print, April 2018).

### **Don Dippo**

Wenona Giles and **Don Dippo**, “Transitions from Knowledge Networked to Knowledge Engaged: Ethical Tensions and Dilemmas from the Global to the Local” for *Ethical Networking for Research and Practice: Reflections on the Refugee Research Network*. Susan McGrath and Julie Young (Co-Editors), University of Calgary Press, (in press).

**Don Dippo**, “Opening Courses to Refugees, Displaced and War Affected Students: The BHER Experience”, *Impact of Education on Social Inclusion for Refugees Research Symposium*, George Brown College, Toronto, June 2017.

Wenona Giles, **Don Dippo**, Aida Orgocka, Emily Antze, “Borderless Higher Education for Refugees: Looking Forward, Looking Back”, *Global Affairs Canada Seminar Series*, Ottawa, November 2017.

“Curriculum Development and Pedagogical Innovation in On-Line and Blended Learning for Students in Refugee, Displacement and War Affected Contexts”, *Increasing Access to Quality Higher Education for Refugee and Displaced Youth*, The WUSC Second Annual Roundtable Discussion, Carleton University, Ottawa, November 2017.

Wenona Giles and **Don Dippo**, “Transitions from Knowledge Networked to Knowledge Engaged: Ethical Tensions and Dilemmas from the Global to the Local”, Centre for Refugees Summer Course, York University, May 2017.

## **Luin Goldring**

### **Publications**

Landolt, Patricia and Luin Goldring. 2018 “Assembling Noncitizen Access to Education: The Place of Public School Administrator Routine Bordering Practices.” In Xóchitl Bada and Shannon Gleeson (eds.)

Enforcing Rights across Borders. University of Texas Press. *Forthcoming*. (have corrected proofs)

Goldring, Luin. 2017. Review of Huang, Chuahui. *Migrant Workers and the City: Generation Now*. Halifax & Winnipeg: Fernwood Publishing, 2016. Oral History Forum.

### **Presentations**

Goldring, Luin. 2017 “The chutes and ladders of precarious status non-citizen incorporation in Toronto.” Invited presentation. Department of Geography, Laval University. October 24.

Goldring, Luin. 2017 “Legal status precarity.” Invited participation: Round table organized by Christina Gabriel. Canadian Political Science Association. Toronto. June 1.

Goldring, Luin. 2017 “The implications of prolonged precarious status, for individuals, families and communities.” Invited participant. Workshop on “Prolonged Precarious Status in Canada: Generating Policy Directions for the New Federal Government.” Ottawa. Carleton University and University of Ottawa. January 16.

### **Workshops**

Goldring, Luin . 2017 *Participant*. “New Research Directions in Private Sponsorship of Refugees.” Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto and Graduate School of Public and international Affairs, University of Ottawa. Toronto. April 28.

## **Jennifer Hyndman**

### **Publications**

#### **Refereed Journal Article**

Macklin, A., K. Barber, L. Goldring, J. Hyndman, A. Korteweg, S. Labman, J. Zyfi “A Preliminary Investigation into Private Refugee Sponsors,” submitted to *Canadian Ethnic Studies*.

Reynolds, J. and J. Hyndman. “A Turn in Canadian Refugee Policy and Practice”, *Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* 16 (2): 41-55, 2015. [released late 2017]

#### **Publications – Chapters in Books**

Hyndman, J. & Y. Weima (forthcoming) “Managing displacement: negotiating transnationalism, encampment, and return” K. Mitchell et al. (eds.) *Handbook of Critical Geographies of Migration*. Edward Elgar Press.

Hyndman, J. (forthcoming) “To Help or Not to Help? Humanitarian Spaces, Power and Government,” in M. Coleman and J. Agnew (eds.) *Geographies of Power*. Edward Elgar, 380-92.

Hyndman, J. & A. Mountz (forthcoming) "Place, power, metaphor, & geometries of migration", in M. Werner et al. (eds.) Doreen Massey: Critical Dialogues. Agenda Publishing.

### **Publications – Book Reviews**

Dixon, D. 2015. Feminist Geopolitics: Material States. "What feminist geopolitics do: a non-manifesto", review essay in book forum, Dialogues in Human Geography, 8 (1):77-79, 2018.

Hyndman, J. and W. Giles (2017) Response to 4 book reviews of Refugees in Extended Exile: Living on the Edge (Routledge) in AAG Review of Books, 2018.

### **Invited Talks**

"'Solutions' and Refugee Subjectivity: a feminist approach" The Jan Monk Distinguished Lecture, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, April 12, 2018.

"Feminist Geographies of Displacement, Private Refugee Sponsorship, and Refusal," invited talk in Geography and Planning, University of Arizona, Tucson, April 5-6, 2018.

"Humanitarianism, not Development: Refugee Protection in a Neoliberal Age", invited talk at Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, New School, New York, Nov. 6, 2017.

"Towards a Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (CPRSF)", Regional Roundtable of Academic Experts, UNHCR/Instituto Interamericano, San Jose, Sept. 4-5, 2017.

"Looking Forward: Responding to Protracted Refugee Displacement in 2017", invitation to Otago University Foreign Policy School, Dunedin, New Zealand, July 1- 2, 2017.

### **Conference Presentations**

"Probing Private Refugee Sponsorship in Canada" [with S. Jimenez and W. Payne] Canadian Association of Geographers, Annual Conference, Toronto, May 31, 2017.

"Off the Grid: Refugees Living in Extended Exile", invited presentation to Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies 10th annual Conference, May 16, 2017, Victoria BC.

### **Research Grants/Contracts – External**

2018-2019 "Alternative Solutions to Refugee Protection", SSHRC Connections Grant, P.I. Hyndman, \$24,720 (ranked 1 of 51)

2017-2021 "Probing private refugee resettlement in Canada", SSHRC Insight Grant, Hyndman P.I.; \$181,198.

2016-202 "Refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada"; CIHR Hyndman co-applicant; PI M. Hynie \$1.35m

2016-2018 "The sponsor's perspective: motivations, expectations and experiences of private sponsors", SSHRC Rapid Response co-app; PI A. Macklin \$25K (+ Trudeau \$)

### **Academic Awards, Honours, and Fellowships**

2018 Nominated to give the Jan Monk Distinguished Lecture, American Assoc. of Geographers, New Orleans, April.

**Chris Kyriakides**



## **Publications**

"Beyond Refuge: Contested Orientalism and Persons of Self-Rescue", *Canadian Ethnic Studies* (forthcoming).

## **Research**

"The Social Mobilities App for Refuge, Trust and Transition - Content Identification and Formation Phase", E-Ontario Grant (\$20K)

Co-applicant on SSHRC Partnership Grant

## **Willem Maas**

### **Publications**

Willem Maas, "Boundaries of Political Community in Europe, the US, and Canada," in *Journal of European Integration*, vol.39 no. 5 (2017) 575-590.

Willem Maas, "Multilevel Citizenship," in Ayelet Shachar, Rainer Bauböck, Irene Bloemraad, Maarten Vink, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Citizenship* (Oxford University Press, 2017) 644-668.

Willem Maas, "Free Movement and the Difference that Citizenship Makes," in *Journal of European Integration History*, vol.23 no.1 (2017) 85-101.

### **Research**

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant, "A Political History of Canadian Citizenship and Nationality Law and Policy" \$71,248 (sole applicant) 2017-2022.

## **Susan McGrath**

### **External Research Funding**

Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Connections Grant, 2018-19. Connecting Emerging Scholars and Practitioners to Foster Critical Reflections and Innovation on Migration Research. (\$40,250). Applicant: S. McGrath, co-applicant: J. E.E.Young.

### **Book Chapters**

Zhao J., McGrath S., Huang J.X., Wu J., Wu S. (2017). Extracting Relevant Information from Big Data to Anticipate Forced Migration. In Moshirpour M., Far B., Alhaji R. (eds). *Highlighting the Importance of Big Data Management and Analysis for Various Applications*. *Studies in Big Data*, vol 27. Springer, Cham,

Hamidi, Foad, Patrick Mbullo Owuor, Michaela Hynie, Melanie Baljko and Susan McGrath. (2017). "Potentials of Digital Assistive Technology and Special Education in Kenya." In *Sustainable ICT Adoption and Integration for Socio-Economic Development*, ed. Charles K. Ayo and Victor Mbarika, 125-151. doi:10.4018/978-1-5225-2565-3.ch006

### **Refereed Conference Papers**

McGrath, S., King, R., Hahirwa, J., Hakizamungu, A., Hakizimana, E., & Kubwimana, G. (2018). Synthesizing local and international social work theory and practice in Rwanda. *International Social Work Conference: Professional Social Work and Sustainable Development in Africa*, Kigali, Rwanda, March, 2018.

## **Obiora Okafor**

O.C. Okafor, *Refugee Law after 9/11* (Book Manuscript submitted to Publishers)

O.C. Okafor, "The Bandung Ethic and International Human Rights Praxis: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" in V. Nesiha, *et al*, eds., *The Bandung Conference and International Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017) 17 pages

O.C. Okafor and U. Ngwaba, "International Accountability in the Implementation of the Right to Development and the 'Wonderful Artificiality' of Law: An African Perspective" in J. Oduwole, ed., *The Right to Development in Africa* (accepted; forthcoming 2018) 22 pages

Peer Reviewer of a SSHRC Grant Application

Presentation to the UN Human Rights Council's Panel Discussion on Unaccompanied Minor Children

## **Sean Rehaag**

Invited Appearance, House of Commons, Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, 42nd Parliament, 1st Session (27 March 2018) (re: Immigration and Refugee Board's Appointment, Training and Complaint Processes)

"Sexual Orientation in Canada's Revised Refugee Determination System: An Empirical Snapshot" (2017) 29:2 Canadian Journal of Women and the Law 259

"'I Simply Do Not Believe ...': A Case Study of Credibility Determinations in Canadian Refugee Adjudication" (2017) 38 Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues 38

"Holding Refugees Hostage at Legal Aid Ontario" (19 June 2017), online:  
<http://www.slaw.ca/2017/06/19/holding-refugees-hostage-at-legal-aid-ontario/>

"The Charter and Legal Aid Ontario's Proposed Refugee Law Cuts" (7 June 2017), online:  
<http://www.fcj-fcj.org/a2blog/the-charter-and-legal-aid-ontario%E2%80%99s-proposed-refugee-law-cuts>

"Refugee Claim Data & IRB Member Grant Rates" (2018) Canadian Council for Refugees, online:  
<http://ccrweb.ca/en/2017-refugee-claim-data>

## **James C. Simeon**

"Refugee Adjudication Under the UNHCR's Mandate and Statute and the Post-Exclusion Dilemma," Cambridge Law Review, Vol II, 2017, pp. 75-108.

"A New Protection Orientation and Framework for Refugees and Other Forced Migrants," Laws 2017, 6(4), 30; doi:10.3390/laws6040030 (registering DOI). <http://www.mdpi.com/2075-471X/6/4/30>.

"Complicity and Exclusion in International Refugee Law," RLI Blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration, March 15, 2018, <https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2018/03/15/complicity-and-exclusion-in-international-refugee-law/>. [accessed 17 March 2018]

“Terrorism and Asylum: Unravelling the Myths,” RLI Blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration, January 25, 2018, <https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2018/01/25/terrorism-and-asylum-unravelling-the-myths/> . [accessed 9 February 2018]

With Dr. Sarah Singer, “Armed Conflict, Terrorism, and Asylum: Global Solutions for Global Problems?” RLI Blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration, November 1, 2017, <https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2017/11/01/armed-conflict-terrorism-and-asylum-global-solutions-for-global-problems/> . [accessed 1 November 2017]

“Exclusion in its International Law Context: Assessing the Relationship between Terrorism Cases under Article 1F and International Criminal Law,” Terrorism and Asylum Workshop, Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Study, University of London, London, December 8, 2017.

## **Dagmar Soennecken**

### **Publication**

Chris Anderson and Dagmar Soennecken, "Taking the Harper Government's Refugee Policy to Court," in Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian Constitution, ed. Emmett Macfarlane, UofT Press, forthcoming. (Oct 2018), <https://utorontopress.com/ca/policy-change-courts-and-the-canadian-constitution-2>

Conference paper presentation: Chris Anderson and Dagmar Soennecken, “Litigating against Harper: Refugee Advocates in the Courts,” (co-author: C. Anderson), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Ryerson, May, 2017. Canadian Law & Society Association, Jan, 2018 (Oshawa).

Conference paper CPSA (Ryerson), session, “Interrogating Canadian Exceptionalism in Refugee Politics,” and session, “Law, Legal Institutions and Public Policy in Comparative Perspective,” role: discussant, May, 2017.

Media, 2017. Children & Youth Care (CYC) Podcast: “a conversation about refugees with Dr. Dagmar Soennecken”: <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-sxmnt-677abb#.WJyYdBVS1FQ.gmail>

### **External funding**

SSHRC partnership grant, Civil Society and the Global Refugee Regime, (lead: James Milner, Carleton), role: co-applicant (representing CRS exec), status: successful.

SSHRC partnership grant, The Refugee Research and Policy Center, (lead: Oliver Schmidtke, Victoria), role: collaborator, status: not funded.

### **Internal funding**

2017, LAPS SSHRC minor research grant funding for “Taking the Harper Government's Refugee Policy to Court,” with Chris Anderson (Laurier University).

## **Antonio Sorge**

### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

2017 At the Mercy of Global Interests: Conspiratorialism and Digital Populism in Sicily. EuropeNow Journal (online journal of the Council for European Studies). Special issue: The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in Europe. (<http://www.europenowjournal.org/2017/09/30/at-the-mercy-of-global-interests-reflections-on-nativism-and-conspiratorialism-in-sicily/> )

## **Book Chapters**

2018 Navigating the Mediterranean Refugee “Crisis”: Alter-Globalization Activism and the Sediments of History on Lampedusa. In Andrea Smith, Kristín Loftsdóttir, and Brigitte Hipfl, eds. *Messy Europe: Racialization and Crisis in a Postcolonial World*. Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books.

## **Invited Talks**

01/2018 The Presence of the Past in the Struggle for the Future: The Italian Borderland in a Time of Refugee “Crisis”. Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario. London, ON, Canada.

03/2017 Border Anxieties: Refugee Flows, Nativism, and Anti-Immigration Sentiment in Italy. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology. University of Windsor. Windsor, ON, Canada.

03/2017 An Island on the Border: Lampedusa in the Flux and Flow of Mediterranean History. Royal Ontario Museum. Isaac Julien Exhibit Lectures, Migration: People, Places, and Politics. Toronto, ON, Canada.

## **Ozgun Topak**

### **Journal Article**

Topak, OE. (2017). “The Making of a Totalitarian Surveillance Machine: Surveillance in Turkey Under AKP Rule”, *Surveillance & Society*, 15 (3/4): 535-542.

### **Grants**

#### **External**

2018 Under Review. (\$ 50,000) SSHRC Insight Development Grant (Submitted on February 2018; Results will be announced in June 2018).

#### **Internal**

2018 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research Program (\$ 5,000)

2017 SSHRC Research Opportunity Grant (\$7,000)

2017 LAPS Minor Research Grant (\$5,000)

### **Presentations**

Topak, OE (2017). “Totalitarian Surveillance in Turkey” Socio-Legal Studies Graduate Program & York Centre for Refugee Studies Seminar Series. York University, Toronto. November 2.

Topak, OE (2017) “Marxism, Migration, Ethics and the National Question”, Augmenting the Left Workshop, OCAD University, Toronto, May 25-27, 2017.

Topak, OE (2017) “Militarization of Migration Controls in the Mediterranean” Critical Criminology Conference, University of Ottawa, May 4-5, 2017