Centre for Refugee Studies
Annual Report
2021 – 2022

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* Note that for 2022-23 the CRS Director will be on sabbatical. Professor Michaela Hynie will serve as Interim Director during that period (mhynie@yorku.ca).

2. **Original and Current Charter Dates**

Original Charter Date: 1988
Current Charter Date: 2021-2026
3. **Mandate**

The Centre for Refugee Studies 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 has been 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.

The CRS vision for 2020-2025 is to be a world-leading interdisciplinary research centre that enhances the rights and well-being of refugees and other displaced people through research, education, and knowledge mobilization. At a time of unprecedented and ever-increasing human displacement and rapid shifts in responses to this displacement, CRS will improve critical understanding of these phenomena and will advance evidence-informed policy and practice in Canada and abroad.

4. **Outstanding Accomplishments (2021-22)**

There was much on the go at CRS in 2021-22.

We offered extensive support to faculty, student and community researchers working on themes related to refugees and forced migration. This year, we supported 7 new grant applications by CRS PIs, received notice about 9 successful grants by CRS PIs, and administered 22 ongoing grants and research contracts. We also held 18 events, including this year’s Howard Adelman Lecture (“Coloniality, settler colonialism and international migration law” by Thomas Spijkerboer). We also acted as the secretariat for the leading academic associations on forced migration issues in Canada (CARFMS) and internationally (IASFM), and we hosted two visiting researchers and three post-doctoral fellows.

This year, our Charter renewal application was enthusiastically approved by York University Senate, meaning that governance infrastructure for CRS is now in place for the next five years. We are grateful to CRS Coordinator Michele Millard for all her work on our re-chartering application, to AVPRI Jennifer Hyndman for helping steer the process through the VPRI’s office, to the external reviewers (Francisco Rico Martinez, Jaya Ramji-Nogales and Antje Ellermann), and to all the students, staff and faculty who participated in the process.

We embarked on an exciting project of cataloguing and digitizing our unique collection of historical documents related to forced migration archived in our Resource Centre. CRS Resource Centre Coordinator, Faida Abu-Ghazaleh, has made excellent progress on that project, and we are looking forward to its completion in 2022-23.

In addition, we built and launched the new CRS website, which is accessible, mobile friendly and integrates social media. We also began a process revise on our visual presentation online and in the images in our on-campus spaces.
We also continued supporting the flagship scholarly publication hosted at CRS: *Refuge*. This interdisciplinary, online, bilingual, open-access, SSHRC-funded, peer-reviewed journal, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021. The journal published several issues, expanded the databases in which the journal is listed and added key metadata to its back issues. The journal also refreshed its layout for more impactful indexing and abstracting and for a better and more accessible user experience. We are also excited that the journal’s SSHRC ASJ application was not only successful, but also received the top ranking in its category. We are also pleased that our analytics (e.g., registered users, site visits, CiteScore) are all trending upwards — in some cases doubling in the past 4 years.

The CRS also supported our new Refugee Law Laboratory, co-hosted with Osgoode Hall Law School. The Lab held several virtual events, issued policy reports, published statistics on outcomes in Canada’s refugee determination system, published jurisprudence in a new Refugee Law Lab Reporter, and made significant progress on an innovative web application to assist refugee lawyers. The Lab also hosted a Filmmaker-in Residence (Kenya-Jade Pinto) and a Journalist-in-Residence (Lydia Emmanouilidou). Additionally, the Lab’s Associate Director, Petra Molnar, featured in over 40 media stories this year involving technology, migration and human rights.

This year, we placed particular focus on supporting work at the intersection of racism and forced migration. One key component of this work was the establishment of a subcommittee tasked with providing recommendations to the CRS Executive about what our priorities should be in this area – both in terms of supporting research and teaching, and in thinking through our own internal practices. We also supported two applications to the SSHRC Race, Diversity and Equality Initiative to pursue research in related fields (one of which was successful), and we hosted a post-doctoral fellow, Gemechu Abeshu, who specializes in the area.

We continued to prioritize supporting emerging scholars, including pre-tenure faculty and researchers who have completed their doctorates and who are still looking for a tenure track position. We are especially pleased to have welcomed our first Assistant Director, Aderomola Adeola, who, in addition to assisting with CRS administration and putting together the CRS Summer Course, also submitted a SSHRC Insight Development Grant. We also received the good news that 4 grant applications by emerging scholars we supported were successful. As of the time of writing, we are administering 8 successful grants by emerging scholar principal investigators, including 3 by emerging scholars who do not yet have faculty positions.

CRS also had extensive engagement with students this year. As usual, we ran our CRS Seminar Series, which is integrated into the undergraduate certificate and graduate diploma programs. Our student caucus organized a successful Graduate Student Conference on the theme of Support, Sanctuary, Solidarity: Moving Towards Migrant Justice and Resilience. We also made significant progress in ensuring that our engagement with undergraduate students is more sustainable and bringing that engagement into compliance with York University governance and policies. Specifically, the Undergraduate Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies is now fully administered by the Department of Equity Studies, who have been working on program revisions.
We also supported several graduate students who needed space to work during the Covid disruption through our CRS Writing Fellows program, and we awarded our annual Tony Richmond Scholarship for excellent graduate student work at the intersection of environmental change and forced migration (2021 recipient: Michael De Santi, who was completing his master’s degree in civil engineering at York’s Lassonde School of Engineering). In addition, we provided 7 bursaries to York students who are refugees or who are experiencing precarious immigration status – and we expanded our bursary program endowment using expired research funds combined with matching funds from a York University Faculty Association Community Projects grant. We also continued supporting refugee resettlement through World University Services Canada. We supported education for refugees abroad by hosting the Program Administrator of the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees project, and we co-hosted the BHER seminar series.

Overall, it has been a busy year!

5. **Challenges (2021-22)**

Despite our many accomplishments in 2021-22, we did struggle in a few areas.

Most notably, the Covid disruption continued to pose many challenges. Research travel by faculty, students and community members was disrupted. For most of the year we were unable to host visitors. In person knowledge mobilization and dissemination events were not possible. We were not able to hold in person events for CRS students and faculty to engage with one another. Overall, we missed the many informal opportunities to engage with one another that happen best when we are all in the same physical space. While we have learned to leverage technology to facilitate remote engagement, we are looking forward to opportunities to reconnect in person in 2022-23. We are also looking forward to continuing to draw on technology to allow broader engagement with our community by people who cannot be physically present – including people experiencing forced migration abroad. That said, we worry about whether the past two years will result in decreased physical presence over the long term at the University, and what that might mean for ORUs.

Many members of our community are also reporting feeling overwhelmed and burnt out by all the challenges related to adjusting to unpredictable shifts in our work during the pandemic, and to challenges related to the pandemic outside of work. We are especially concerned that many overstretched colleagues have had little choice but to limit research over the past two years – and we note with alarm that this phenomenon is not evenly distributed (see e.g., gendered patterns in care responsibilities, racialized patterns in who has carried particular burdens in supporting students during a challenging period). We hope that the University will choose to provide multi-pronged supports and resources to assist such researchers in reviving their research agendas, and we are eager to see a role for ORUs in that process.

Another set of challenges has been a longstanding feature of CRS annual reports: sustainability. This was discussed in detail in our 2021 rechartering application materials, and we will not repeat
those details here. We will merely note that it remains the case that the CRS Director role requires substantially more time than is reflected in the course release provided, and that other research-intensive roles that are less administratively demanding receive more supports (e.g., ORU Directors vs York Research Chairs). It also remains the case that comparable research institutions at other Universities (e.g., Refugee Hub) have access to larger amounts of centrally funded resources through which to pursue strategic objectives. At some point, the University will need to decide whether it remains committed to ORUs as a model for interdisciplinary research – and if so, to properly support them.

6. Plans for 2022-23

In 2022-23, CRS will foster and support our community of researchers on forced migration by:

- Assisting with grant applications, administering research funds, and supporting knowledge dissemination/knowledge mobilization
- Hosting research events, including the CRS Seminar Series, Howard Adelman Lecture, and Summer Course
- Delivering our Graduate Diploma in Refugee and Migration Studies and supporting the Department of Equity Studies’ Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies
- Serving as the secretariat for IASFM and CARFMS and hosting Refuge
- Continuing to operate our Resource Centre and completing the digitization of our collection
- Hosting visitors
- Completing work on updating the visual presence of CRS (both in person and virtual)
- Building pathways into the academy for early career researchers, including through supporting grant applications by emerging scholars, through maintaining an Assistant Director role at CRS and through a part time position to support knowledge mobilization for Refugee Research Network newsletters

CRS will continue working to advance education for refugees & other displaced people by:

- Supporting resettled refugee students through WUSC and considering opportunities to assist and facilitate access to post-secondary education for refugee students who arrive in Canada through other means
- Supporting refugee and non-status students through bursaries
- Continuing to support research related to access to education for displaced people

CRS will make progress on building our Refugee Law Laboratory (co-hosted with Osgoode Hall Law School) by:

- Supporting a CFI grant application for the RLL
- Continuing to assist RLL faculty, staff, and students, including through administration of grants and assistance with knowledge mobilization
- Hosting RLL events
CRS will further our efforts at expanding research on environmental/disaster induced displacement by:

- Holding one or more research events on the topic
- Administering the Tony Richmond Scholarship for graduate student research at the intersection of migration and environmental change

CRS will build on our work relating to health and forced migration by:

- Hosting a Fulbright-funded student to research the impact of precarious migration status on health and health care access in Canada
- Continuing research on health care access policies for those with precarious migration status
- Supporting on-going research regarding the relationship between COVID and COVID related policies, public health, and health and integration outcomes for refugees and migrants with precarious status, both locally and globally
- Continuing the exploration of an initiative with the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research in the area of mental health support in humanitarian settings

In addition to ensuring ongoing effective administration, CRS management and governance will focus on:

- Completing the work of the Racisms and Refuge Subcommittee, adopting a plan at the CRS Executive in light of any recommendations made by the Subcommittee, and beginning to implement the plan
- Developing a framework through which to assess and negotiate potential partnerships with other organizations
- Continuing to participate in discussions at York about the future of the 6th floor Resource Centre

7. **Financial Position**

See Appendix 4.

8. **Graduate Diplomas and Non-Degree Activities**

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* The undergraduate certificate is run by the Department of Equity Studies. We assist with some elements of the program (e.g. recognizing attendance in our seminar series).
** Due to COVID19 restrictions the CRS Summer Course was not held in 2021. However, we are running the course in the summer of 2022.

9. **Space Utilization**

See Appendix 3.
APPENDIX 1: Active Members and Governance

### Executive Committee

**Meeting Date(s):** May 19, 2021; Sept. 22, 2021

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Core Contributions of CRS Affiliated Scholars

Gemechu Abeshu (CRS Postdoc)

Media:
An appearance on The Refuge - A CYRRC Podcast- as one of three discussants to speak about the mental health challenges often faced by refugee youth. https://youtu.be/I39puRTyzck

Publications:

Conference presentations:
"Researching the experiences of racialized blackness among refugees in the Toronto; Initial considerations" at CARFMS21 - Utopias as Practices: Refugee Protection and The Coming Futures, October 27, 2021 - October 29, 2021 https://pheedloop.com/carfms21/site/speakers/?event=carfms21&section=88836&id=SPEEAJM LJVT

Community Engagement:
Provided training on "Focus group discussion and Interviewing" to international educated refugee and immigrant peer researchers at Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services, February 18, 2022. HTTPS://ACCESSALLIANCE.CA/BLOG/EMPOWERING-INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED-PROFESSIONALS-TO-BECOME-CHANGE-AGENTS/

Bronwyn Bragg (external affiliate)

Peer reviewed publication:

Community report:

Media:

Nergis Canefe (faculty)

**Journal Articles**

2022  The Afghan Crisis reconsidered.” *International Migration* (January 2022)

2022  Lead Editor, Special Issue on Afghan Futures, *Refugee Watch* (in preparation)

2021  “Do not go Gentle into that good night: The Anthropocene and the Cyclical Time of Human Suffering,” *Globalizations* 18 (6)  


2021  (Sole Author) *Crimes Against Humanity: Limits of Universal Jurisdiction in the Global South* (University of Wales, International Law Series)

2022  “Impact of Regional Declaration on International Refugee Regime: The Case of the Kolkata Declaration.” In Anasua Basu Ray Chawdhory, ed. Asia in Global Affairs, ORF Publishers, Kolkata, India.


John Carlaw (External Affiliate)

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

2021, “‘Canada’s generosity,’ ‘Bogus Refugees’ and ‘People who have played by the rules’: Refugees in Canadian Neoconservative Migration Discourses and Practices,” at the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Conference, Online, June 9.

Media:
Lambert, Taylor (2022, January 17), “This is Kenneyism,” The Tyee, https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2022/01/17/This-Is-Kenneyism/

Mehraneh Ebrahimi (Faculty)

Conferences:
2022  “Exile Narratives: Legal versus Affective Truth,” Canadian Comparative Literature Association (CCLA) 21-24 June

Media:

Books in progress:

Journal Articles in progress:
“Migrant Dreams Build Nations: Shirin Neshat’s Reverent Gaze in Land of Dreams Endows Subjects with Human Rights” under review at Imaginations
“Paper Wings: Refugee Memoir Subvert the Camp Dispositive, Create Community of Witness” Review Essay for Journal of Italian Cinema and Media Studies
“Refugee Literature: Stories as Human Rights” in prep for PostColonial Text
“Truth-Angst in The Ungrateful Refugee offers no Closure to Childhood Traumas”

Luin Goldring (Faculty)

Media:
This City News report features Patricia Landolt re. the PEG project (“Non-status migrant exclusions and responses under COVID in the GTA”); I was not available but the reporter had our report.
https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2022/03/29/covid-impact-on-non-status-migrant-workers/

Goldring, Luin and Patricia Landolt
Landolt, Patricia, Luin Goldring and Paul Pritchard

Borras, Jana, Luin Goldring, Patricia Landolt.

Luann Good Gingrich (Faculty)

Publications:


Refereed Conference Papers:

Jennifer Hyndman (Faculty)

Publications:

Chapters in Books


Presentations:


“Refugee Sponsorship and Integration Workshop”, plenary presentation to University of Ottawa’s Refugee Hub with Canadian, UK and Australian perspectives, June 16, 2021.

“Community Sponsorship of Refugees in Canada: will it continue and why (not)?”, co-presented with Biftu Yousuf, Dawit Demoz, Anna Purkey, Kathy Sherrell, and Johanna Reynolds at the RGS-IBG Annual conference (online), London, UK, September 2, 2021.

Michaela Hynie (Faculty)

Publications:


Other Research Contributions

Michaela Hynie (co-app), Dilys Walker (PI, Univ of California), et al, *Perinatal depression among women in Rwanda: enhancing early diagnosis, prevention and treatment in primary health centers*, NIH, USD$621,717 (currently under review)

Michaela Hynie (Co-app), James Milner (PI), *Transforming responses to forced migration through shifting power and localizing research*, LOI New Frontiers in Research Fund - Transformation 2022 (invited to submit full proposal)

Michaela Hynie (co-app), Frydenlund, E. (PI, Old Dominion University), et al; *What’s missing? Innovating interdisciplinary methods for hard-to-reach environments*. DoD, Minerva Research Initiative. US$1,600,000.


Michaela Hynie (co-app), Evans Cameron, H., (PI), et al, Which assumptions underlie adjudicators’ conclusions that refugee claimants are lying? A Canadian case study. SSHRC Insight. $74,653

Michaela Hynie (co-app), King, R. (PI), et al, *Exploring the roles of homegrown initiatives in addressing social issues in post-genocide Rwanda*. SSHRC Insight. $309,606


Willem Maas (Faculty)

Publications:


James Milner (external affiliate)

Publications:


Sean Rehaag (Faculty)

Publications:

“Making Space for Online Research Experiments in Law School Courses” (2022) Canadian Legal Education Annual Review (with Hilary Evans Cameron)

“Access to Justice for Refugees: How Legal Aid and Quality of Counsel Impact Fairness and Efficiency in Canada’s Asylum System” (2021) available on SSRN: http://ssrn.com/abstract=3980954 (with Craig Damian Smith & Trevor Farrow)


Presentations:
“Technology and New Futures in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies”, Online Presentation to the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Conference, University of Regina & University of Saskatchewan (2021)

“Refugee Law Laboratory @CRS”, Online Presentation to the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, University of Ghana (2021)

“Automated Status Determinations & Migration Law”, Online Presentation to Carnegie Trust Workshops on Artificial Intelligence and the International Rule of Law, University of Edinburgh Law School (2021)

Rachel Silver (Faculty)

Publications:
Silver, Rachel, Mark Okello Oyat, HaEun Kim, and Sahra Mohamed Ismail. (Under review). Rhetorical Commitments and Funding Realities in Dadaab, Kenya. Forced Migration Review

Craig Damian Smith (external affiliate)

Publications:

Media:
"Migration policies under scrutiny after family found frozen to death near U.S. border," CBC Radio The Current, 27 Jan 2022.

Dagmar Soennecken (Faculty)

Publications:

Presentations:
2021 **“The governance of ‘vulnerable’ migrants: who decides?” Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, Global Talks series (Zoom recording, hybrid event),
Dec 1. (also presented on March 10, 2022 at the Centre for Comparative Immigration Studies (CCIS), University of California San Diego, Zoom recording, hybrid event)
2021 “LERRN’s Analysis of Refuge and RSQ: Reflections on Knowledge Production, Access, and Representation,” Zoom recorded LERRN webinar, participant (as editor-in-chief of Refuge), Feb 26.

Antonio Sorge (Faculty)

Publications:


Dina Taha (York KM specialist)

Publications:


Presentations:


Ozgun Topak (Faculty)

Publications:


Presentations:

Topak, ÖE. (2021). “Hotspot as a Biopolitical Borderzone: The Violence of Containment” International Workshop, ECRIM, Faculty of Law, University of A Coruña (SP)
“Expanding the penal landscape: the immigration detention phenomena”, May 17, 2021 (Online Presentation).

Julie Young (external affiliate)

Publications:

Conference organization/hosting
Co-organizer (with Sheila McManus [History, University of Lethbridge] & Paul McKenzie-Jones [Indigenous Studies, University of Lethbridge]). The Line Crossed Us 2021: New Directions in Critical Border Studies virtual conference, University of Lethbridge, 10-11 June 2021. (Supported by School of Graduate Studies and Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Lethbridge.)

Media


Live interview, CTV Your Morning, 26 January 2022. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YRBhSES4Mc.

APPENDIX 2: Additional Accomplishments

Funding Proposals Submitted in 2021-22 (CRS PIs)

1. Aderomola Adeola (PI), Protecting climate displaced persons: understanding the laws, strengthening advocacy, and building research, SSHRC IDG, $71,830
2. Andrea Emberly (PI), Singing our stories: Networking community musical practices with refugee and newcomer children and young people, SSHRC Race Gender & Diversity Initiative, $447,117
3. Michaela Hynie (PI), Science for sharing: Using simulation to model and communicate climate impacts on human migration, Discovery Horizons, NSERC, $500,000
4. Christopher Kyriakides (PI), Refuge, Racisms and Resistances: Situating the Eligibility to Exist and Authority to Act of Racialized Refugees SSHRC Race Gender & Diversity Initiative, $355,426
5. Sean Rehaag (PI), Refugees as Transitional Justice Actors, Law Foundation of Ontario, $14,810
6. Dagmar Soennecken (PI), SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals (Refuge), $99,300
7. Yvonne Su (PI), Safe Expression: Giving Voice to LGBT Asylum Seekers amid COVID-19 in Brazil, SSHRC Connections, $43,312 (co-hosted with CERLAC as primary)

Notice of Successful Applications in 2021-22 (CRS PIs)

1. Saptarishi Bandopadhyay (PI), Creatures of Chaos, Creatures of Order: A history of the relationship between war, environmental collapse, and refugees before and after the emergence of climate change discourse, SSHRC IDG, $50,535
2. Andrea Emberly (PI), Singing our stories: Networking community musical practices with refugee and newcomer children and young people, SSHRC Race Gender & Diversity Initiative, $447,117
3. Michaela Hynie (PI), Josoor (Bridges in Arabic), The Arab Community Centre of Toronto, $20,020
4. Sean Rehaag (PI), Electronic Travel Authorizations: Interdicting Roma Refugees, SSHRC PEG, $19,854
5. Sean Rehaag (PI), Refugee Student Bursaries, York University Faculty Association (YUFA) Community Projects Committee (CP), $8,237
6. Dagmar Soennecken (PI), SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals (Refuge), $99,300
7. Yvonne Su (PI), At the Edge of Safety: Comparing Responses to Venezuelan LGBT Refugees in Brazil and Colombia amid COVID19, SSHRC IDG, $74,592
8. Yvonne Su (PI), (co-hosted with CERLAC as primary) Safe Expression: Giving Voice to LGBT Asylum Seekers amid COVID-19 in Brazil, SSHRC Connections, $43,312
9. Yvonne Su (PI), SSHRC Explore, $4,476

Ongoing Administered Grants in 2021-22

1. Ranu Basu (PI), Subalterity, public education, and welfare cities: Comparing the experience of displaced migrants in three cities, SSHRC Insight, $ 296,214
2. Kathryn Dennler (PI, external affiliate), Cooperation and Coercion in the Deportation of Refused Refugee Claimants in Ontario, SSHRC PEG, $22,833
4. Luann Good Gingrich (PI), Advancing social inclusion in Canada’s diverse communities: Neighbourhood, regional, and national Comparisons, SSHRC Insight, $252,949
6. Jennifer Hyndman (Co-app), Jennifer Bond (PI), “Global Approaches to Private Refugee Sponsorship”, SSHRC Connections Grant, $25,000
10. Michaela Hynie (PI), “Refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada”; CIHR, $1.35 million
12. Sean Rehaag (PI), Refugee Law Laboratory @CRS, SSHRC Insight, $203,162
14. Sean Rehaag (PI), Refugees as Transitional Justice Actors, Law Foundation of Ontario, $14,810
16. Craig Damian Smith (co-app, external affiliate), Kiran Banerjee (PI, Dalhousie), Non-state Actors and Forced Migration: Re-thinking Refugee Protection Beyond the State, SSHRC IDG, $7,625
17. Dagmar Soennecken (Co-app), Delphine Nakache (PI, UOttawa), Vulnerabilities under the Global Protection Regime. How are vulnerabilities of protection seekers assessed, addressed, shaped and produced in and through laws, protection policies, and state institutions? $37,000
18. Dagmar Soennecken (PI), SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals (Refuge), $82,794
19. Antonio Sorge (PI, external affiliate), ReCentering the Mediterranean: Refugee Resettlement on the Sicilian Borderland, SSHRC IDG, $49,701
22. Ozgun Topak (PI), Governing Refugees by Vetting, SSHRC IDG, $52,451

Events hosted or organized

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**2021-2022 CRS Seminars and Events**

1. April 13, 2022: Understanding the ongoing conflict and human rights violations in Ethiopia, with Awol Allo, Senior Lecturer at Keele University, UK, Awet T. Weldemichae, Professor and Queen's National Scholar at Queen's University, Goitom Gebreluel, political analyst at Just Security

2. April 5, 2022: Maritime Refugee Arrivals and Security Inadmissibility in Canada, with Sharry Aiken, Associate Professor of Law at Queen's University and Harini Sivalingam, doctoral candidate in the Socio-Legal Studies program at York University.


4. March 17, 2022: The Land of Open Graves: Understanding the Current Politics of Migrant Life and Death along the US/Mexico Border, with Jason De Leon, Professor of Anthropology and Chicana, Chicano, and Central American Studies at UCLA (co-sponsored with Dept. of Anthropology, York)

5. March 16, 2022: BHER Speaker Series: Higher Education in Comparative Perspective: Opportunities and Challenges, with Samson Madera Nashon, Head of the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy at UBC, Donald Kombo, Associate Professor of Education and the Dean, School of Education, Kenyatta University, Fouzia Warsame, Deputy Chief of Party – Policy, Curriculum and Government Liaison for the Bar ama Baro Program at Creative Associates International, Kerry Bystrom, Associate Dean of the College and Associate Professor of English and Human Rights at Bard College Berlin (co-sponsor)

6. March 11, 2022: CRS/LERRN Seminar: Haunted by Violence, with Saida Hodžić, Associate Professor, Anthropology, and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Cornell University; Azra Hromadžić, Associate Professor, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University; Larissa Kurtović, Associate Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, University of Ottawa

7. March 9, 2022: The Return Question Under Protracted Refugee Situation: Perspectives from Syrians in Turkey, with Ahmet İçduygu, Professor of International Relations and Sociology, Director of MiReKoc

8. March 4-6, 2022: CRS/YCAR Student Conference - “Support, Sanctuary, Solidarity: Moving Towards Migrant Justice and Resilience”

9. February 16, 2022: BHER Speaker Series: Together for Peace in Somalia Film Screening and Rebuilding Somalia Panel, with Hawa Sabriye, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), Maryan Noor Madobe, former BHER beneficiary, Jama Ahmed Mohamed, former BHER beneficiary (co-sponsor)

10. February 10, 2022: A definitional issue? Postcolonial paradox of the refugee/migrant binary in the subcontinent, with Jay Ramasubramanyam, Assistant Professor (Teaching) in the Law & Society Program at York University


12. November 24, 2021: Privacy and the Open Court Principle in Federal Court Refugee Judicial Reviews, with Johnathan Khan, Sean Rehaag (co-sponsored with Refugee Law Lab)
16. September 28-October 1, 2021: English Language Video Premier: “Allez Vous Faire Foutre”: online English language premiere of the video Allez Vous Faire Foutre by Julie Lassonde, a performance artist and a social justice lawyer (co-sponsored with Osgoode)
17. September 21, 2021: Immigration Detention Reviews: Lessons from Psychology and Psychiatry, with Simon Wallace, Todd Baron, Michaela Beder; Discussant: Hilary Evans Cameron
18. June 17, 2021: Annual Howard Adelman Lecture – Coloniality, settler colonialism and international migration law, with Thomas Spijkerboer, Professor of Migration Law, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

Publications

CRS published 2 issues of Refuge: Canada’s journal on refugees:
- General Issue with Special Focus on Humanizing Studies of Refuge and Displacement (Vol 37 No. 2)
- General Issue (Vol. 37 No. 1)
CRS produced 16 issues of the Refugee Research Network Research Digest that was broadly disseminated online to a global audience as well as 2 issues of the Refuge newsletter (in English and French) that was disseminated to thousands of recipients via MailChimp.

Media

13 mentions of the Centre for Refugee Studies in 2021-22 (google news search)
25 mentions of the Refugee Law Lab in 2021-22 (google news search)

Websites

CRS Website: https://www.yorku.ca/crs/
CRS Student Caucus Website: https://www.yorku.ca/crs/caucus/
CRS Summer Course Website: https://www.yorku.ca/crs/programs/summer-course/
Canadian Association for the Study of Forced Migration (CARFMS) website: http://carfms.org
International Association for the Study in Forced Migration (IASFM) website: http://iasfm.org
Refugee Research Network website: https://refugeeresearch.net/
Research in Context website: https://refugeeresearch.net/ms/research-in-context/
Canadian Sanctuary website: https://sanctnet.apps01.yorku.ca/
Refugee Law Lab website: https://refugeelab.ca/

Twitter

CRS: https://twitter.com/crsyorku (2.6K followers)
Refugee Research Network: https://twitter.com/RefugeeResearch (3.5K followers)
Refugee Law Lab: https://twitter.com/RefugeeLawLab (1.5K followers)
CRS Director / Refugee Law Lab Director: [https://twitter.com/SeanRehaag](https://twitter.com/SeanRehaag) (2k followers)
Refugee Law Lab Associate Director: [https://twitter.com/_PMolnar](https://twitter.com/_PMolnar) (5k followers)

**Facebook**

CRS Summer Course: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/611304198899243/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/611304198899243/) (747 members)
Refugee Research Network: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/30614536012/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/30614536012/) (49.5K members)
Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/138817499465045/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138817499465045/) (4.9K members)
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**Listervs**

CRSNEWSLIST (541 subscribers)
CRSSTUDENTS (151 subscribers)
CCRLIST (1,087 subscribers)
CCRTOR (119 subscribers)
IASFM (581 subscribers)
CARFMS (284 subscribers)
REFUGEELABNEWS (156 subscribers)

**Youtube Channels**

CRS: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC85PeTQ6yb2tY6zVU2G4lzW](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC85PeTQ6yb2tY6zVU2G4lzW)
Refugee Research Network: [https://www.youtube.com/user/refugeeresearch](https://www.youtube.com/user/refugeeresearch)
CARFMS: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdDjZTPR3TTD3ik9FcUXAgg/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdDjZTPR3TTD3ik9FcUXAgg/featured)
IASFM: [https://www.youtube.com/user/IASFMvideo](https://www.youtube.com/user/IASFMvideo)

**Visitors**

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### Suggestions regarding space

Space remains a precious commodity at CRS. The Refugee Lab may require additional space / different configurations of space, potentially as part of a CFI funding application. When we are ready to discuss possibilities, we will approach the VPRI’s office.

CRS is also keen to continue to be part of discussions about the future of the 6th floor Resource Centre, but we believe that discussion needs to be organized centrally as it should involve multiple ORUs.