

**Annual Report Template
for Organized Research Units**

Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation
York University

Please see the Annual Report Guide for additional instructions to complete the Template. Note that Annual Reports for 2012-13 are due by Friday, **May 10, 2013**.

Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS)
Annual Report
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1. Contact Information

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

Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies (29); Osgoode Hall Law School (2), Faculty of Environmental Studies (2), Glendon College (3), Faculty of Health (2), Faculty of Education (2), Schulich School of Business (1)

3. Charter dates: 05/1988 of first Charter; 05/2009 of last renewal

4. Mandate

The Centre for Refugee Studies is engaged in research on refugee issues; it informs public discussion as well as policy development and practice innovation by international, governmental, advocacy and service organizations; and it supports teaching in refugee and migration studies. Refugee studies is conceived in broad terms, as being concerned with the displacement of populations and individuals across and within borders, for reasons of persecution, expulsion, violence, violation of fundamental human rights and loss of essential human security and livelihood. It covers not only accommodation, protection, and assistance for refugees through asylum, settlement, resettlement and reintegration, but also the prevention of displacement. Its approach is necessarily interdisciplinary and respects diversity in perspectives.

5. Membership and Governance

Active members (York faculty)

First Name	Last Name	Faculty	Date of Entry	Date of Leaving
Howard	Adelman	Emeritus, LA&PS	1988	Dec. 2015
Uzo	Anucha	LA&PS	Sept. 17 2007	Sept. 2013
Sasha	Baglay	Osgoode	Jan 16 2009	May 2015
Michael	Barutciski	Glendon		Sept 2013
Ranu	Basu	LA&PS	June 13 2005	Oct. 2015
Nergis	Canefe	LA&PS	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2015
Christina	Clark-Kazak	Glendon		Sept 2015
Michael	Creal	Emeritus, LA&PS	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Alison	Crosby	LA&PS	March 17 2008	Mar. 2011
Don	Dippo	Education	2005	Oct. 2013
Marcela	Duran	Education	Sept. 22 2008	Sept. 2014
Tony	Fang	LA&PS	April 12 2011	April 2014
Liette	Gilbert	FES	Mar 17 2008	Mar. 2011
Wenona	Giles	LA&PS	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Luin	Goldring	LA&PS	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Luann	Good Gingrich	LA&PS	July 29 2008	Jun. 2014
Mohammed	Hassan	LA&PS	Aug. 2001	Aug. 2015
Jennifer	Hyndman	LA&PS	Aug. 26 2002	Aug. 2015
Michaela	Hynie	Health	Jan 16 2009	Jan 2015
Pablo	Idahosa	LA&PS	Feb. 16 2000	Dec. 2015
Gerald	Kernerman	LA&PS	Feb. 14 2006	Feb. 2015
Kyle	Killian	Health	Feb. 14 2006	Feb. 2015
Janice	Kim	LA&PS	April 12 2011	April 2014
Lawrence	Lam	LA&PS	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Michael	Lanphier	Emeritus, LA&PS	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Libby	Lunstrum	LA&PS	July 29 2008	Jun. 2015
Willem	Maas	Glendon	Sept. 17 2007	Sept. 2013
Susan	McGrath	LA&PS	June 13 2001	Dec. 2013
David	Murray	LA&PS	Feb. 18 2011	Feb. 2014
Peter	Penz	Emeritus, LA&PS	1999	Dec. 2013
Valerie	Preston	LA&PS	Jan. 20 2001	Jan. 2015
Fahimul	Quadir	LA&PS	Dec. 20 2002	Dec. 2015
Sean	Rehaag	Osgoode	5/14/2009	May 2015

Robin	Roth	LA&PS	April 2012	April 2015
James	Simeon	LA&PS	June 7 2007	Jun. 2013
Alan B.	Simmons	LA&PS	1999	Dec. 2015
Dagmar	Soennecken	LA&PS	Mar 17 2008	Mar. 2013
John	Wilkins	Schulich	Sept 20 2012	Sept 2015
Daphne	Winland	LA&PS	Apr. 12 2002	Dec. 2015
Patricia	Wood	LA&PS	Mar 17 2008	Mar. 2013
Anna	Zalik	FES	Sept. 17 2007	Sept. 2013

Other members

First Name	Last Name	Institution	Date of Entry	Date of Leaving
Iman	Ahmed	Independent Researcher	Sept. 20 2010	Sept. 2013
Sharryn	Aiken	Queen's University	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2015
Raj	Bardouille	Independent Researcher	Sept. 26 2005	Sept. 2013
Pablo	Bose	University of Vermont	Aug. 26 2002	Sept. 2014
Zilia	Castrillon	Independent Researcher	Sept. 29 2010	Sept. 2013
Rudhramoorthy	Cheran	Wilfrid Laurier University	Feb. 16 2000	Sept. 2014
Tom	Clark	Community Scholar	Dec. 2 2002	Dec. 2015
Janet	Cleveland	McGill University	Sept. 17 2007	Sept 2013
Bruce	Collet Dryden-	Bowling Green State University	Sept. 2004	Dec. 2015
Sarah	Peterson	Harvard University	March 2 2010	Jan 2013
S.	Gopikrishna	Community Scholar	April 10 2013	April 2016
Amzad	Hossain	Independent Researcher	April 10 2013	Sept 2015
Suzan	Ilcan	University of Waterloo	April 10 2013	April 2016
Heather	Johnson	University of Belfast	April 10 2013	April 2016
Csilla	Kalocsai	University of Toronto	Sept 20 2012	Sept 2015
Audrey	Macklin	University of Toronto		Dec. 2015
Fernando	Mata	University of Ottawa	April 10 2013	April 2016
James	Milner	Carleton University	Dec. 2003	Sept. 2014
Peter	Nyers	McMaster University	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2014
Nandita	Sharma	University of Hawaii	Oct 2005	Oct 2015
Natalia	Vasquez	Independent Researcher	Sept 2010	Sept. 2013

2012-2013 Executive Committee members

James C. Simeon, Director
Luann Good Gingrich, Deputy Director
Wenona Giles, Faculty Representative
Jennifer Hyndman, Associate Director, Faculty Representative
Nergis Canefe, Associate Director, Faculty Representative
Susan McGrath, Faculty Representative
Christina Clark-Kazak, Faculty Representative
Ranu Basu, Faculty Representative
Don Dippo, Faculty Representative
Fahim Quadir, Faculty Representative
Sean Rehaag, Faculty Representative
Monica Abdelkader, Jessica Anderson, Student
Representatives
Michele Millard, Centre Coordinator (consulting member)

Executive Committee Subcommittee - N/A

External Advisory Body members

Howard Adelman
Susan Davis
Shirley Freek
Susan McGrath
Robert Rubinstein

6. Annual Progress in Fulfilling Mandate

New Funding Proposals:

CRS worked collaboratively with faculty members at York and Canadian and international universities and non-governmental organisations in the submission of a total of 11 grant applications mainly to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). These included 3 SSHRC Insight Grants, 2 SSHRC Connection grants, 1 SSHRC Partnership Development grant that was successful and 1 SSHRC Partnership LOI. An internal grant to York's Academic Innovation Fund was also successful. CRS supported one other grant with PIs at other universities. In addition, CRS continued to support the resource development of the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Project, which applied to Global Challenges Canada, SIDA, and The MasterCard Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Douglas B. Marshall, Jr. Family Foundation and Wellspring Advisors. The value of grants awarded this past year is \$205,000.

See Appendix 1 for full details.

Ongoing Research Project

CRS hosts the seven year SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Research Cluster Grant, the Refugee Research Network (RRN) led by PI Susan McGrath and awarded in 2008 (\$2.1 million). Wenona Giles and Jennifer Hyndman are co-applicants and members of the RRN Executive and Management Committees and lead research clusters. CRS faculty members James Simeon, Don Dippo, Michael Barutciski, Christina Clark-Kazak, Ranu Basu, Nergis Canefe, Michaela Hynie, Libby Lunstrum and Anna Zalik are active in the RRN. The RRN supports a global network of refugee research centres with partners in Johannesburg, Washington, Chicago, Oxford, London, Tehran, Bogota, Sydney, Cairo, Kolkata and Kampala. UNHCR is also an institutional partner. The RRN also hosts eight research clusters – details at www.refugeereseach.net.

Conferences/workshops

In collaboration with CERIS, CRS hosted 27 seminars during the fall and winter semesters attracting York faculty and students, Seneca College students and practitioners in the settlement sector averaging about 25 participants per seminar. The annual Howard Adelman lecture was held in November 2012. Director James Simeon provided direction and presenters included leading scholars in the field along with representatives of UNHCR, the Canadian judiciary and the Immigration and Refugee Board. A number of the seminars were presented in an innovative way online with live streaming and in partnership with the Refugee Law Initiative in London, UK. CRS also organized its Annual Graduate Student Conference held at York on April 26-27, 2013 on *Identity and Belonging: Experiencing forced migration and the role of community, participation and collaboration* – with 60 participants, mainly from the GTA and York University, but also including participants from across Canada and the US. CRS hosted or actively supported an additional 6 conferences and workshops in Toronto, Halifax and Kolkata, India. CRS was profiled in YFile a number of times over the year: <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2012/10/10/joint-seminar-series-looks-at-refugee-law-in-canada-and-uk/>; <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2012/10/10/joint-seminar-series-looks-at-refugee-law-in-canada-and-uk/> and <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2012/02/01/york-project-offers-higher-education-to-refugees/>; and, the CIDA funding announcement, <http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2013/02/04/york-receives-6-2-million-from-cida-for-international-research-projects/>.

All details are in Appendix 1.

Knowledge Mobilization/Outreach

- i) In addition to its own list, CRS maintains listservs for the Canadian Council for Refugees, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) and provides secretariat support to CARFMS and IASFM.
- ii) CRS communicates through Facebook (Refugee Research Network) and Twitter.
- iii) CRS maintains a You Tube channel which currently hosts 53 Podcasts
- iv) The CRS website (www.yorku.ca/crs) had over 44,000 visitors and the Refugee Research Network (www.refugeereseach.net) had 38,720 visitors in the past year.

- v) CRS referred media requests to appropriate faculty members 3 times last year.

Student support

CRS research projects employed 27 York graduate students as Graduate Assistants and Research Assistants. Five undergraduate students were employed as workstudy students and supported core CRS programs. Opportunities for skill development included literature reviews, data analysis, conference/workshop organizing, journal management, annotated bibliographies and report writing. CRS has a student caucus executive of 7 active members led this year by MA students Jessica Anderson and Monica Abdelkader. They organized the annual student conference in April at York; details are available at their website <http://crsstudents.wordpress.com/2013-annual-conference/>. Through the RRN, we support the New Scholars' Network which has over 500 members (primarily recent graduates, graduate students and practitioners) and communicates through a listserv, Facebook, Google group and the RRN website.

CRS is supporting two undergraduate **student bursary programs**. One developed in collaboration with UNHCR Canada, where the UNHCR committed to provide \$500 annually over three years, matched by York faculty donations to 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.

CRS and CERIS were jointly awarded a **2 year Post-doctoral Fellowship** by York University and the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation. Dr. Amrita Hari was hired in December 2011 to study the mixed flows of temporary migrants to Canada and the transitions in status that they experience. She is currently being supervised by CRS Director James Simeon and CERIS Director Luin Goldring.

Education programs

- i) CRS Summer School – a self-funded, week long intensive program on forced migration offered annually in May. Led in 2012 by Christina Clark Kazak with 55 participants from 13 countries.
- 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. 66 are currently enrolled, with 10 new students accepted in 2012.
- 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. 118 students are currently enrolled, with 29 new students accepted in 2012.
- iv) Continuing Education Certificate in Refugee and Forced Migration Issues - initiated in 2008 to provide training to workers in the settlement sector in the GTA. Initially, a partnership with the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture and held at York and CCVT, the program has been revised into an online format and was offered in November 2012 to workers across Canada.

Refuge: Canada's Periodical on Refugees is an academic journal published by CRS. It is the only North American journal focused on refugee issues and one of the few in the world. The

Editor-in-chief is CRS faculty member Michael Barutciski of Glendon. Refuge published two editions this past year: 28(1) was on Iraqi refugees and 28(2) was a general issue. Refuge recently moved to an open access policy, and all articles are freely available online: www.yorku.ca/refuge.

CRS Resource Library. Located on the 6th floor of YRT, the library houses the CRS collection of key books, articles and grey material. Since support from Scott library was not provided, we have hired a part-time librarian who works with workstudy students to catalogue the collection and digitize relevant paper documents and grey material.

7. Financial Accountability

Please see the CRS Annual Financial Template

8. Objectives for Upcoming Year

The key objective for the coming year will be rechartering CRS. As 2013-2014 marks the 25th anniversary of CRS, we plan on holding a number of events such as a special Howard Adelman Annual Lecture and the CRS-CIHS Indo-Chinese Refugee Program Conference. CRS and its members will continue to apply for major grants and we will provide research development support and knowledge mobilization opportunities for its members. A new Director is expected to come on board in the new academic year, and CRS will undoubtedly support that individual's vision and goals.

9. Funding proposals planned:

- i) *Displacement in Colombia: Advancing Knowledge, Building Canadian-Latin American Networks and Enhancing Policy*. If the SSHRC LOI to the Partnership Grant program is awarded, CRS members Susan McGrath, Alan Simmons and Michele Millard will work with colleagues at CERLAC and Javeriana University to develop the full proposal. Eduardo Canel of CERLAC is the PI. If not granted, other funding opportunities will be explored for a workshop in Bogota in the coming year.
- ii) James C. Simeon will apply for a SSHRC Insight grant on War Crimes and Refugee Status.
- iii) The BHER Project will continue to actively pursue funding opportunities to further develop the scope and reach of its activities.
- iv) Funding will be sought to support the Indo-Chinese Refugee Program Conference and related research activities.
- v) If the SSHRC Partnership LOI is funded (Susan McGrath, PI) - Analyzing Canadian Refugee Status Determination and Resettlement in a Global Context, the research team will work on developing a full SSHRC Partnership Grant proposal

Conferences/Workshops planned

- i) The annual graduate student conference will be held in April 2014. Modest support is provided by CRS; the students organize the conference and secure supplementary funding.

- ii) The 2014 Summer School will be organized for delivery in May 2014. The Academic Director is still to be confirmed.
- iii) CRS will continue to support the annual CARFMS conference through a SSHRC Connections grant and work as CARFMS Secretariat

Knowledge Mobilization

The current KMb activities listed above will be continued. We consulted with a KMb expert in the development of a Strategic KMb Plan for CRS and the RRN and elements of the plan have already begun to be implemented.

RRN development

We will continue to develop and support the Refugee Research Network initiatives including the engagement of research centres, academics and new scholars, support for existing and emerging research clusters, the improvements and intensification of the website and the development of a plan for sustainability.

CRS Resource Library

The hours of our part-time librarian have been maintained and we expect that the cataloguing of the collection will be completed shortly. Digitization of certain records are currently underway. In collaboration with CERLAC, CERIS and YCISS, the library is kept open on a part-time basis with work study students.

- 10. Other relevant items the Director wishes to report
- 11. Appendix 1 – Additional Information about Progress in Fulfilling Mandate
- 12. Appendix 2 – Individual Member Contributions