Pre-Meeting Open House*  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 6:00 - 9:00pm CT
At the private home of Anne McCall, Chair of the SAR United States Section  
Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Xavier University of Louisiana
Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Once registered, participants will receive confirmation and location details.
*Attendees must independently arrange transportation.

Day One
Hosted at Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA). A shuttle service will be available to transport participants to and from the ALoft Downtown and Hyatt Regency Hotels to attend the full day program.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

New Orleans CT  
9:00 - 10:30am  
SESSIONS
Meeting of the SAR United States Steering Committee (closed)

9:00 - 10:30am  
WORKSHOP  
How-to-Host Workshop, Part I (Introductory)
This workshop is designed for network representatives who have interest in learning about the basics of hosting an at-risk scholar. This workshop is suggested for first-time or aspiring hosts.

10:45am  
Break (15 minutes)

12:30pm  
Welcome Luncheon & Reception

2:00 - 3:30pm  
WORKSHOP  
Practices for Implementing a Culture of Academic Freedom
Drawing on SAR's Promoting Higher Education Values guide, this workshop explores archetypal values-related situations that arise in US contexts and strategies to implement a culture of academic freedom.

2:00 - 3:30pm  
WORKSHOP  
Engaging Students in Advocacy on Behalf of Imprisoned Scholars
This session will introduce SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars, SAR's Scholars in Prison Project, and present highlights from advocacy campaigns of alumni courses.

4:00 pm  
PRESENTATION  
Free to Think 2022: Responding to Attacks on Academic Freedom
This session will present major findings from the 2022 Free to Think Report, with a discussion on how the SAR US Section can respond to attacks on academic freedom.

5:00pm  
Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres

6:00pm  
PLENARY  
Evening Reception  
Special remarks prepared in advance by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, United States Representative to the United Nations; United States Representative to the UN Security Council.

Day Two
Hosted at Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA). A shuttle service will be available to transport participants to and from the ALoft Downtown and Hyatt Regency Hotels to attend the full day program.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

New Orleans CT
9:00 - 10:15am  
SESSIONS  
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
Building SAR Support on Campus: Funding Models and Effective SAR Committees
This interactive session, led by SAR representatives with extensive experience in leveraging funding and supporting active SAR committees, will offer their perspectives and experience in this collaborative information and idea exchange.

Break (15 minutes)

10:30 - 11:30am  
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
Hosting a Practitioner At Risk
Led by SAR staff, this session will explore SAR's Practitioners at Risk program for hosting at-risk human rights practitioners, with support from the National Endowment for Democracy.

10:30 - 11:30am  
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
Community Engagement and University Collaboration
Led by SAR representatives mobilizing resources and goodwill across higher education and nonprofit sectors, this interactive session will share experiences and best practices for broadening community support networks to facilitate a more sustainable approach to hosting threatened scholars.

11:30am - 1:00pm  
CONCLUDING SESSION  
General Assembly & Luncheon: SAR Strategic Plan & the US Section
This important final assembly will present SAR’s vision for the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan and solicit input from all participants in guided small group discussions.