

## 2022 SAR UNITED STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

## 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	SESSIONS
9:00 - 10:30am	<b>MEETING</b> Meeting of the SAR United States Steering Committee (closed)
9:00 - 10:30am	<b>WORKSHOP</b> How-to-Host Workshop, Part I (Introductory) <i>This workshop is designed for network representatives that have interest in learning about the basics of hosting an at-risk scholar. This workshop is suggested for first-time or aspiring hosts.</i>
Break (15 minutes)	
10:45am - 12:15pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> How-to-Host Workshop, Part II (Advanced) <i>This workshop is designed for all network representatives that have interest in hosting and may be most beneficial for those who are currently or have previously hosted an at-risk scholar.</i>
Break (15 minutes)	
12:30pm	<b>Welcome Luncheon &amp; Reception</b>
2:00 - 3:30pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Practices for Implementing a Culture of Academic Freedom <i>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.</i>
2:00 - 3:30pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Engaging Students in Advocacy on Behalf of Imprisoned Scholars <i>This session will introduce SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars, SAR's Scholars in Prison Project, and present highlights from advocacy campaigns of alumni courses.</i>
Break (30 minutes)	
4:00 pm	<b>PRESENTATION</b> Free to Think 2022: Responding to Attacks on Academic Freedom <i>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.</i>
5:00pm	Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres
6:00pm	<b>PLENARY</b> Evening Reception <i>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.</i>

## Day Two

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3	
New Orleans CT	SESSIONS
9:00 - 10:15am	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</b> Building SAR Support on Campus: Funding Models and Effective SAR Committees <i>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.</i>
Break (15 minutes)	
10:30 - 11:30am	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</b> Hosting a Practitioner At Risk <i>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.</i>
10:30 - 11:30am	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</b> Community Engagement and University Collaboration <i>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 network(s) to facilitate a more sustainable approach to hosting threatened scholars.</i>
11:30am - 1:00pm	<b>CONCLUDING SESSION</b> General Assembly & Luncheon: SAR Strategic Plan & the US Section <i>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.</i>