



SAR United States General Assembly
Xavier University of Louisiana



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DAY ONE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 SCHEDULE		
Time	Location	SESSIONS
8:00 - 9:00am	205C	MEETING Meeting of the SAR United States Steering Committee (closed)
9:00 - 10:15am	205	WORKSHOP How-to-Host Workshop, Part I (Introductory) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leona Binz, Scholars at Risk • Anne McCall, Xavier University of Louisiana • Baha Adam, Alumni SAR Scholar <p><i>This workshop is designed for network representatives interested in learning about the basics of hosting an at-risk scholar. Geared toward first-time or aspiring hosts, this workshop will focus on how to work with SAR on arranging temporary visiting positions for at-risk scholars, preparing for a scholar's arrival, and best practices in creating a successful placement.</i></p>
Break (15 minutes)		
10:30am - 12:00pm	205	WORKSHOP How-to-Host Workshop, Part II (Advanced) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarina Rosenthal, Scholars at Risk • Alfred Babo, SAR Board & Alumni Scholar, Fairfield University <p><i>This workshop will focus on best practices for supporting scholars' academic careers while on campus, addressing socio-emotional needs, and helping scholars prepare for transition, including lessons learned from SAR scholars. This workshop may be most beneficial for those who are currently or have previously hosted an at-risk scholar.</i></p>
12:00pm	Ballroom	Welcome Luncheon <i>Welcome luncheon with opening remarks and announcements by Anne McCall, Rob Quinn, and introductions to the SAR United States Steering Committee.</i>
1:00 - 2:30pm	205C	WORKSHOP Practices for Implementing a Culture of Academic Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Quinn, Scholars at Risk • Chelsea Blackburn Cohen, Scholars at Risk <p><i>Drawing on SAR resources, this session introduces a set of tools for proactively implementing a culture of respect for academic freedom on campus and in the wider community.</i></p>

1:00 - 2:30pm	205	<p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>Engaging Students in Advocacy on Behalf of Imprisoned Scholars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Braver, SAR Student Advocacy Faculty Coordinator, RWU • Nancy Postero, University of California, San Diego <p><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></p>
<i>Break (15 minutes)</i>		
2:45 - 3:45pm	205	<p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>Hosting a Practitioner At Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leona Binz, Scholars at Risk • Islam Elrabieey, Practitioners at Risk Fellow, Tulane University <p><i>This session will explore hosting at-risk human rights practitioners through SAR's Practitioners at Risk program with financial support from the National Endowment for Democracy.</i></p>
2:45 - 3:45pm	205C	<p>GROUP DISCUSSION</p> <p>Discussion: Defining "At-Risk"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane O. Newman, University of California, Irvine <p><i>This discussion will examine the ways "at-risk scholars" have been defined, in the past and present, at a time when multiple communities face threats by a wide range of forces. This discussion will also explore the considerations organizations weigh when determining their ability and approach to hosting an at-risk individual.</i></p>
<i>Break (15 minutes)</i>		
4:00 pm	Ballroom	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>Free to Think 2022: Responding to Attacks on Academic Freedom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Pisarello, Scholars at Risk • Anita Fabos, Clark University • Theresa Harris, American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science • Alix Saba, African Studies Association <p><i>This session will present major findings from the Free to Think 2022 report, with a discussion on how the SAR US Section can respond to attacks on academic freedom.</i></p>
5:00pm	Ballroom	<i>Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres</i>
6:00pm	Ballroom	<p>PLENARY</p> <p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Special remarks prepared in advance by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Introduction by Anne McCall, followed by commentary by Rob Quinn and shared key takeaways from the day from participants.</i></p>



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DAY TWO: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 | SCHEDULE



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Time	Location	SESSIONS
9:00 - 10:15am	205C	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</p> <p>Building SAR Support on Campus: Funding Models and SAR Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane O. Newman, University of California, Irvine Anne McCall, Xavier University of Louisiana Adam Braver, Roger Williams University <p><i>This collaborative information and idea exchange will highlight SAR representatives' experiences with funding models and supporting active SAR committees.</i></p>
Break (15 minutes)		
10:30 - 11:30am	205C	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mental Health & Resiliency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabe Twose, American Psychological Association Nancy Postero, University of California, San Diego Cirecie A. West-Olatunji, Xavier University of Louisiana Tuyl Mogabgab, Licensed Clinical Social Worker <p><i>This session will discuss mental health challenges scholars and their hosts have reported. Mental health professionals - including a clinical psychologist and a counselor - will explain common symptoms and psychological and socioemotional strategies to enhance resilience.</i></p>
10:30 - 11:30am	205	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</p> <p>Community Engagement and University Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex Hiniker, Carnegie Mellon University Veronica Dristas, University of Pittsburgh <p><i>This interactive session will share experiences and best practices for mobilizing resources and broadening community support network(s) to facilitate a more sustainable approach to hosting threatened scholars.</i></p>
11:30am - 1:00pm	Ballroom	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <p>General Assembly & Luncheon: SAR Strategic Planning & the US Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by Alfred Babo Presentation by Rob Quinn <p><i>Coupled with lunch, the final assembly will invite US Section members to participate in SAR's strategic planning process. Rob Quinn will explain the planning process and present the preliminary vision for the plan, then solicit input from all participants.</i></p>