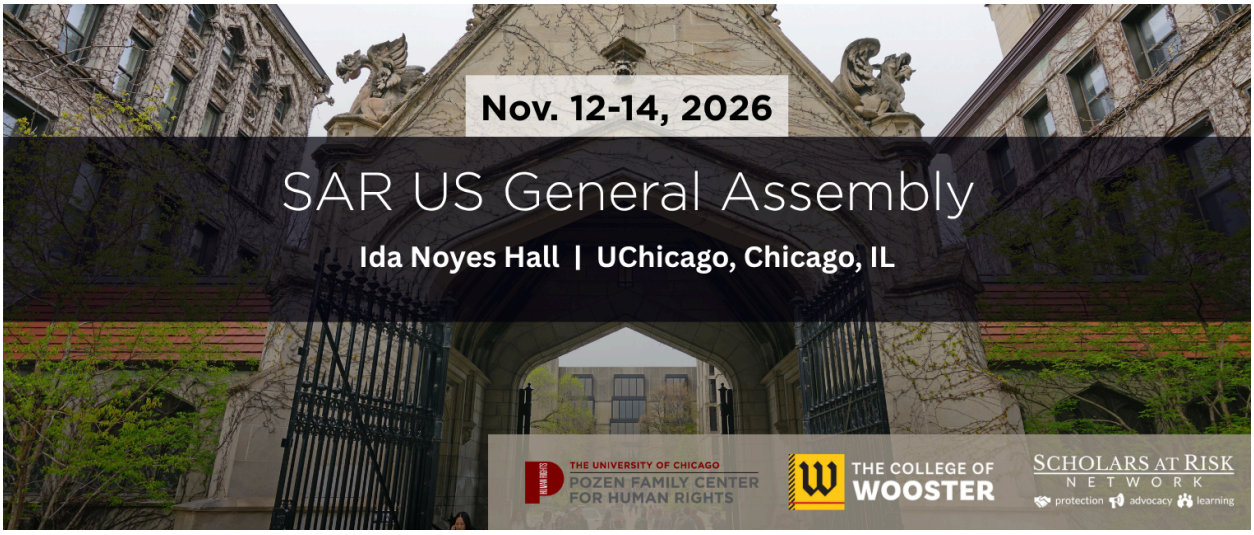

Thursday, November 12	
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Location: Library/Lounge *All meeting rooms are in Ida Noyes Hall	**Pre-General Assembly Workshop: Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Academic Freedom Violations and Attacks** Faculty, staff, and administrators increasingly face questions about how to prepare for threats to academic freedom and how to respond when a colleague or campus community is targeted. This interactive workshop will offer practical strategies for protecting scholars and supporting their work. Through presentations and focused small group discussions, participants will explore how to: ● Assess personal online risks and improve digital safety ● Respond to online harassment, doxing, and attempts to censor academic work ● Navigate politically sensitive topics in the classroom ● Advocate for institutional protocols that support targeted faculty
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Location: Theatre (3rd floor)	**Academic Freedom in the Era of Trump: The US and Beyond** SAR Executive Director Rob Quinn will sit down with University of Chicago scholars Tom Ginsburg and Geoffrey Stone for a public conversation on the changing landscape for academic freedom in the US. The discussion will consider how policies, legal arguments, and institutional practices emerging in the United States may influence approaches to higher education and academic freedom globally. Geoffrey Stone, University of Chicago Tom Ginsburg, University of Chicago Moderator: Rob Quinn, Scholars at Risk

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Location: Theatre (3rd floor)	**Reception**
Friday, November 13	
8:15 am - 9:00 am	**Registration** Breakfast, coffee, and tea
9:00 am - 9:30 am Location: Cloister Club	**Welcome Remarks** Rob Quinn, Scholars at Risk Kathleen Cavanaugh, University of Chicago Nathan Camp, Yale University
9:30 am - 10:30 am Location: Cloister Club	**Session 1: Centering At-Risk Scholars in the Academic Freedom Conversation** Scholars with lived experience of risk, displacement, and exile will consider how their personal and academic experience can help shape how universities understand, defend, and practice academic freedom. Özge Savaş, College of the Holy Cross Benjamin Robinson, Indiana University Bloomington Eman Salih, Yale University Moderator: Anita Fabos, Clark University
10:30 am - 10:45 am	**Coffee Break**
10:45 am - 12:00 pm Location: Cloister Club	**Session 2: Legal Protection for Academic Freedom: US and Global Approaches** This conversation will examine legal and human rights approaches to protecting academic freedom in the United States and globally. Aziz Huq, University of Chicago Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Moderator: Kathleen Cavanaugh, University of Chicago
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	**Lunch**
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	**Session 3: Defending Academic Freedom on Your Campus**

Location: Cloister Club	Participants will explore how academic freedom can be supported across different campus roles and responsibilities. Drawing from perspectives that include senior administrators, student affairs leaders, teaching faculty, and at-risk scholars, the discussion will focus on practical strategies for building campus cultures that protect inquiry and support those facing pressure. Katie Rainwater, Florida International University Ashley Holmes, Oregon State University Abbey Hatcher, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Veronica Zubillaga, Tulane University Moderator: Ashley Kistler, The College of Wooster
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	**Coffee Break**
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Location: Cloister Club	**Session 4: Academic Associations as Defenders of Academic Freedom** Academic associations play a vital role in defending academic freedom across disciplines, institutions, and public life. Speakers will discuss how associations are responding to current pressures through advocacy, legal strategies, public statements, member support, and collaboration with SAR. Alexandra Levy, American Historical Association Theresa Harris, American Association for the Advancement of Science Christopher Thornton, American Council of Learned Societies Moderator: Nate Schenkkan, Scholars at Risk
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	**Coffee Break**
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Location: Cloister Club	**Session 5: From National Conversation to Regional Action** Participants will gather in regional groups to discuss themes and challenges raised throughout the first day and identify opportunities for collaboration across the US Section. Facilitator: Jane Newman, University of California, Irvine
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Location: Theatre 3rd floor)	**Reception**

Saturday, November 14	
8:15 am - 9:00 am	**Registration** Breakfast, coffee, and tea available
9:00 am - 9:15 am Location: Cloister Club	**Opening Remarks: Deeper engagement with SAR** Anne McCall, The College of Wooster
9:15 am - 10:30 am Location: Cloister Club	**Session 6a: SAR in Action: Updates from Protection, Advocacy, and Research & Learning** SAR staff will introduce key areas of the Network's work, including Protection, Advocacy, and Research & Learning, before participants move into topic-based discussions. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions, explore ways to engage more deeply, and connect their campus or association priorities with SAR programs and resources. Nate Schenkkan, Scholars at Risk Clare Robinson, Scholars at Risk Sarina Rosenthal, Scholars at Risk
9:15 am - 10:30 am Location: Library/Lounge	**Session 6b: Scholar Connections** This is a private session for at-risk scholars and practitioners.
10:30 am - 11:00 am	**Coffee Break and Light Lunch**
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Location: Cloister Club	**Session 7: Students Defending Academic Freedom: Advocacy, Learning, and Campus Action** Students play an important role in defending academic freedom through advocacy, learning, legal clinics, and campus action. Speakers will include students involved in SAR Student Advocacy Seminar and legal clinic work highlighting different ways students can contribute to the protection of scholars and the defense of free inquiry. Sonia Saega, Northwestern University Ethan Rose, University of Iowa Moderator: Adam Braver, Scholars at Risk
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	**Coffee Break**

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm Location: Cloister Club	**Session 8: From Assembly to Action** The closing conversation will bring together reflections from the General Assembly and consider practical next steps for SAR, the US Section, and participating institutions and associations. Moderator: The US Steering Committee
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Library/Lounge	**Midwest Regional Meeting** Following the General Assembly, institutions and individuals located in the Midwest are invited to stay for a regional meeting. Building on SAR's series of regional gatherings held across the United States this year, the meeting will provide an opportunity for Midwest institutions to connect, share regional experiences and priorities, and identify opportunities for continued collaboration. Participation is open to any institution that identifies with the Midwest region; no strict geographic definition applies.