SAR’s inaugural Student Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

Students advocate for imprisoned scholars in DC as part of SAR’s inaugural Student Advocacy Day - Scholars at Risk

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Through these seminars, SAR offers opportunities for students to develop hands-on research, advocacy, and leadership skills while investigating attacks on higher education communities or alleged cases of unjust restriction, prosecution, or imprisonment of scholars or students. Students work, in conjunction with faculty and SAR guidance, to raise awareness of cases or incidents including, as appropriate, undertaking informational outreach to local, national and intergovernmental authorities and others capable of intervening positively.

Join us for next year's Seminar program! SAR invites expressions of interest from faculty and institutions interested in holding a Student Advocacy Seminar on campus.

Scholars of the Week

If your university is interested in learning more about hosting a scholar, please contact us for more information.

**TURK-796 (Education):** This junior scholar specializes in English Language Teaching and has several years of experience instructing courses in Turkey and Georgia. A researcher as well, she has published several articles on effective models of English language learning and instruction. She faces risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in the United States beginning immediately.

**TURK-760 (Environmental Engineering):** This scholar has several years of experience instructing courses in Turkey on topics in environmental engineering and chemistry. With a particular focus on physicochemical processes and treatments, he has published several dozen academic articles and presented his research widely at academic conferences. He faces risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in Switzerland beginning immediately.

**SYRI-630 (French Literature):** This scholar has several years of experience teaching courses in Syria and the United States, on topics ranging from French contemporary poetry to French linguistics and photography. A researcher and a poet as well, he has published several academic articles and has written poetry in French and Arabic. He faces risk due to ongoing, situational violence and his status as a military deserter in Syria. He seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning July 2017.

**SYRI-724 (Astronomy):** This scholar's work focuses on astrophysics and celestial mechanics and he has experience studying and conducting research in Syria, France, and Brazil. A strong researcher, he has published numerous academic articles in his field. He faces risk due to ongoing, situational violence and his status as a military deserter in Syria. He seeks research opportunities in Brazil beginning immediately.

Upcoming Events

Marie Curie Alumni Association and General Assembly | Mar. 24 | Salamanca, Spain
During a session of MCAA's conference and general assembly, SAR's Sinead O'Gorman will discuss ways in which MCAA members might support threatened and refugee scholars and researchers.

**SAR Speaker Series: University of Quebec at Montreal | Mar. 30 | Montreal, Canada**

A Syrian SAR scholar of analytical chemistry will give a talk entitled "A Dangerous World for Universities: The Story of a Syrian Researcher in Exile."

**Cultures in the Crossfire: Stories from Syria and Iraq | Apr. 8 | Philadelphia, PA**

The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology is opening an exhibition entitled "Cultures in the Crossfire: Stories from Syria and Iraq" that concerns the destruction of cultural heritage in the Middle East.

**Academic Refuge Staff Training | Jun. 19-23 | Oslo, Norway**

Scholars at Risk, the University of Oslo, UNICA, and the University of Ljubljana will hold a new staff training opportunity on 19-23 June 2017 at the University of Oslo.

**Academic Freedom Media Review**

*Each week, SAR compiles articles pertaining to academic freedom and higher education communities worldwide. Here are the most-read articles this month. [Read the full review.]*

**The Aftermath at Middlebury**

Scott Jaschik, *Inside Higher Ed*, 03/06

Thursday was "the saddest day of my life," wrote Allison Stanger, a prominent political scientist who is a professor at Middlebury College, in a Facebook post on Friday.

**MİT asks education board to dismiss 910 more academics from universities**

*Turkish Minute*, 03/06

Turkey’s National Intelligence Organization (MIT) has sent a list of 910 academics to the Higher Education Board (YÖK) for dismissal from their universities for alleged use of the ByLock smartphone application.

**Iowa Bill Would Force Universities to Consider Political Affiliation in Faculty Hiring**

Peter Schmidt, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 02/22

Iowa’s public universities would have to base faculty-hiring decisions on applicants’ political-party affiliations under a bill pending before the State Senate’s Education Committee.