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ABOUT CARFMS

The Association works to foster an independent community of scholars dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of Canadian refugee and forced migration research by establishing active partnerships and collaborations among researchers, teachers, practitioners, policy makers, advocating and supporting publications, conferences, and other fora that contribute to open and inclusive communication and networking around issues relating to refugee and forced migration studies in Canada and elsewhere.

The vision of the Association is to create a community for scholars with an interest in issues relating to refugees and forced migration, to facilitate networking and collaboration between scholars, to disseminate research findings, to foster linkages between scholars and governmental and non- governmental actors, to serve as a forum for debate and intellectual exchange on refugee and forced migration issues, and to be a prime resource of Canadian scholarship and academic contacts in the field of refugee and forced migration studies in Canada. For more information visit our website at www.carfms.org

À PROPOS DE L'ACERMF

L'Association cherche à encourager et réunir une communauté indépendante d'universitaires dédiés à l'avancement et à la diffusion de la recherche portant sur les migrations forcées et l'asile au Canada, en établissant des partenariats actifs et des collaborations entre les chercheurs, les enseignants, les praticiens, les représentants gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux.

L'Association encourage et soutient la réalisation de publications, l'organisation de conférences et d'autres forums qui contribuent à créer une communication ouverte et inclusive, ainsi que le réseautage, sur des questions reliées à l'asile et aux migrations forcées, au Canada et ailleurs.

L'objectif de l'Association est de créer une communauté de chercheurs partageant un intérêt pour les questions reliées aux migrations forcées et à l'asile, de faciliter le réseautage et la collaboration entre les chercheurs, de diffuser les résultats de recherche, d'accroître les liens entre les chercheurs et les acteurs gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux. L'Association vise aussi à créer un forum de débats et d'échanges intellectuels sur les questions de migrations forcées et d'asile, et à être une ressource incontournable au Canada en matière de contacts dans le milieu canadien universitaire et de la recherche dans ces domaines.

Pour plus d'information visitez notre site internet www.carfms.org



WELCOME/BIENVENUE



By: Stephanie P. Stobbe,
CARFMS President

The year 2024 has been a year of political crises and changes across the globe. After 13 years of civil war, Syrian rebel forces have brought down the Bashar al-Assad regime, and the world is hoping that the new leader will be successful in uniting the various groups. The uprising in Bangladesh has forced its former Prime Minister Hasina to flee with no provisions in the constitution for an interim government. Putin secured his fifth term as Russian President. South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol was impeached after declaring emergency martial law. After surviving assassination attempts, Trump won a sweeping victory in the U.S. Elections. These drastic changes in world politics will have a great impact on refugees, forced migrants, and immigration. We hope that these transitions will be peaceful and their impacts on vulnerable populations will be mitigated by thoughtful and informed policies.

In the meantime, the work of CARFMS continues. Since our Spring 2024 newsletter, CARFMS has been working on a number of initiatives. In collaboration with the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network (LERRN) and the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project, we are pleased to announce the results of the 2024 CARFMS/LERRN Lived Experiences of Displacement Award to Oudai Tozan's paper on "Living in a World of Ambivalence: Dilemmas Facing Academics in Exile," and Sena Taha's paper on "Writing Refugee Lives." For further information, see <https://carfms.org/2024-winners-of-carfms-lerrn-lived-experiences-of-displacement-essay-award/>. Several blogs were written by members of CARFMS Executive members, including Rachel McNally on "Left out of Levels Plan: A Call for Accessible Statistics for the Joint Assistance Sponsorship Program to Facilitate Research and Evaluation;" James Simeon and Stephanie Stobbe on "Lessons Learned from the Indochinese Refugee Movement in Canada in the 1970s and 1980s;" and James Simeon on "The Most Fundamental Human Rights to Peace and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) the Forcibly Displaced." Check out the blogs at <https://carfms.org/>. We are also organizing webinars in winter 2025 leading up to our CARFMS 2025 Conference.

CARFMS has been busy with finalizing the host and venue for our next in-person conference. We

are excited to collaborate with Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) and the Centre for Immigration and Settlement for our CARFMS 2025 Conference. We are thrilled to have Dr. Zhixi Zhuang, Academic Director of the Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Immigration and Settlement, serve as our lead at TMU, along with the conference committee members. The committee members are: Idil Atak, Rabindra Chaulagain, Cassie Dong, Rachel McNally, Kateryna Metersky, Michele Millard, Sorpong Peou, Stephanie Stobbe, and Zhixi Zhuang. We have an exciting lineup of keynotes, plenaries, panels, and paper presentations from Canadian and international scholars, practitioners, and students. It will also include exhibitions and other creative works. CARFMS2025: Canadian, Regional, and International Responses to Forced Migration will take place May 26-29 (<https://site.pheedloop.com/event/carfms25/home>). We hope to see you all at the conference in May!



CARFMS 2025 CONFERENCE

Canadian, Regional, and International Responses to Forced Migration

The 2024 flagship Global Trends Report from the UN Refugee Agency reveals that in 2023, forced displacement reached unprecedented levels worldwide. By the end of the 2023, over 117 million people were forcibly displaced. Armed conflicts and wars around the world – from Sudan to Gaza to Ukraine to Myanmar – cause significant forced displacement and pose a threat to international peace and security. Persecution, human rights violations, political instability, natural disasters, and the impacts of climate change also contribute to rising internal and international forced displacement. As the number of asylum seekers rises in Canada and in other destination and transit countries, systemic factors intensify their susceptibility to discrimination and other human rights violations.

In this global context, it is important to address the root causes of forced migration, discuss Canadian and international responses, and analyze the implications of displacement for forced migrants, states, and non-governmental actors. The proposed conference, "Canadian, Regional, and International Responses to Forced Migration" aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and people with lived experience of displacement. Through keynotes, plenaries, presentations, panels, and other activities, the conference aims to explore comprehensive approaches to address these pressing issues, to promote innovative research, and to encourage knowledge sharing in the field of refugee and forced migration studies.

Themes include:

- Regional Approaches to Asylum in the Americas
- Peacebuilding and Addressing Root Causes of Displacement
- International Cooperation in Response to Forced Migration
- Manufacturing Crisis
- Innovative Research Methods and Approaches

This is a fully in-person conference at Toronto Metropolitan University in Toronto, ON.

For more information check the conference website:

<https://site.pheedloop.com/event/carfms25/home>.

All CARFMS members are cordially invited to attend the CARFMS 2025 Conference.



CARFMS 2025
**CANADIAN, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL
RESPONSES TO FORCED MIGRATION**

Hosted by the
Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies
in collaboration with
Toronto Metropolitan University and the Centre for Immigration and Settlement

MAY 26-29, 2025
TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
350 Victoria Street Toronto, ON

Visit the conference website:
<https://bit.ly/3yYaHOa>

Toronto Metropolitan University CARFMS/ACERMF Toronto Metropolitan University Centre for Immigration and Settlement

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS / MISES À JOUR DES MEMBRES

Hearts of Freedom Exhibit and the Passage to Freedom Documentary Film at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University By James C. Simeon

Next year, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City, to the Communist Viet Cong. This marked the end of the Viet Nam War and reunification of North and South Vietnam. It also marks the beginning of the mass exodus of Vietnamese asylum seekers from Vietnam. In addition, 1975 also happens to be the start of the Cambodian Genocide that was perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge and lasted for four years that resulted in the deaths of an estimated one quarter of the population of Cambodia. And 1975 further saw the end of the Laotian Civil War and the communists taking control of Laos as well. These communist victories in Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Laos resulted in the mass migration of millions of Indochinese refugees from these three countries. From the late 1970s throughout the 1980s, Canada welcomed over 200,000 Southeast Asian refugees from these three countries. These conflagrations of extreme political violence during this time produced the most horrific serious international crimes possible and resulted in the deaths and traumatization of millions of people, including mass forced displacement, in these three Southeast Asia countries.

The Hearts of Freedom – Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees exhibit and the Passage to Freedom documentary film commemorates and celebrates the lives of all those Southeast Asian refugees who were welcomed to Canada and resettled here. The Hearts



Hearts of Freedom Exhibit attendees at Osgoode Hall Law School Library, York University, September 2024
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)

of Freedom exhibit was created and curated by Professor Stephanie P. Stobbe, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, a Southeast Asian refugee herself, who was resettled in Canada, along with her parents and siblings, when she was a very young child. Professor Stobbe is currently the President of the Canadian Association for Refugees and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS).

The exceptional response of the Canadian people and their government to the plight of the refugee crisis in Southeast Asia in the 1970s and 1980s was recognized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with being awarded the Nansen

Medal in 1986. It has been the only time that the Nansen Medal was ever awarded to the people of a country for their exceptional work in the protection of refugees. The Hearts of Freedom exhibit and Passage to Freedom documentary cover the perilous journeys that the Southeast Asian refugees endured before arriving in Canada and how they adjusted to their new lives in Canada. The exhibit and film also illustrate how the Southeast Asian refugees have made valuable contributions to all aspects of Canadian society.

The Hearts of Freedom – Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees exhibit was on display at the main entrance of the Osgoode Hall Law School Library, York University, from September 15th to October 15th. It was available for all to see without cost.

On Tuesday, September 24th, 10 am to 3 pm, at the Helliwell Centre, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, the official opening of the Hearts of Freedom exhibit took place. The program for the afternoon including the screening of the Passage to Freedom documentary film. Both the Hearts of Freedom exhibit and Passage to Freedom film documentary attracted an audience comprised of York University community members as well as from the broader Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including, members of the different Southeast Asian communities.

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Hearts of Freedom Exhibit and the Passage to Freedom Documentary Film at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

The official opening featured the creator and the curator of the Hearts of Freedom Exhibit, Professor Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and former Coordinator of the Indochinese Task Force and former Canadian Ambassador Mike Molloy, currently an Adjunct Professor at Carleton University, Ottawa, and University Professor Emeritus David B. Dewitt, Department of Politics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, who gave a tribute to the late Professor Howard Adelman, Department of Philosophy at York University and the head of Operation Lifeline that had brought so many Southeast Asian refugees to Canada during the 1970s and 1990s. Professor Adelman also helped to establish York University's world renowned Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS). All these special guest speakers provided detailed and informative presentations on this exciting and moving period in Canada's immigration history.

Welcome greetings to those in attendance were presented by Professor Michele Johnson, Associate Dean of Students, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Professor Yvonne Su, the Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), at York University; and, in the afternoon, Professor Trevor Farrow, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. And, the program was moderated, by Professor James C. Simeon, School of Public Policy and Administration.

The program also featured a number of Southeast Asian refugees who resettled in Canada. Dr. Liem Mai, a Vietnamese "boat person" who made repeated attempts to escape Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 and eventually made his way to a refugee camp and then to Montreal, where members of his family had resettled earlier. Tuyet Jennifer Le, also a Vietnamese refugee, who was resettled in St. John's, Newfoundland, when she came to Canada. Many other former Southeast Asian refugees from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, attended the official opening.

The morning program included a guided tour of the HOF – Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees exhibition by Professor Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe. The exhibition panels are full of incredible photos, map, and timeline that follow the refugees' escape and journey to Canada. QR codes connect the panels to the digital exhibition on the HOF website (<https://heartsoffreedom.org>).

The Centre for Refugee Studies, School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and Osgoode Hall Law School and the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation were very pleased and honoured to be able to sponsor and host the award winning Hearts of Freedom exhibit and the Passage to Freedom film documentary at York University.



Professor Stobbe provides an overview of the highlights of the Hearts of Freedom Exhibit
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)



Dr. Mai Liem, Dr. Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe, and Tuyet Jennifer Le
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)

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Hearts of Freedom Exhibit and the Passage to Freedom Documentary Film at Balsillie School of International Affairs By Anna Purkey

As the Government of Canada imposes a pause on private refugee sponsorship applications from groups of five and community organizations, it is important to reflect on the immense contributions that refugee resettlement and private sponsorship have made to Canada. In that spirit, from October 16th to 31st, 2024, The Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo Ontario played host to the Hearts of Freedom – Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees exhibit created and curated by Dr. Stephanie P. Stobbe, professor in Conflict Resolution Studies and Business at Canadian Mennonite University. The exhibit showcases the personal histories of refugees from Southeast Asia – Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia – who came to Canada between 1975 and 1985 and tells the stories of their resettlement and integration in Canada, as well as stories of Canadians who drove the resettlement efforts. In addition to a guided tour of the exhibit, attendees were treated to a panel discussion and a screening of the documentary film *Passage to Freedom*. The program, which featured Dr. Stobbe, retired Canadian Foreign Service Officer Peter Duschinsky, and Dr. Mai Liam, who left Vietnam in 1984 and was resettled to Montreal, provided powerful accounts of the horrors that refugees were subject to before and during flight, as well as the challenges faced by the Canadians seeking to galvanize support for resettlement. The Q and A included the addition of Ms. Ly Vang, who came to Canada with her Hmong family

in 1980 from Laos, and Ms. Christina Edmiston, MCC Ontario Refugee Sponsorship Associate.

Organized by Dr. Stobbe and Dr. Anna Purkey, Director of the Human Rights Program at United College at the University of Waterloo, in collaboration with Dr. Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director of Balsillie School, and Joanne Weston, Manager, BSIA and Special Projects at Balsillie School, this event provided an important counterpoint to the increasingly anti-immigrant and anti-refugee rhetoric heard both here in Canada and globally. Highlighting the incredible resilience of refugees, the contributions they have made to Canada, and the historic efforts on the part of Canadian politicians and ordinary people to bring them to safety, the exhibit and documentary offered a reminder of the important role that Canada has historically played as a leader in the protection of refugees.



Dr. Stephanie Stobbe and Dr. Anna Purkey at the Hearts of Freedom launch at the Balsillie School of International Affairs
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)



Dr. Stephanie Stobbe, Peter Duschinsky, and Ly Vang
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)



Hearts of Freedom Exhibit attendees at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, October 2024
(Photo credit: Stephanie Stobbe)

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Hearts of Freedom Exhibit and the Passage to Freedom Documentary Film at Brock University By Stephanie P. Stobbe

The curator of the HOF – Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees exhibition, Stephanie P. Stobbe, worked with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Ontario to organize an event to celebrate the stories of Southeast Asians' successful integration in Canada. In collaboration with Brock University, Niagara Local Immigration Partnership, YMCA of Niagara Shine On, and Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, the celebration took place at Brock University on November 9, 2024. The event opened with a traditional Lao dance by the Lao Mennonite Church Group. The program included a speech by the exhibition curator on the HOF Project and Canadian Exhibition Tour, and Lisa Garlent from the Niagara Local Immigration Partnership on "The Impact of Newcomers in Our Community." A Question-and-Answer session took place after the screening of the Passage to Freedom documentary where Stephanie P. Stobbe was joined by Pastor Bounho Phommasing (Lao Christian Fellowship), Thuy Linh Dang (Brock University International Student Ambassador), and Moses Moini (MCC Ontario Migration & Resettlement Program Coordinator). A short presentation on the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program provided Canadians and permanent residents with important information on how to help refugees in need of resettlement. A special "thank you" to Sheryl Bruggeling and Moses Moini from MCC Ontario for their amazing support in bringing a large diverse group of people from St. Catharines and other Niagara communities to the event.

Explore the *Hearts of Freedom* Exhibition

Saturday, November 9 | Brock University - Pond Inlet
6:30 - 9:30 PM | St. Catharines, ON

Discover the powerful stories of Southeast Asian refugees from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam who fled the Vietnam War, the Lao Secret War, and the Cambodian Genocide to find safety in Canada. This compelling exhibit showcases their perilous journeys and their integration into Canadian society, highlighting the enduring contributions of this first generation and their descendants.

- Visit the Hearts of Freedom exhibition
- Screening of *Passage to Freedom* documentary
- Panel discussion with the filmmaker, researchers, and interviewees
- Catered reception

Join us for an evening dedicated to sharing these remarkable stories.

Visit mcc.org/hearts-of-freedom to learn more and to RSVP

Logos: CMU, MCC, Brock University, Shine On, Niagara Folk Arts, Canada, Global Affairs Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Canadian Council of Ministers of Education, Human Resources and Skills Development, Social Development Canada.



Thuy Linh Dang and Dr. Stephanie Stobbe at Brock University, November 2024
(Photo Credit: Stephanie Stobbe)



Dr. Stephanie Stobbe with women from the Lao Mennonite Church at Brock University, November 2024
(Photo Credit: Stephanie Stobbe)

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS / MISES À JOUR DES MEMBRES

Refuge in Nigeria: A model of integration potential

By Lynn Weaver

CARFMS executive committee member, scholar-practitioner Lynn Weaver, reflects on the policy environment in Cross River State, Nigeria, following her recent time spent working there, witnessing on the ground the impacts of policy and the context in which public policies are enacted. [opinion piece]

Fleeing violence and armed conflict, people from the Cameroons are finding the potential for a new start in Nigeria. With legal protection status, freedom of movement, and access to health and education services, Nigeria is a model of good refugee and asylum policy. Nigeria also facilitates voluntary repatriation when conditions allow.

Nigeria collaborates with the UNHCR to register refugees, and with other local non-profits and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) to provide services and supports that benefit refugee-seeking populations as well as host communities. This balanced approach to integration is key, preventing conflict and increasing the collective baseline in a region marked by poverty.

Cross River State government has demonstrated commitment to the Global Compact on Refugees, integrating refugees into action plans for education, health, agriculture, livelihoods, and protection. Notably, free access for refugees to land for farming helps address food insecurity, one of the main challenges for the region.

Despite the progressive policy framework, the realities of the region, such as skyrocketing inflation, limited employment opportunities, and a deteriorating security situation, are impacting Nigerian and Cameroonian nationals alike. In April 2024, Atem Foundation conducted a community needs assessment in three refugee settlements (Adagom 1, Adagom 3, and Ukende), and 1 host community in Ogoja, Cross River State. The research revealed that barriers persist despite policy provision. Though Cameroonians have access to education, for example, a lack of transportation, insufficient textbooks and other learning resources, and scarcity of personal items such as school uniforms and footwear impact them disproportionately. Further, the inadequacy of educational infrastructure in the region as a whole impacts host community and refugee access.

While Nigeria's policies allow for integration, the UNHCR and other INGOs have yet to make the leap from a humanitarian framework to a development framework. Where there are development projects, there is inadequate consideration for local circumstances, for example livelihood support

programs focus on micro-enterprises with limited market potential and on short-term “empowerment” that does little to address long-term needs.

Small nonprofits/social benefit organisations are helping address gaps in the integration process, for example Atem hosted a “Girls in Information, Communications, and Technology Day” for girls from both the refugee settlements and the host communities, expanding career perspectives and a sense of what is possible beyond conventional options like hairdressing or tailoring promoted by INGOs. This also takes a strengths-based approach, building on skills and talents people already possess.

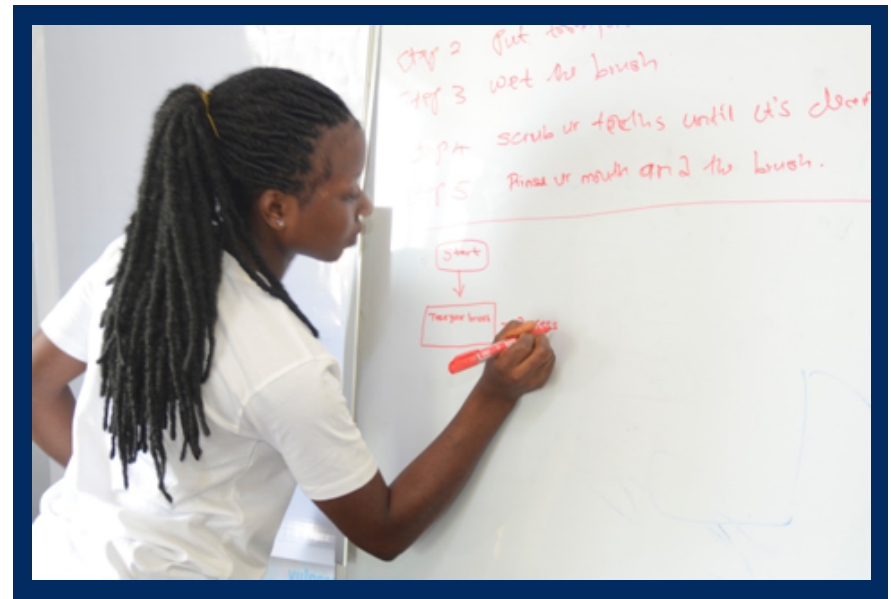
Nigeria's refugee integration framework, while facing challenges, shows significant potential. The combination of favorable public policies, INGO presence, and dedicated local organizations create a strong foundation. With continued efforts and adaptations, this could indeed be a model for other regions facing similar challenges.

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS / MISES À JOUR DES MEMBRES

Refuge in Nigeria: A model of integration potential

By Lynn Weaver

The photos are intended to convey a strengths-based narrative in opposition to the dominant refugee narrative that depicts the “tragic figure” and often exploits suffering. These girls are intelligent, strong, educated (though their education was disrupted), and ready to take on a big role in life, bigger than occupying a space labeled “refugee.”



Girls in Information, Communications and Technology Day hosted by Atem Foundation

(Photos: Lynn Weaver (shared with consent))

2024 LERRN/CARFMS LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISPLACEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Writing Refugee Lives by Sena Taha



A Palestinian, Syrian who lived two refugee journeys and who recently received her Turkish citizenship, Sena Taha is writing her dissertation on the role of refugee literature in re-constructing the perception of refugees as passive and needy people. She holds a BA in English Literature from Damascus University and an MA in Civilization Studies from Ibn Haldun University. Sena is currently a PhD student and teaching fellow of world history and literature at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul, Turkey. For the past 4 years, she has taken every opportunity to raise refugee voices, including her own, through the stories that refugees themselves write. Sena has been invited to present her work in SeSaMO 2022 in Naples, Italy, MEIOS online colloquium 2022, NEMLA 54th 2023 online convention, MESA 57th 2023 in Montreal, Canada and MEM summer summit 2023 in Lugano, Switzerland.

Living in a World of Ambivalence: Dilemmas Facing Academics in Exile by Oudai Tozan



Oudai Tozan is a doctoral candidate, researcher, and tutor at the University of Cambridge researching the potential role of the exiled Syrian academics and researchers in rebuilding the higher education sector of Syria. He is also an Associate Lecturer in the Sociology of Education, Migration and Mobility, and Research Methods at Anglia Ruskin University. Oudai's research focuses on unpacking the exile experience as well as the role of higher education in conflict and peacebuilding.

2025 LERRN/CARFMS LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISPLACEMENT AWARD & 2025 CARFMS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEE AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES

STUDENT ESSAY AND THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISPLACEMENT AWARD CONTESTS

CARFMS IS NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST AND THE CARFMS/LERRN LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISPLACEMENT AWARD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [HTTPS://CARFMS.ORG/STUDENT-ESSAY-AND-THE-LIVED-EXPERIENCE-OF-DISPLACEMENT-AWARD-CONTESTS/](https://carfms.org/student-essay-and-the-lived-experience-of-displacement-award-contests/)

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2025

The Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), in collaboration with the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network (LERRN) and the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project, are pleased to share the Call for Submissions for its Student Essay Contest and the CARFMS/LERRN Lived Experiences of Displacement Essay Award.

These awards recognize the outstanding scholarship produced by students and early-career researchers within the academic field of refugee and forced migration studies. The LEDA, in particular, aims to ensure that refugee and forced migration research is shaped by a more inclusive and equitable collective engagement, and has the objective of amplifying and

highlighting the voices of those who have lived an experience of forced displacement.

The finalists for both the SEC and LEDA contests will be awarded a \$500 prize for one winning research paper in each of the three categories (for a total of 6 winners):

Undergraduate students

Graduate and/or law students

Early-career researchers (defined as having completed their highest degree no more than three years before the competition deadline)

In addition, each of the winners will receive a certificate signed by CARFMS, LERRN, and BHER recognizing their exceptional work and the opportunity to present their paper at a CARFMS conference or virtual event.

Submissions may address any issue relevant to refugee and forced migration studies in Canada or elsewhere. The deadline for the annual competition is March 30, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements for the SEC Contest:

Must be enrolled in Canadian university or have graduated within the last three years and must be resident in Canada. Participants must be the sole author of the submitted work.

Eligibility Requirements for the LEDA Contest:

Must have lived experience of forced migration within the last 15 years. Participants must currently reside outside of Canada. Participants must be the sole author of the submitted work.

2025 LERRN/CARFMS LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISPLACEMENT AWARD & 2025 CARFMS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



Submission Requirements:

- Papers must be submitted online: CARFMS Student Essay Contest Online Application or CARFMS Lived Experiences of Displacement Essay Award Online Application (please add the live links)
- Papers may be submitted in either English or French.
- Papers must not exceed 7,500 words. Please use 12-point font, double-space, and standard margins.
- Submissions must include an abstract of no more than 150 words, setting out the main arguments or findings of the paper.
- LEDA submissions must include (on a separate page) a short biography of no more than 150 words, including a description of the context in which the applicant has lived experience of forced migration.
- Papers should follow appropriate referencing conventions (e.g., APA, Chicago).

Submissions that do not meet the basic editorial guidelines will not be reviewed by the assessment committee. Participants are limited entering one or the other contest but not both.

The papers will be evaluated through an anonymous review process. Please do not include any identifying information in the paper.

Applicants may only enter one submission in either the CARFMS Lived Experiences of Displacement Essay Contest or the CARFMS Student Essay Contest. Composition of the evaluation committee will be as follows: 2 members from CARFMS, 1 community research partner with lived experience of displacement (recommended by LERRN), 1 representative from LERRN, and 1 representative from BHER. In following years, the community research partner position will be filled (if so desired) by the previous emerging scholar winner.

Any questions should be directed to:

Dr. Anna Purkey, Program Director & Associate Professor of Human Rights, United College at the University of Waterloo, apurkey@uwaterloo.ca.

MEMBER WEBINARS/WEBINAIRES POUR LES MEMBRES

50th Anniversary of the Southeast Asian Refugee Movement and Humanitarian Response



Check CARFMS website and email announcements for upcoming public webinars on various topics, including professional development workshops for students (eg., presenting and publishing), and current issues (eg., The Beginning of Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program in 1979 and the Implications of Canada Pausing PSR in 2025).

STUDENT WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS POUR ÉTUDIANTS



The executive committee of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) is launching a virtual workshop series for students in a graduate or upper level undergraduate program related to refugee and forced migration. This will be a place for students to present papers, exchange ideas, hear from others, and test ideas. We hope this is a place where students can provide constructive feedback to each other.

The workshops will be 90-minutes in length consisting of 2-3 presentations (10-15 minutes each). There will be a moderated discussion with a question and answer period.

If you are interested or know of students who would be interested, please send submissions to:
Brian Dyck (briandyck@mcccanada.ca) and Sorpong Peou (speou@torontomu.ca).

The email should include:

Name

Institution, faculty, and degree

A title and short description (200 words) of their proposed presentation.

CALL FOR CARFMS WORKING PAPER SERIES

APPEL À LA SÉRIE DE DOCUMENTS DE TRAVAIL DU CARFMS

The CARFMS Working Paper Series is an online publication that provides open access to papers and presentations produced by our members.

We would like to invite our CARFMS members to submit to the Working Paper series pieces of work that relate to refugees and forced migration. Previous pieces published in our Working Paper Series can be found here:

<https://carfms.org/working-paper-series/>



For more information about submissions and formatting please check here:

<https://carfms.org/working-paper-series/author-guidelines/>

Papers can be submitted using the following online form: <https://carfms.org/working-paper-series/online-submissions/>

Any additional questions or concerns can be sent to Dr. Idil Atak at idil.atak@torontomu.ca

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