

## School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

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Dear S-CAR Alumni,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the newly elected Dean of the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, a role I engaged in October. The deanship provides me an opportunity to lead the School to address the many challenges and opportunities ahead of us as a School and as a field. Over the last 30 years S-CAR—formerly ICAR and CCAR—has established itself as the preeminent institution of higher education in our field, and it is my intent to ensure that we remain so, addressing the challenges that our field faces in the 21st century, both locally and globally.

As a long time professor at S-CAR, I have had the pleasure of teaching many of you and watching you go on to become leaders in the academy, in research and practice. Both the School and I, as its Dean, take great pride in all of you as you have departed from your alma mater and gone on to uphold S-CAR'S commitment to developing theory, research, and practice in ways that interrupt cycles of violence. S-CAR celebrates our alumni, especially those who have gone out of their way to maintain ties with the School.

This year alone our alumni are currently engaged in developing APT projects with faculty and students, and collaborating on books and research projects with fellow alumni, students and faculty. Notably, seven of our current students and alumni featured as speakers on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March on Washington this past August, which was co-organized by several of our alumni attached to Communities Without Boundaries International. During my tenure as Dean, I would like to encourage you as our alumni to further solidify your engagement with the School, and invite you to join us for an alumni town hall gathering early in 2014—watch for details. It is my hope that many more of you will engage with the School as we celebrate our past and jointly envision the future of the School.

There is one initiative I want especially to highlight. We have just now established a scholarship fund in memory of Professor Wallace Warfield, a person, I know, beloved by so many of you. In another mailing I will communicate details of this fund, and how you can contribute to it and keep Wallace's memory—and his mission—alive.

I look forward to engaging with you and welcome your input as we envision and achieve success at S-CAR. My email address is below (many of you may remember it as you asked for extensions on your papers!). Please drop me a line and tell me what you've been up to.

Sincerely,

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