Meet Deeqo Jibril, Founder & Executive Director of the Boston Somali Community & Cultural Association (SCCA): Community Organizing and the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Agenda.

Ms. Jibril is a guest speaker in Prof. Klausen’s class, POL134: The Global Migration Crisis.

Wednesday, November 4
2 PM – 3:20 PM
Shiffman Humanities Center 125

The class is open to campus for this event.

Deeqo Jibril, born in Somalia, is an entrepreneur, humanitarian, and ardent activist of social justice. Being a single mother of four children she exemplifies a new generation of African women and her strength of character sets a uniquely valuable model for women of African origin to emulate. She has worked with the ABCD Housing Department as a Case Coordinator helping immigrants to understand and obtain affordable housing and has worked for the political campaigns of Jarrett Barriors, Governor Patrick and Senator Elizabeth Warren.

As the founder and Executive Director of the Somali Community and Cultural Association (SCCA) in Boston, Jibril works to elevate the role of Boston’s Somali community in the political, social, and economic life of the city. She is also the founder of African Mall in Roxbury, an oasis of African-owned small businesses working together in a spirit of cooperation. In recognition for this work, Jibril was chosen by the Massachusetts Commissioner on the Status of Women as one of their "Unsung Heroes."

Jibril recently represented the Somali community at the White House summit on the prevention of radicalization and in a meeting with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). She works with the Boston Police Department to bridge the gap between Law Enforcement and the Somali and Muslim Community. She organized the first FBI Somali youth academy as well as the first law enforcement and community Iftar with two hundred people in attendance, including local leaders from the BPD and FBI.