ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS. THEY ARE ENDOURED WITH REASON AND CONSCIENCE AND SHOULD ACT TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.

NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO TORTURE OR TO CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT.

2016-2017
Message from Director Wing

Thank you for taking the time to read The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR) 2016-2017 Annual Report. We are proud of our achievements in teaching, scholarship, and public service over the past year. We are also grateful for the support of the University administration, the College of Law, our Advisory Board, and our talented staff for making our achievements possible. UICHR has continued to explore new opportunities and pursue innovative projects and programs that reach the UI community and beyond.

Each year, UICHR strives to reach more students, community members, and interested individuals at home and abroad. We engage students, faculty, and Iowans from across the state. We continue to extend our reach by publishing important scholarship, creating opportunities for faculty to share ideas through working groups, organizing events that reach local, regional, and international audiences, and providing UI students opportunities to learn and grow on the UI campus and around the world through teaching, mentoring, and internship opportunities.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the UICHR sponsored a diverse array of programs, including our annual One Community, One Book events, which culminated in a keynote lecture by author and journalist Suki Kim, and a spring conference entitled “The Future of Black Iowa.” I hope you will enjoy reading about these and our many other events in this report.

We could never fulfill our mission and undertake the work we do without our many supporters. Kindly consider a donation to help us continue our work. To learn more or make a gift, visit us at [https://uichr.uiowa.edu](https://uichr.uiowa.edu).

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.

Sincerely,

Adrien K. Wing
Director, UICHR
Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law
Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Programs
Mission

Affiliated with The University of Iowa College of Law, the mission of the UI Center for Human Rights (UICHR) is to promote and protect human rights at home and abroad through distinguished multidisciplinary leadership in human rights education, scholarship, and public service to The University of Iowa, its surrounding communities, the State of Iowa, and beyond. To this end, the Center attends to all categories of human rights, including “first generation” civil and political rights, and gives special attention to “second generation” economic, social, and cultural rights, and “third generation” communitarian or group rights.

The UICHR is guided by The University of Iowa’s commitment to the basic tenets of a free society. In fulfilling its mission, the Center continuously revisits even the most fundamental aspects of human rights, treating human rights not as a corpus of fixed thought and action, but as a set of assumptions and choices that are open to constant rethinking because of ever-evolving ideas, conditions, and needs.

Following this approach, the UICHR:

- Engages in a diverse array of teaching, research, and other activities designed to highlight and consider, constructively and critically, the problems and prospects of human rights worldwide.

- Nurtures trans-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration that seeks to integrate artistic and literary viewpoints with legal, political, and socioeconomic human rights discourse.

- Encourages the active participation of faculty, students, and others, both within and beyond the UI campus in the conception and execution of its diverse activities.

- Shares information with human rights specialists and the general public about its activities and about human rights issues and developments generally.
Teaching Human Rights

UICHR staff and partnering faculty reach hundreds of students through human rights courses each year. The undergraduate Certificate in Human Rights continues to grow with an average of 50-60 students per year enrolling in the program (pictured right: certificate students).

**Human Rights Certificate Courses**

Summer 2016
- *Introduction to Human Rights*, taught by Amy Weismann & Jo Butterfield

Fall 2016
- *Human Rights Systems: Enforcement*, taught by Amy Weismann
- *Human Rights Advocacy*, taught by Amy Weismann
- *Topics in Human Rights: Refugees in Iowa*, taught by Amy Weismann
- *Topics in Human Rights: Human Rights in the Information Age: The Case of North Korea*, taught by Kat Litchfield

Spring 2016
- *Introduction to Human Rights*, taught by Brian Farrell
- *Seminar in Human Rights Praxis*, taught by Amy Weismann

**First Year Seminars (University College)**

Fall 2016
- *Problems in American Politics*, taught by Jim Leach
- *Refugee Lives and International Law*, taught by Amy Weismann

**University of Iowa Senior College (Alumni Association)**
- *Refugee Lives and International Law*, taught by Amy Weismann

**College of Law Courses**
Fall 2016

- *Human Rights in the World Community*, taught by Elisabeth Steiner
- *International Legal Clinic*, taught by Nathan Miller
- *Wrongful Convictions*, taught by Brian Farrell

Spring 2017

- *Critical Race Theory*, taught by Adrien Wing
- *International Legal Clinic*, taught by Nathan Miller

**Course Highlight: Human Rights Praxis**

The course *Human Rights Praxis* — a small seminar-style class built around a supervised internship — introduced a cohort of eight students to the work of Scholars at Risk. The students researched and reported on the cases of two individual scholars in Bahrain who were subjected to torture and indefinite detention by the Bahraini government. Scholars at Risk supported the travel for two of our students to attend a two-day advocacy training event in Washington D.C. with students from around the country, all engaged in work on behalf of threatened scholars. UICHR Certificate students Dana Chargo (*pictured left*) and Pedro Gutierrez (*pictured below, back row, far right, with Dana Chargo*) in Washington D.C.

“Overall this experience has been fantastic and I cannot thank Amy and Scholars at Risk enough for giving me this opportunity. My advocacy does not stop after graduation. I plan to be a human rights advocate for the rest of my life.” — *Human Rights Praxis Student Dana Chargo*
Outside the Classroom

UICHR staff members empower students to initiate and carry out human rights educational programs and activities on campus and in the Iowa City community through the Rex Honey Internship Program. This year, we had six outstanding interns: Benjamin Marks, Liana Suleiman, Emma Pradarelli, Martin “Alex” Jaime, Madelyn Barber, and Rebecca Howard. This summer, we added Caitlin Chenus and Maya Mahajan to our team. We also had 19 research assistants (RAs) from the College of Law involved with the Center. The law RAs worked on a variety of projects, including: planning for the Future of Black Iowa conference held March 31-April 1; assisting with the Iowa Human Rights Research Conference on April 1; and adapting and presenting an Introduction to Islam program for high school students.

Kenneth J. Cmiel Funded Human Rights Internships

In addition to teaching students about human rights in the classroom, the Center creates opportunities for learning outside the classroom. Each year, the UICHR awards funding to students who have secured a summer internship with a local, national, or international nongovernmental organization or governmental agency engaged in human rights related advocacy, research, or education. Program funds, provided by the Stanley-University of Iowa Foundation Support Organization, cover travel and living expenses associated with the internship.

The program is named in honor of the late director of UICHR, Kenneth J. Cmiel (pictured left). Professor Cmiel was a faculty member in the UI Department of History and an internationally renowned scholar of the history of human rights. The program, established in 2005, fulfills a longstanding vision of Professor Cmiel. Six students received Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Internship funding to work as part of an organization pursuing human rights promotion and/or protection this summer.

The 2017 recipients were:

- Lacey Reimer (a law student traveling to Islip, New York, to work for Legal Aid of Suffolk County);
- Anthony Mai (a medical student traveling to Mysuru, India, to work for the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement);
• Collin Thatcher (a medical student traveling to Lambarene, Gabon, to work for the A. Schweitzer Hospital);

• Avanthi Ajjarapu (a medical and public health student traveling to Boston, Massachusetts, to work for the Research Program on Children and Global Adversity at the Harvard University School of Public Health);

• Hyunju Lee (a student in educational policy and leadership traveling to Kenya to work for Mtree, Inc.);

• Chloe Gumpert (a medical student traveling to Zanskar Valley, India, to work for the Himalayan Health Exchange; pictured right);

• Eesha Patel (a pharmacy student traveling to Mysuru, India, to work for Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies).

**Burns H. Weston Funded Human Rights Internship**

Taylor Bradley, a law student who traveled to Des Moines this summer to work for the Office of Latino Affairs in the Iowa Department of Human Rights, was the recipient of the Burns H. Weston Human Rights funded internship award for 2017. This award is presented to one law student annually to pursue human rights work over a summer to honor the incomparable contributions of UICHR’s late founder Burns Weston (pictured left) to human rights scholarship, teaching, and advocacy.
Scholarship

Books, Chapters, & Articles

- **BRIAN R. FARRELL** (*pictured right*), *Habeas Corpus in International Law* (Cambridge University Press 2017).


The Center published the final three entries into the Human Rights Index series developed by our late founder and colleague, Burns Weston. Indexes #45, #46, and #47 are now available on the UICHR website and the Iowa Review online. The latest indexes will be included in an upcoming print edition of *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*. 
Scholarly Presentations & Academic Conferences

UICHHR played a major role in organizing the following academic conferences:

- **2016 Provost’s Global Forum: Self-Determination and Nationhood Redefined.** Nathan Miller was the primary organizer of this signature University event, hosted by the Center, the College of Law, and International Programs, on October 13-15. International diplomats, scholars, and activists (**pictured left**) participated in energetic panel discussions in Iowa City and Des Moines. Participants were also involved in the recording of a WorldCanvass program. The opening keynote speaker for the forum was Dr. Valon Murtezaj, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kosovo.

- **International Environmental Law, Environmental Justice, and the Global South.** The Center co-hosted this academic conference on October 28 with the law school journal **TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS** in honor of Burns Weston.

- **The Future of Black Iowa.** The Center convened this major event on March 31 and April 1 in Iowa City. Students, faculty members, professionals, and community members participated in conversations and workshops focused on health care and education. The conference featured keynote addresses by Dr. Keith Carter, Dean Sheree Wilson, Dr. Lena Hill, and Dr. Eddie Moore. Attendees produced an action plan, which will be the basis for ongoing UICHHR work and future events. (**Pictured left: Dr. Willie Barney, Director Adrien Wing, and Iowa City Council Member Kingsley Botchway.**)
• Iowa Human Rights Research Conference. On April 1, UICHR and the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics co-hosted the third annual Iowa Human Rights Research Conference at Cornell College. Over 40 students and faculty members from 16 different higher educational institutions across the region presented papers and posters on diverse topics from diverse disciplinary perspectives. Author and activist Zach Wahls, a UI alumnus, delivered the opening keynote. Approximately 90 people attended the conference throughout the day. (Pictured right: students presenters from Cornell College, Central College, and UI.)

Faculty Development

UICHR Faculty Working Groups continue to develop innovative new approaches to scholarship and to support informative events on campus:

• Human Rights Education, led by Jason Harshman from the UI College of Education (pictured right top) and Andrea Cohen from the Iowa United Nations Association (pictured lower right), includes educators from the community, the National Czech and Slovak Museum, and others. This working group will develop curricula to integrate human rights education across multiple content areas for K-12 education. In its first year, the group plans to create digital materials that highlight how human rights education can be used to teach about connections and responsibilities between Iowa, Iowans, and the world. The group intends to submit an application to create a Mobile Museum exhibit that can travel to schools across Iowa.

• Transitional (In)justice: The Power Politics of New Human Rights Institutions in Post-Conflict Contexts is led by UI Political Science Professor Sara Mitchell (pictured below right). This group continues its work discussing the intersection of human rights, transitional justice mechanisms, and international justice institutions, examining whether and how these new approaches to rebuilding post-war societies actually improve human rights. This spring, the group hosted a visit by Jim Meernik from the University of North Texas who conferred with the group and gave a public lecture titled “Echoes of Testimonies—A Pilot Study into the Long Term Impact of Bearing Witness before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia” (poster left).
• **Prison Education Project**, led by Kathrina Litchfield (*pictured below left*) and Greg Hamot, both affiliated with UICHR and the UI College of Education, also includes Mary Cohen, Mary Trachsel, and others. This group is advancing a plan to introduce liberal arts college coursework into the Department of Corrections’ Iowa Medical & Classification Center (Oakdale) in Coralville, Iowa. A pilot UI Speaker Series at Oakdale debuts in the fall of 2017. Volunteer educators from the UI campus will provide a short introductory course in their given discipline, offering incarcerated men an opportunity to see what higher education looks like. The working group is also coordinating a research study to document the program and a Fall 2017 conference, *The Role of Transformative Education in Successful Reentry*. Long-term goals for the project are to offer accredited coursework at the Oakdale facility, with a possibility to offer distance learning across all nine Department of Corrections facilities in Iowa.

![Kathrina Litchfield](image1.png)

• **Analyzing Iowa Workplace Laws through an International Human Rights Lens**, led by Jennifer Sherer (*pictured right*) and the UI Labor Center. The group examines why public debate has so far paid virtually no attention to how long-standing international human rights frameworks might inform contemporary questions about state and federal labor and employment policy. Drawing attention to long-standing human rights instruments in this context can, hopefully, provide highly relevant and timely international perspective to local discourse, while introducing new analytic lenses and advocacy tools to workers’ rights scholars and activists. Consciously bringing international human rights discourse into direct contact with ongoing Iowa policy controversies may also serve to highlight — for campus and community members — the applicability of human rights frameworks to a range of prominent contemporary issues. Activities proposed include convening interested faculty, staff, and community members in Fall 2017 for brief readings and discussions that will serve as an introduction to the International Labour Organization and its origins, history, and contemporary role in developing a human rights framework for promoting specific workplace standards internationally. This small group will be convened via open invitation to UICHR Advisory Board members, Labor Center Advisory Committee members, faculty in the College of Law, and faculty in departments of History, Political Science, Sociology, and other relevant departments. The group will also analyze existing Iowa laws in relation to the eight “fundamental conventions” of the International Labour Organization and, as appropriate, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments, then convene a fall reading group to draft a report summarizing its analysis.

![Jennifer Sherer](image2.png)
• *Creating Conversation: Conceiving Connections and Discussions Across Divides* is led by Maureen McCue (*pictured below left*) and includes Theodore Powers from the UI Department of Anthropology. The group poses the following questions: In our dangerously divided society how can we move beyond the echo chamber of the university and partisan politics? How can discussion and support for human rights and a livable healthy future be started, then advanced? Could modeling a respectful listening, conversational interaction bring about an interest in pursuing or supporting a broader, more affirmative perspective on human rights, a healthy and humane future? Would people more readily share their thoughts and ideas if we respected their time with a small financial incentive? The group proposes to engage in an activity titled “Your Time/Our Dime: $5 for Your Thoughts and Time.” The activity would be set up in five or more neutral “people friendly” places where members of the general public gather and relax, such as food courts, malls, and sporting events. Those aged 16 and over would be asked to complete a short anonymous questionnaire.

**Advisory Board and Staff**

The Center benefits tremendously from the input, support, and time of the members of its Advisory Board. We warmly welcome new members Kingsley Botchway, Andrea Cohen, Britta Loftus, Aaron Miers, Selena Martin, and Joan Nashelsky. We extend our thanks to Provost Barry Butler and Dr. Georgina Dodge for their generous service on our board as they transition to new institutions. We would also like to thank graduating law student Aaron Miers, Prof. Len Sandler, and Ann Ricketts for their service as well. (*Pictured right: staff and advisory board at December 2016 board meeting.*)

**2016-2017 Advisory Board Members:**


Our Advisory Board members generously participate in several standing and ad hoc committees throughout the year, including:
• **Program Committee**: Harry Olmstead, Shams Ghoneim, Maureen McCue, Newman Abuissa, Kingsley Botchway, Hugh Ferrer, Stella Elias, and Selena Martin.

• **Fundraising Committee**: Gina Crosheck, Stella Elias, Britta Loftus, Kingsley Botchway, Sara Mitchell, and Dave Leshtz.

• **Cmiel and Weston Internship Selection Committee**: Harry Olmstead, Jackie Blank, Mary Cohen, and Nathan Miller.

• **Weston Essay Prize Committee**: Hugh Ferrer, Ann Ricketts, and Maureen McCue.

We also convened an ad hoc committee to award funding to students for summer internships through the Cmiel and Weston Funded Human Rights Internship Awards and convened ad hoc committees to review and select scholarship recipients. On April 6, Jen Sherer, Harry Olmstead, and Mary Cohen met to award Cmiel and Weston internship funding for summer 2017 (see awardee information above). Amy Weismann, Deb DeLaet, Kim Lanegran, and Britta Loftus met to select a 2017 Weston Essay prize undergraduate awardee and graduate awardee from the pool of submissions to the recent student research conference.

**Staff Members**

We welcomed Megan Lyons as the UICHR’s new Administrative Services Coordinator (*pictured right*). Other members of the Center’s core staff include:

• **Adrien Wing**, Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law and Associate Dean of International and Comparative Law Programs, College of Law; *UICHR Director*.

• **Greg Hamot**, Professor, College of Education; *UICHR Associate Director*.

• **Brian Farrell**, Lecturer in Law and Human Rights, College of Law; *UICHR Associate Director*.

• **Amy Weismann**, Adjunct Lecturer in Human Rights, College of Law; *UICHR Assistant Director*.

• **Nathan Miller**, Director, International Legal Clinic, College of Law; *UICHR Assistant Director* (on leave 2017-18).

• **The Honorable James Leach**, Visiting Professor of Law, College of Law; *UICHR Senior Scholar*.

• **Joan Nashelsky**, *UICHR Program Coordinator* (retired as of December 2016).

• **Kathrina Litchfield**, *UICHR Program Coordinator*.

• **Kelsey Kramer McGinnis**, *UICHR Certificate Advisor*.

• **Mary Sleichter**, *UICHR Administrative Assistant*. 
Public Engagement

Below are some highlights of the Center’s engagement activities, followed by a full list of Center activities:

One Community, One Book (OCOB): The Center’s 2016 OCOB selection was *Without You There Is No Us: My Time with the Sons of North Korea’s Elite* by Suki Kim (pictured left at the OCOB keynote lecture and book signing). Joan Nashelsky worked with the City of Literature and King Sejong Institute to bring Ms. Kim to campus on October 9 as part of the City of Iowa City Book festival.

Introduction to Islam: Following an initial presentation to fellow law students on February 10, three law research assistants presented an adapted version to the senior class at Northeast High School in Goose Lake, Iowa, on April 4. We hope to further refine the presentation and offer it more widely as part of the Center’s statewide outreach efforts.

Kailash Satyarthi: In mid-September, the Center co-sponsored a visit by 2014 Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi (pictured left) to the University of Iowa campus. Mr. Satyarthi delivered the 2016 Levitt Lecture, titled “Working to End Child Slavery” on September 20 in the Iowa Memorial Union, met with students and faculty, and visited classes.

The Implications of Brexit: On September 12, the Center hosted an event exploring the causes, effects, and legal ramifications of the United Kingdom’s referendum in favor of leaving the European Union. Panelists included Prof. Alexander Somek from the University of Vienna, and Elisabeth Steiner, former judge of the European Court of Human Rights.
Debate Watch Party (pictured right): On October 19, the Center, UI Main Library, and the Iowa Program for Public Life sponsored a debate watch party for students and community members in the Main Library Learning Commons. The event encouraged students to thoughtfully engage in the political process and have conversations with peers about the upcoming election.

Being Muslim in America: On November 3, the Center sponsored a panel discussion on Islam, identity, and self-expression, and a gallery talk by Rachel Winter, the curator of the exhibit “Have No Fear: Islamophobia in the 21st Century,” on display in the UI Old Capitol Museum rotunda.

In addition, the Center is involved in UI’s relationship with the Republic of Kosovo. Chris Rossi from the College of Law and UICHR Director Adrien Wing met with Kosovo Foreign Minister Hoxhaj in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2017 (pictured right).

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld and Kosovo officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Kosovo and the UI College of Education to support curriculum development related to human rights and democratic citizenship for education (Kosovo and UI officials pictured below). Associate Director Hamot (pictured top row on right) will visit Kosovo in Fall 2017.
Complete List of UICHR Events from July 2016-July 2017:

1) July 21, 2016: Brian Farrell, “Business and Human Rights,” Young African Leaders Initiative, College of Law, 10:00 a.m.


3) September 12, 2016: Alexander Somek, Judge Elisabeth Steiner, Panel: “The Implications of Brexit,” W404 Pappajohn Building, 6:00-7:30 p.m.


5) September 15, 2016: Cosponsored with CLAS and History, “How Congress Shapes Foreign Policy,” IP Commons, UCC 1117, 4:00 p.m.

6) September 20, 2016: Cosponsored with UI Lecture Committee, College of Law, Levitt Lecture Series, the UI Public Policy Center, UI Center for Human Rights, and UI Labor Center; Kailash Satyarthi, "Working to End Child Slavery," 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, IMU Second Floor, 6:00 p.m.

7) September 22, 2016: Cosponsored with UI Lecture Committee; Melissa Fleming, Chief Spokesperson for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, “Helping Refugees Rebuild Their World,” Old Capitol Senate Chamber, 7:30 p.m.


9) September 26, 2016: UICHR Open House at UCC offices, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

10) September 27, 2016: Cosponsored with the School of Journalism, the Writers' Workshop, the Nonfiction Program, and the International Writing Program; Janine di Giovanni, Reading: “The Morning They Came For Us,” Dey House, 507 N. Clinton St., 8:15 p.m.

11) September 28, 2016: Cosponsored with the School of Journalism, the Writers' Workshop, the Nonfiction Program, and the International Writing Program; Janine di Giovanni, Screening: “7 Days in Syria,” Adler Journalism Building, Room E 105, 104 W. Washington St., 6:30 p.m.

12) September 28, 2016: Book Discussion: “Without You, There is No Us,” College of Law, 6:00 p.m.

13) September 29, 2016: Cosponsored with the School of Journalism, the Writers' Workshop, the Nonfiction Program, the International Writing Program; Janine di
Giovanni, Lecture: “The Human Face of the Middle East Refugee Crisis,” Congregational Church of Iowa City, Fellowship Hall, 30 N. Clinton, 12:00 p.m.

14) September 29, 2016: Cosponsored with Black Law Student Association, National Lawyers Guild, American Constitution Society, and Hispanic Latino Law Students Association; “Race, Policing, and #BlackLivesMatter?”, College of Law, 12:40 p.m.


16) October 8, 2016: Cosponsored with Iowa City Book Festival and Iowa City of Literature; Nina Morrison, Staged reading: “Iphigenia: Fragments from an Excavation,” Old Capitol Senate Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

17) October 9, 2016: Cosponsored with City of Literature; King Sejong Institute and others; Suki Kim, One Community One Book lecture, C20 Pomerantz Center, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

18) October 11, 2016: Cosponsored with Department of Geographical & Sustainability Sciences, CLAS, School of Social Work, South Asian Studies Program, and International Programs; Jane Schukoske, “Social Justice Calling ... NGO work and international education in South Asia;” 2520 D University Capitol Center, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

19) October 13, 2016: Cosponsored with Iowa City Human Rights Commission and others; “Building and Crossing Bridges Together,” Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 1st Session 2:00-5:00 p.m., 2nd Session 6:00-8:00 p.m.

20) October 13, 2016: Dr. Valon Murtezaj, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Kosovo, Joel Barkan Memorial Lecture, Old Capitol Senate Chamber, 6:00-7:30 p.m.


22) October 18, 2016: Cosponsored with the Department of French & Italian, the Department of History, the Department of German, the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and European Studies; Robert O. Paxton, Mellon Professor Emeritus of Social Science, Columbia University; “Is Fascism Back?: A Historian’s View,” W151 Pappajohn, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

23) October 19, 2016: Cosponsored with Iowa Public Policy Initiative and UI Main Library, “Debate Watch Party,” Main Library Learning Commons, 7:30-10:00 p.m.

24) October 20, 2016: Brian Farrell, Post-Conviction Relief Training for the State Public Defender of Iowa, Des Moines.

27) October 28, 2016: Cosponsored with TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS; Symposium on International Environmental Law, Environmental Justice, and the Global South in honor of Burns Weston, College of Law, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
30) November 12, 2016: Cosponsored by Community Rights Coalition of Eastern Iowa, Economic Justice Forum of Progressive Action for the Common Good, Community Rights Working Group of Johnson County, 100 Grannies for a Livable Future, Scott County Rights Network, and Green Sanctuary Committee of the Universalist Church of Iowa City; Corporate Anthropologist Jane Anne Morris, “CAFOs, Slaughterhouses and Pipelines, (Oh My!) – Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain!,” Coralville Public Library Schwab Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
31) November 15, 2016: Return Dinner with Cmiel Interns, Thai Spice.
32) November 15, 2016: Cosponsored with UISG, VIBE, HRSC, and Iowa UNA; “The Journey of a Refugee: from Resettlement to Xenophobia;” Iowa Memorial Union, Illinois Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
36) December 3, 2016: Greg Hamot and Andrea Cohen, presentation at the National Council for Social Studies on teaching about migration and refugees through museums, Washington, D.C.
38) December 10-11, 2016: Cosponsor along with International Programs, the Stanley Foundation, and the College of Education; Global Education Institute for Teachers, Jason Harshman and Greg Hamot co-directors.

40) December 15, 2016: Cosponsored with UI Labor Center and South Central Iowa Area Labor Federation; “Workers’ Rights in Crisis: What Future for Iowa?” UAW 450 Hall, 4589 NW 6th St., Des Moines; 5:00-8:30 p.m.

41) January 6, 2017: Kat Litchfield; Library consultant visit, Mitchellville Prison.


43) January 16, 2017: Cosponsored with Bethel A.M.E. Church; Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, “What we can Learn from Others,” Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2:30 p.m.

44) January 17, 2017: Adrien Wing, Paul Gowder, and Joseph Fraioli from ACLU of Iowa; "How Lawyers and Law Students Can Resist Unconstitutional Actions From the Executive," College of Law, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

45) January 19, 2017: Presentations from 2016 Cmiel & Weston Funded Internship Awardees reflecting on their internship experiences, 213 MacLean Hall, 2:00 p.m.

46) January 22, 2017: Cosponsored with Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility, Shulman Hillel, Latino Native American Cultural Center, Veterans for Peace, Iowa UNA, St. Raphael of Brooklyn, Pax Christi, CIVIC, First Mennonite Church, WRACtivists, UI Global Health Studies, and Peace Iowa; “Abraham’s Walk: Celebrating our Diverse Community (Walking, Talking, Sharing, Caring Together),” beginning from Iowa City Recreation Center, 12:00 p.m.

47) January 25, 2017: Eddie Moore, guest visit to Critical Race Theory class, College of Law, 9:10 a.m.


49) January 27, 2017: Cosponsored with the College of Law; Prof. Jelani Jefferson Exum from University of Toledo, 2017 Martin Luther King lecture: “What’s Behind the Mountaintop? Working towards Justice in Sentencing,” College of Law, 2:00 p.m.

50) January 29, 2017: Amy Weismann, post-performance discussion panel of Riverside Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge."

51) February 1, 2017: Cosponsored with International and Comparative Law Program; “The Immigration Executive Orders,” College of Law, 12:40 p.m.

52) February 1, 2017: Amy Weismann, Informational meeting between UI faculty and SAR staff (via Skype) on hosting a scholar at UI, 1124 UCC, 3:30 p.m.
54) February 10, 2017: Cosponsored with International and Comparative Law Program; “Introduction to Islam,” College of Law, 11:30 a.m.
55) February 15, 2017: Cosponsored with the International and Comparative Law Program; “Introduction to Iran and Iranian Law,” College of Law, 12:40 p.m.
56) February 17, 2017: Adrien Wing, “Is there a Future for Critical Race Theory?,” Boston College Law School, 12:00 p.m.
57) February 19, 2017: Interfaith potluck to respond to hate, led by Amy Weismann, Shams Ghoneim and Jeff Portman, Iowa City Public Library.
58) February 20, 2017: Amy Weismann, Cmiel and Weston Internship Program information session, 1117 UCC, 4:00 p.m.
59) February 23, 2017: Adrien Wing, “Constitutional Creation of Conflict: What the US can Learn from South Africa and Rwanda,” University of Chicago Law School, 12:00 p.m.
60) February 27, 2017: Cosponsored with International and Comparative Law Program; Prof. Khaled Beydoun, guest visit to Critical Race Theory class, College of Law, 9:10-10:10 a.m.
61) February 27, 2017: Cosponsored with International and Comparative Law Program; Prof. Khaled Beydoun, “Toward a Legal Definition of: Islamophobia,” College of Law, 12:40 p.m.
64) March 3, 2017: Adrien Wing, Chief Diversity Office Women’s Leadership Initiative: “Intersectional Feminism,” UI Levitt Center, Hawkinson Assembly Hall, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
65) March 21, 2017: Cosponsored with International & Comparative Law Program; Jeffrey Koncsol from American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, guest visit to Critical Race Theory class, College of Law, 9:10-10:10 a.m.

68) March 24, 2017: Voices of Iowa City: Poetry Slam and Open Mic, IMU, 2nd Floor Ballroom, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

69) March 25, 2017: Cosponsored with UI Labor Center and Iowa Labor History Society; “Labor and Civil Rights Struggles in Iowa’s Past, Present, and Future,” 2520-D UCC, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

70) March 29, 2017: Cosponsored with the College of Liberal Arts, Department of English, Arab Students Association; “An Evening with Remi Kanazi”; UI Main Library, Shambaugh Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

71) March 31-April 1, 2017: Cosponsored with African American Council, Black Law Students Association, Black Student Union, City of Iowa City, Society of Black Graduate and Professional Students, UI Chief Diversity Office, and UI Public Policy Center; Conference: “The Future of Black Iowa,” Iowa City Public Library and University Capitol Centre.


73) April 4, 2017: Brian Farrell, Representing UICHR at UI’s Hawkeye Caucus, Iowa Statehouse, Des Moines.

74) April 4, 2017: Cosponsored with College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Department of Communication Studies, Department of English, Department of History, and College of Law; Screening of 1984 and discussion with Loren Glass, H. Glenn Penny, Garrett Stewart, and Lisa Heineman, FilmScene, 118 E. College Street, 6:00-9:00 p.m.


76) April 7, 2017: Cosponsored with City of Iowa City Human Rights Commission, City of Dubuque and the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE); “Government Advancing Racial Equity: The Role of Government – Iowa,” Sheraton Iowa City, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

77) April 7, 2017: Adrien Wing, “Is there a Future for Critical Race Theory,” Tulsa Law School, 12:00 p.m.

79) April 9, 2017: Cosponsored with UI Food Pantry; UI Hunger Banquet, IMU, Second-floor Ballroom, 6:00 p.m.

80) April 11-13, 2017: UICHR Transitional (In)justice Working Group cosponsored with Political Science Department; Prof. James Meerink from University of North Texas, Lecture: “Echoes of Testimonies—A Pilot Study into the Long Term Impact of Bearing Witness before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.”

81) April 14, 2017: Cosponsored with UI English Department; “1984 in 2017: A Symposium,” Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

82) April 22, 2017: Cosponsored with Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa; “Passport to a Livable Future,” Kent Park, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

83) April 29, 2017: Cosponsored with Iowa United Nations Association; “Hike to Help Refugees,” Northside plaza of UI Main Library, 12:00-4:00 p.m.


85) June 8, 2017: Cosponsored with the Crisis Center and others; 2017 Hunger Banquet, Sheraton, Iowa City, 6:30 p.m.

86) June 16-17: Cosponsored with Refugee Alliance of the Corridor; “Refugee Summit and World Refugee Day Celebration.”

87) July 16-20, 2017: Visit to Kosovo by Adrien Wing and Chris Rossi.