

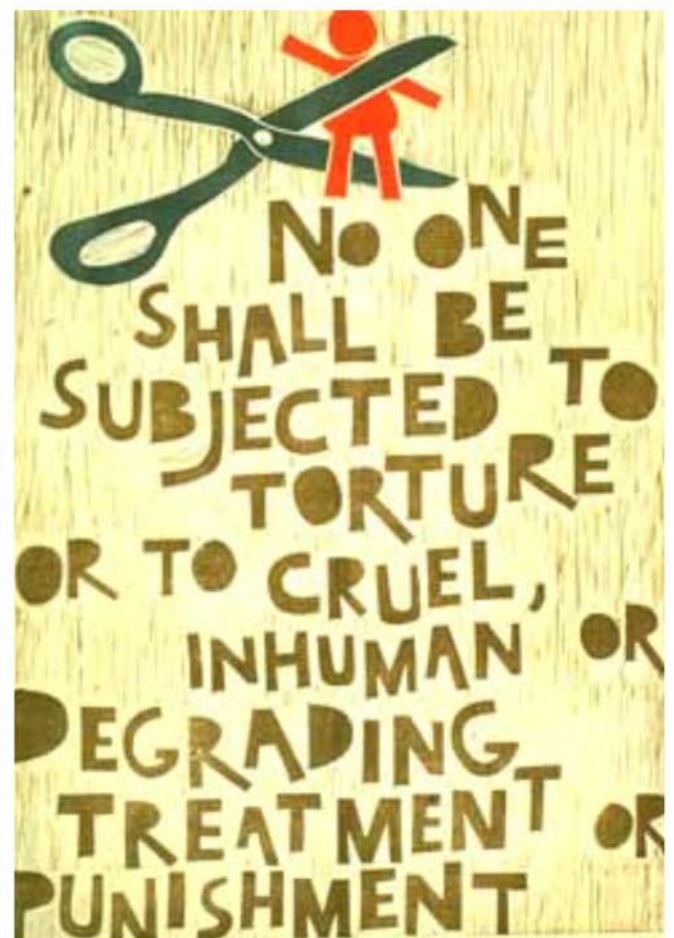


THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Annual Report

2014-2015



Message from Director Wing

Thank you for taking the time to read our second Annual Report to learn more about the important activities of The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights. We are proud of our teaching, scholarship, and public service achievements. 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.

Each year the UICHR strives to reach more students, community members, and interested individuals at home and abroad. We work to bring the world to Iowa, and Iowa to the world, whether by publishing important scholarship, such as Burns Weston's upcoming 4th Edition (with UK scholar Anna Gear) of *Human Rights in the World Community: Issues and Action*, creating opportunities for faculty to share ideas through thematic working groups, or organizing marquee events such as the Provost's Global Forum.

We could never fulfill our mission without the efforts of our many friends and supporters. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for the work of the UICHR. Kindly consider a donation to help us continue our work. We cannot do it without you. To learn more or to make a gift, please visit us at uichr.org.

Thanks for taking the time to learn more about us.

Adrien K. Wing

Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law

Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Programs

Director, UICHR



Professor Adrien Wing
UICHR Director



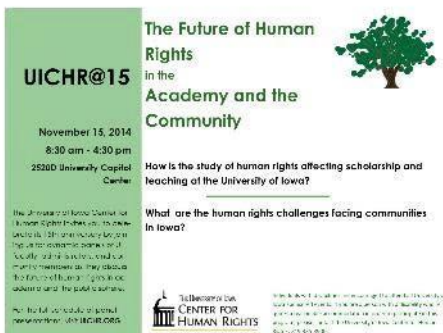
Mission

Affiliated with The University of Iowa's [College of Law](#), the UICHR's mission 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 it 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.



UICHR@15

November 15, 2014
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
2520D University Capital Center

The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR) is celebrating its 15th anniversary by hosting a day-long event focused on the future of human rights in the academy and the community. UICHR members and community members are invited to discuss the future of human rights in the academy and the public sphere.

The Future of Human Rights in the Academy and the Community

How is the study of human rights affecting scholarship and teaching of the University of Iowa?

What are the human rights challenges facing communities in Iowa?

UICHR is a part of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights.

In recognition of our **15th anniversary**, the UICHR hosted an event to explore the current state and future direction of human rights related scholarship, applied research, and creative production in representative fields from across campus. The day-long event featured speakers from across campus, including UI Provost Barry Butler, UICHR Senior Scholar Burns H. Weston, State Senator Joe Bolckcom, and professors from the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Education, Business, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy.

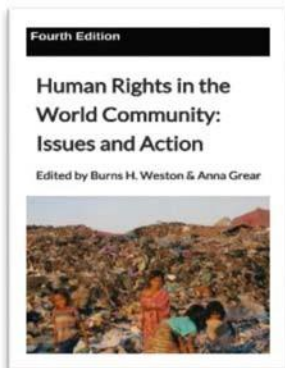
IN BRIEF: Teaching

Our biggest educational news is that the Center has taken on a new role as part of the International Studies Bachelor's Degree Human Rights Track in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The UICHR staff is responsible for the selection of courses in the track and for the approval of new courses, a responsibility that strengthens our involvement in undergraduate education specifically and in university-wide education generally. In this regard, it supplements the ongoing administration of our Human Rights Certificate Program, which now boasts more than 50 students. We have streamlined the Certificate Program and added some exciting new courses.



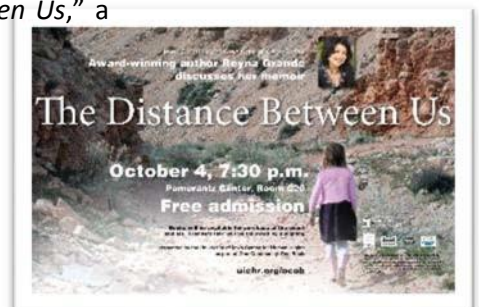
IN BRIEF: Scholarship

UICHR staff publishes scholarly works that engage global human rights issues, deliver presentations to audiences in Iowa and around the world, and organize conferences to disseminate ideas and foster intellectual exchange. This year, UICHR staff: completed a new edition of a leading human rights textbook; published several journal articles and book chapters on topics ranging from human rights litigation to the human rights of black women; organized a major conference on Muslim Women after the Arab Spring; and inaugurated an annual undergraduate human rights research conference.



IN BRIEF: Public Engagement

The UICHR continues to organize, and co-sponsor a wide range of programming for members of the University and local communities. This year, the popular "One Community, One Book" program welcomed Reyna Grande, author of *The Distance Between Us*, a memoir about her experiences coming to the United States as an undocumented immigrant. Our new Human Rights in the News lecture series welcomed Dr. Michelle Farrell from the UK to deliver a series of presentations across the state on contemporary issues surrounding torture. The UICHR is particularly proud that the Iowa City Human Rights Commission accepted our invitation to partner in a long-term project to transform Iowa City and its immediate municipal neighbors into an internationally recognized Human Rights Community.



TEACHING HUMAN RIGHTS

Courses Offered

During the Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015 semesters, the following courses were offered:

Summer Term 2014:

- ***Introduction to Human Rights***, taught online by Jo Butterfield, Brian Farrell, and Amy Weismann.

Fall Semester 2014:

- ***Human Rights Advocacy***, taught by Amy Weismann.
- ***Human Rights Systems: Enforcement***, taught by Nathan Miller.
- ***Philosophy of Human Rights***, taught by Jovana Davidovic.
- ***The Future of Human Rights in the Academy***, taught by Kelsey McGinnis in conjunction with the Center's 15th Anniversary Event.
- ***International Legal Clinic***, taught by Nathan Miller.

Spring Semester 2015

- ***Human Rights in the World Community***, taught by Adrien Wing.
- ***Human Rights Law & Policy Research Seminar***, taught by Burns Weston.
- ***Introduction to Human Rights***, taught by Brian Farrell.
- ***Human Rights and Community Development***, taught by Sally Scott.
- ***Human Rights Praxis***, taught by Amy Weismann.
- ***Independent Study Courses***, taught by Nathan Miller and Amy Weismann.
- ***International Legal Clinic***, taught by Nathan Miller.

Human Rights Certificate

The Human Rights Certificate faculty unveiled more streamlined and regularized courses and sequencing for the Human Rights Undergraduate Certificate Program. As of Fall 2014, the program has a new structure that includes a set of six courses, forming a cohesive and focused curriculum. One notable addition to the program—the course Human Rights Praxis—is a small seminar-style class built around a supervised internship. This year, 51 students were enrolled in the program.

International Legal Clinic

UICHR Assistant Director Nathan Miller directs the International Legal Clinic in the College of Law. Students in the clinic undertake advocacy in international law and human rights. In October 2014, the Clinic and the ACLU of Iowa released a two-year study of the policies governing the use of tasers in each of Iowa's 99 counties. Also, during the Fall Semester, the Clinic: submitted a report to the Committee against Torture at the United Nations; provided advice to the Government of Kosovo; and took on the representation of a group of Peruvian citizens seeking reparations for their unjust imprisonment.

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 four outstanding interns: Marina Bekovic, Heidi Brown, Julia Julstrom-Agoyo, and Brittany Kimzey.

UICHR staff work with students from across campus and collaborate with organizations across the state to develop materials, and conduct presentations on international human rights standards and their application in local contexts. UICHR staff and a student with the Citizen Lawyer Program (CLP) at the UI College of Law, traveled to Eldora, Iowa, in October to make a "Know Your Rights" presentation on immigration detention, deportation, and removal at the Hardin County Jail. The jail is the only facility in Iowa currently contracting with Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) to house people detained while awaiting immigration processing.

Director Adrien Wing and Assistant Director Nathan Miller traveled to Kosovo in June at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to explore ways to grow the relationship between Kosovo and the College of Law. In addition to receiving ongoing assistance from the International Legal Clinic, the Ministry has agreed to host one to two students from the College of Law each semester to work the wide range of international legal issues facing Kosovo as it strives to cement its status as an independent sovereign state. In addition, the UICHR will host senior officials from the Ministry at an event in Des Moines in the Spring 2016 semester as part of the **Provost's Global Forum: The Nation, The State, and The Global Redefinition of Self-Determination**.



Directors Wing and Miller with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (left); and giving a lecture at the University of Pristina (right).

TASERS IN IOWA

A two-year study by the ACLU of Iowa and the Clinic found that Iowa's taser policies provide unclear and inadequate guidance to officers.

Key findings of the report include:

→ Of the counties in Iowa that reported having taser policies, less than 10 percent prohibit tasing a woman the officer knows to be pregnant.

→ Only one policy prohibits tasing an elderly Iowan.

→ Only 2 percent prohibit the use of tasers on young children.

→ Only seven policies prohibit an officer from tasing a person who is already restrained.

"Taser policies in Iowa show profound variation and lack of consistency in regulating officer behavior," said ACLU of Iowa Legal Director Rita Bettis. "Some are far better than others, but no single policy in the state is adequate."

Kenneth J. Cmiel Funded Human Rights Internships

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 to honor the late UICHR Director, Kenneth J. Cmiel. 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.



Ha Young Jeong is an International Relations student who worked with Global Aid Network (GAIN) at an aid packaging event in Pennsylvania. Ha then worked with a food and seed distribution for program children in need in the Dominican Republic.

Nathaniel Weger is a mechanical engineering student who worked for Bridges to Prosperity to build a pedestrian bridge in Las Lagunas, Nicaragua. This bridge will connect more than 500 people to hospitals and clinics, schools, and markets which normally were inaccessible to them during the rainy season.

Marissa Robinson, an MD candidate at the UI Carver College of Medicine, worked with the University of the West Indies in Jamaica to study culturally sensitive ways to increase reporting of child abuse and neglect on the island.



Reem Khodor, also an MD candidate at the UI Carver College of Medicine, traveled to Egypt to observe the Ponseti method of correcting clubfeet by working with a previously trained Egyptian physician in Cairo. She also spent time working with a physician in Assiut, the poorest city in Egypt, where she studied the physical and cultural barriers to healthcare among the underserved.

Brandon Wubben, an MD Candidate at the UI Carver College of Medicine, worked with Empower Tanzania to assist with public health and sanitation training. He trained 30 Maasai women community health workers assisting in Same, Tanzania, as well as assisted with the production of an educational video on these topics.

Zachary Nichols, a JD Candidate at the UI College of Law, traveled to The Hague in the Netherlands to assist in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. The Tribunal has jurisdiction over war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed in the Balkan Wars of the 1990s.

Imelda Ureno, also a JD Candidate at the UI College of Law, joined EarthRights International ("ERI") in Lima, Peru as part of ERI's mission of "ending earth rights abuses....and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in communities where [ERI] works."

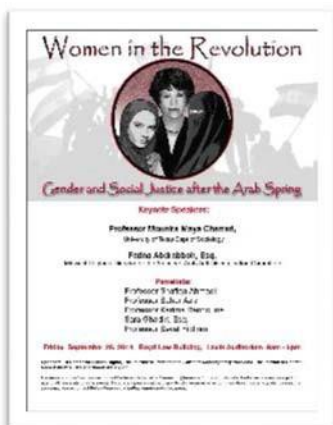


SCHOLARSHIP

Books, Chapters, Articles

- ✚ **Burns Weston** (with UK scholar Anna Grear) has published a new article, “The Betrayal of Human Rights and the Urgency of Universal Corporate Accountability: Reflections on a Post-Kiobel Lawscape,” in the 2015 Oxford University Press peer-reviewed *Human Rights Law Review* (vol. 15). The article was ranked among the top “most-read” HRLR articles during 2015.
- ✚ **Nathan Miller** completed the article “Human Rights Abuses as Tort Harms: Losses in Translation,” forthcoming in the 2016 *Seton Hall Law Review*.
- ✚ **Adrien Wing** has published “The International Human Rights of Black Women: Justice or Just Us,” in *Black Women in International Law: Deliberate, Interactions, Movements and Actions—Essays in Honor of Gabrielle Kirk McDonald* 37 (Jeremy Levitt ed, Cambridge University Press 2015); “Critical Race Feminism,” *Theories in Race and Ethnic Relations: Contemporary Debates and Perspectives* 162 (John Solomos et al. eds., Cambridge University Press 2015); and a chapter on “Violence against Palestinian Women in the West Bank,” in *Comparative Perspectives on Domestic Violence* 59 (Leigh Goodmark et al. eds., Oxford University Press 2015) (with Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian).

Scholarly Presentations & Academic Conferences



On September 26th, 2014 the Center cosponsored a major conference on “**Women in the Revolution: Gender and Social Justice after the Arab Spring.**” Eight Muslim scholars and lawyers participated. Scholarly papers and conference proceedings will be published in a joint issue of the College of Law’s *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* journal and *The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice*.



On February 28th, the Center, along with the UI Labor Center, UI Chief Diversity Office, UI Departments of History and Communication Studies, UI Public Policy Center, Office of Sustainability, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, and the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa held **Injustice on Our Plates: How the Conditions of Food Workers Affect Us All**, a conference exploring current initiatives to create jobs with dignity for the people who harvest, process, cook, and serve our food. The conference brought together academics and activists from labor, civil rights, faith-based, and local and sustainable food organizations. The conference resulted in sustained and cross-organizational dialogue and action planning. The conference featured a keynote address by Fekke Mamdouh, Co-Director of Restaurant Opportunities Center United (ROC) and co-author of *The Accidental American: Immigration and Citizenship in the Age of Globalization*.

On April 18th, the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics, established by the Center last year, held its first annual Iowa **Undergraduate Human Rights Research Conference** at Drake University in Des Moines. Twenty-three students and ten faculty members from colleges and universities throughout Iowa and parts of Minnesota attended. Students presented their papers on several panels and received comments from faculty members serving as discussants. Topics addressed included genocide in Rwanda, solutions to human trafficking, and the need to increase the federal minimum wage.



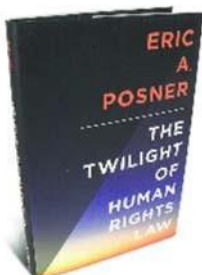
Faculty Development

The **UICHR Faculty Working Groups** selected last year continue to meet and advance their thinking on a range of topics. Some of the highlights of their work this year include:

A group exploring **the relationship between human rights and international development in theory and practice** conducted initial bibliographic research to establish a compendium of curated materials. The materials can be housed electronically on the UICHR or an affiliated website. The group will continue this effort next year.

Another group, focusing on **statewide human rights engagement in Iowa**, established the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics with membership from a wide range of Iowa's colleges and universities. This year the group kicked off what the Center hopes will become a yearly tradition: an undergraduate research conference (see above).

A group focused on engaging the **arts in education about human rights** has produced a play on immigrant worker rights based on the experience of members of the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa. A staged reading of an initial draft of the play premiered on May 8th at the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa. Next year, the group plans to use funding from the UICHR to take the show on the road.



A group examining **failed, corrupted, or criminalized human rights institutions** kicked off its activities with a discussion of University of Chicago law professor Eric Posner's *The Twilight of Human Rights Law*. Following that discussion, some members had breakfast with Beth Simmons, a distinguished Harvard University political scientist and one of Posner's targets and prominent critics. Professor Simmons spoke at the UI at the invitation of the Political Science Department. The group has invited **Samuel Moyn**, a historian at Harvard and another prominent critic of human rights institutions, to lecture next year with support from the UICHR.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Highlights

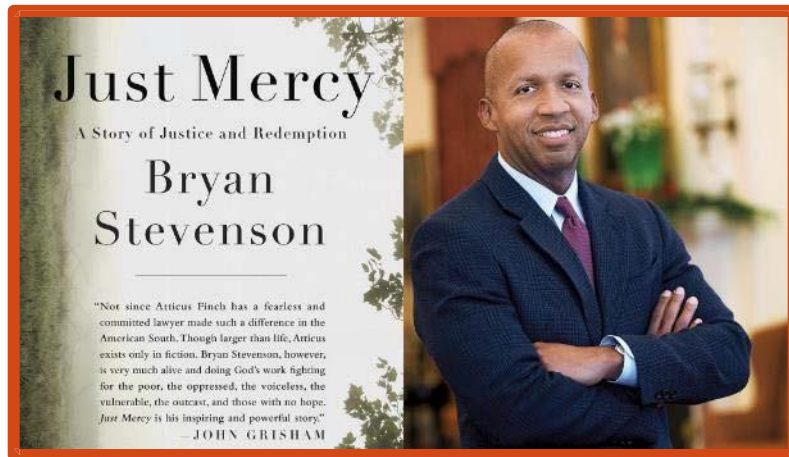
The UICHR organizes, sponsors, or co-sponsors close to 100 public engagement activities every academic year. Some highlights from 2014-2015 follow.

- ✚ On October 4th, we had a very successful **One Community, One Book** (OCOB) event. Approximately 300 people attended a talk by Reyna Grande, author of the 2014 OCOB selection. This year's title, *The Distance between Us: A Memoir*, addressed the timely and important topic of Mexican immigration. We partnered with the Iowa City Book Festival, got the book into high schools, and provided a teacher's workshop.
- ✚ The Center's conference last Spring—involving faculty members and administrators from more than 20 Iowa colleges and universities—led to the development of a **Network of Iowa Human Rights Academics** with the Center at its hub. A seven-person multidisciplinary steering committee will hold its second meeting in December.
- ✚ The Center received notice of an award of \$23,500 from the Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement to support its statewide human rights outreach efforts. The award includes \$3,500 toward the cost of the Center's March 2014 conference, as well as \$10,000 each of the next two years for lectures and events in Iowa beyond the UI campus and local community.
- ✚ The UICHR has established the UI as a key partner in the State of Iowa's ongoing relationship with the Republic of Kosovo, Iowa's sister state. In recognition of the growing role of the UI in that relationship, the Ambassador of Kosovo to the United States made his first ever trip to Iowa City on November 21st to meet with a group of interested administrators and faculty from several different colleges and departments.
- ✚ The Iowa City Human Rights Commission accepted the invitation of the UICHR, initiated by Burns Weston and Amy Weismann in consultation with a small group of sympathetic Iowa City citizens, to partner with the UICHR in the further building of Iowa City as a UN-recognized "**Human Rights Community**" akin to UNESCO's recognition of Iowa City as a "City of Literature."



Director Wing visited Cape Town, South Africa in December and met with administrators and faculty at the University of Western Cape (UWC) and University of Cape Town. Here she is with UWC Dean Bob Martin.

- ✚ This year the Center was pleased to welcome Dr. Michelle Farrell, a Lecturer in Law in the School of Law and Social Justice at the University of Liverpool, as the inaugural lecturer in the UICHR's **Human Rights in the News** series. Dr. Farrell's research interests are in moral, political, and critical theory on human rights, and in individual rights and the constitutional order in the face of conflict, political violence, and states of emergency. At Liverpool, Farrell teaches Security, Conflict and the Law among other subjects. She is Co-Director of the Human Rights and International Law Unit. In August 2013, she published *The Prohibition of Torture in Exceptional Circumstances* with Cambridge University Press. The book contemplates how and why the use of torture in exceptional circumstances became such a central topic of debate following the events of 9/11.
- ✚ The UICHR, in collaboration with the College of Law, was awarded \$19,000 to hold the **Provost's Global Forum** in the Spring 2016 semester. The three-day event will focus on self-determination, nations, and states in the 21st century.



One Community, One Book: The Center chose *Just Mercy* as the OCOB selection for 2015. Author Bryan Stevenson has agreed to give a public lecture in Iowa City on October 4th, co-sponsored by the UICHR, the UNESCO City of Literature as part of the Iowa City Book Festival, and Geneva Campus Ministries. Mr. Stevenson, an NYU law professor, is also a public-interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. He's the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a group that has challenged excessive and unfair sentencing; exonerated innocent prisoners on death row; confronted abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill; and aided children prosecuted as adults. *Just Mercy* was: a New York Times Bestseller; winner of the NAACP Image Award for Best Nonfiction; lauded as a New York Times Notable Book; a Time Top 10 Nonfiction Book; one of Esquire's 5 Most Important Books of the Year; a Washington Post Notable Work of Nonfiction; one of The Boston Globe's Best Nonfiction Books of the Year; a Seattle Times Best Book; and an American Library Association Notable Book.

Complete List of Events

OCOB Teaching Workshop (9/9): Iowa City Public Library.

UICHR 9/11 Forum (9/11): “The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.”

Human Rights Fair (9/17): The Center led a campus-wide event promoting the work of student organizations focusing on human rights issues.

OCOB book discussion (9/20): Iowa City Public Library.

OCOB book discussion (9/23): Coralville City Public Library.

Film Screening (9/24) (cosponsored with the Public Policy Center): “Woke Up Black.”

Conference (9/26) (cosponsored with *Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems*): Women and the Revolution: Gender and Social Justice after the Arab Spring.

Lecture (10/2): Dean Jeremy Levitt of the University of Brunswick Law School, Canada, spoke on “Why Do Our Killers Rule? Peace Agreements and Human Rights in Africa.” The Center sponsored the event along with the UI Law Faculty Speakers Program and the African Studies Program.

Lecture by Reyna Grande (10/4): Author of OCOB selection *The Distance Between Us*, speaks in conjunction with City of Literature Iowa City Book Festival.

Discussion (10/8) (cosponsored with the Human Rights Student Collective): Climate Change Literacy with Board member, Professor Jerry Schnoor.

Lecture (10/29): Brian Farrell, “Strengthening the Criminal Justice System,” Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Lecture (11/11) (cosponsored with the UI School of Urban and Regional Planning): Enrique Reynoso of the Frente Popular Francisco Villa Independiente on “Housing is a Human Right: the Dignified Fight for Homes in Mexico City and Beyond.”

Lecture (11/11): Brian Farrell, “Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Polk County Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa.

Lectures (11/11/ & 11/12): November 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia. In recognition, the UICHR cosponsored, with the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and the UI European Studies Group, two lectures by Dr. Pavol Demes. A Slovak expert on international relations and civil society, Dr. Demes spoke in Cedar Rapids on November 11th at the Museum and at the University of Iowa on November 12th.

Panel (11/13) (cosponsored with the Black Law Student Association): “Beyond Ferguson: Race, Class, and Gender in the Criminal Justice System.” The panelists included: Adrien Wing; Sam Black from the 6th Judicial Circuit Probation Dept; Daphney Daniel, Black Law Students Association (“BLSA”) President; Wayne Ford, executive director of Urban Dreams in Des Moines and a 14 year Iowa state representative; and, Alex Lodge, BLSA Secretary.

15th Anniversary Conference: On November 15th we celebrated the Center's 15th anniversary. In the spirit of the Center's renewed vision, the topic for the day's panels was the future of human rights in the university and the community. UICHR Senior Scholar Burns Weston delivered the keynote address: "Human Rights: Potential and Peril." We also presented the Founder's Award to former Board Chair, Professor Emeritus Sheldon Stromquist, at a community dinner organized by the student human rights organizations on campus.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner (11/15): Organized by UICHR interns.

18th Annual International Day (11/18): "The Right to a Clean Environment." Three hundred middle and junior high students attended.

Lecture on Russian Democracy (11/18) (cosponsored with the Center and the International Legal Studies Consortium): Russian Professor Alexander Domrin delivered the lecture "Backsliding on Democracy? Russian Law and Government under Putin." Professor Domrin is on the law faculty of the Higher School of Economics, one of the leading Russian law schools. He has also taught many times at the UI in prior years.

Lecture on Eyewitness Identifications (11/19): Brian Farrell, "The National Academy of Sciences Report on Eyewitness Identification," Johnson County Defense Bar, Iowa City, Iowa.

Roundtable with Akan Ismaili, Ambassador of Kosovo to the United States (11/21).

Lecture on Criminal Justice (12/3): Brian Farrell, "Preventing Errors in the Criminal Justice System," Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Lecture (12/4): Brian Farrell, "Public Defender Post Conviction Relief Basic Training," State Public Defender of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.

Teacher Institute for Global and Human Rights Education (December 6-7) (cosponsored with the IP-Stanley Foundation): More than 20 teachers attended two days of activities aimed at infusing a global perspective into the curriculum.

Lecture (12/9): Brian Farrell, "Protecting the Innocent through Criminal Justice Reform," University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Human Rights Education Day (12/10): The Center submitted, with UNA Iowa, a proclamation to the Iowa City Council designating December 10th as Human Rights Education Day in Iowa City, the day that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948. A "teach-in" in the afternoon of December 10th was held for teachers, students, and community members interested in learning more about human rights.

Lecture (12/19): Brian Farrell, "Getting It Right: Eyewitness Identification and the NAS Report," Scott County Bar Association, Davenport, Iowa.

MLK Week Activity (1/20/2015): Talk by Wycliffe Gordon and screening of "Selma."

Webinar (1/23): Brian Farrell, "Overview of the NAS Report on Eyewitness Identification," State Public Defender of Iowa.

Lecture by Jim Leach (1/28): “The Central Role of Citizen Diplomacy.”

Lecture by Thomas Frank (2/4) (Co-sponsor): “What’s the Matter with Liberals?”

Lecture by Diana Baird N’Diaye (2/5) (Co-sponsor with College of Education): “The Optics of Identity and the Will to Adorn: Writing What We See.”

KRUI Radio (2/9): Adrien Wing interviewed about the Center’s work on human rights.

Lecture (2/12) (Co-sponsor with College of Education): “Reading and Writing Dress: Autobiography and Community Aesthetics.”

Teresa Downing-Matibag (2/12): HRSC event, “Network Against Human Trafficking.”

Film screening (2/18): HRSC event, “Sex + Money: a National Search for Human Worth.”

Amnesty International (2/19): HRSC event, “Write-4-Rights” letter writing campaign.

Lecture by Brian Farrell (2/24): “Development of the International Human Rights System” at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon.

Chico Mendes Speaking Tour (2/24) (Co-sponsor with Universal Unitarian Society).

Film Screening (2/24) (Co-sponsor with UI Baha’i Campus Assn.): “To Light a Candle.”

Lecture by Jim Leach (2/24): “Public Angst, Gridlock, and the Unending Nature of Modern Warfare,” Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Panel presentation by Adrien Wing (2/26): Panel on Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy at William & Mary Law School.

Conference (2/28) (Co-sponsor with Labor Center): “Injustice on our Plates: How Conditions of Food Workers Affect Us All.”

Lecture by Brian Farrell (3/2): “Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” University of Dubuque.

Night of 1000 Dinners (3/5) (Co-sponsor with Iowa UNA).

Symposium (3/ 5-7) (Co-sponsor with Obermann Center): “Energy Cultures in the Age of the Anthropocene.”

Informal Address by Jim Leach (March 24): “Contrasting Value Systems,” Dartmouth Conference, Suzdal, Russia.

Careers for Change with Mak Suceska (3/30): U.S. Committee on Refugees and Immigrants, Des Moines, Iowa.

Hawkeye Caucus (3/31): Statehouse, Des Moines, Iowa.

Middle East to Iowa City (4/2): “Conflicts Abroad Reflected in Local Populations.”

Poster Session and Reception (4/7) (Co-sponsor with College of Law): "Meet the Russians and Russian Law."

Lecture by Dr. Michelle Farrell (4/8): "Torture in the 21st Century Liberal Democracy," Blades Chapel, University of Dubuque.

Lecture by Dr. Michelle Farrell (4/9): "Torture in the 21st Century Liberal Democracy."

Panel Discussion with Dr. Michelle Farrell (4/10): Senate Torture Report.

Breakfast with Beth Simmons (4/10).

Lecture by Jim Leach (4/11): "The Frailty of Civil Society," Madison, Wisconsin.

Lecture by Dr. Michelle Farrell (4/13): "Torture in the 21st Century Liberal Democracy," Coe College, Cedar Rapids.

Lunchtime Conversation with Professor Adrien Wing (4/15): International Society presents an informal discussion with Prof. Wing about her career in International Human Rights.

Human Rights Information Session (4/16): Conducted by Brian Farrell and Nathan Miller at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

Lecture by Brian Farrell (4/16): "Guilty but Innocent," Central College in Pella, IA.

Lecture by Jim Leach (4/17): "A Hobbesian World," Iowa Law Review History Celebration.

Lecture by Jim Leach (4/17): "The U.N. in an Historical Context," University of Northern Iowa.

Lecture by Jim Leach (4/17): "The Challenges of Non-Partisanship in an Era of Partisanship," University of Northern Iowa.

Undergraduate Research Conference (4/18): Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics inaugural conference, Drake University.

Lecture by Jim Leach (4/19): "Parsing the Subject of Loyalty," Des Moines Committee on Foreign Relations, Des Moines.

Lecture by Brian Farrell (4/20): "The United States and the International Citizen," St. Mary's University, Winona, Minnesota.

Film Series (Apr. 22-26) (Co-sponsor film with Iowa UNA).

In July 2015, Director Wing visited the Alex Rocha youth center in Cartagena, Colombia. UICHR hopes to assist the group in the coming year



Lecture by Brian Farrell (4/23): “Human Rights: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?” *Coe Human Rights Advocates Art Show*, Coe College, Cedar Rapids.

Conference (4/24) (Co-sponsor with Public Policy Center): “The Politics of Immigration.”

Careers for Change with John Boller (4/27): Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Film Screening and Director Talkback (4/29) (Co-sponsor with UI Labor Center and others): “Abrazos.”

Play production (5/8) (co-production with Center for Worker Justice and UI Labor Center): “Voice Lessons.”

Panel Discussion (5/13) (cosponsored with Paris II Law School): “Press Speech, Religion, and Terrorism: French and American Perspectives.” Adrien Wing served as a panelist.

Lecture (6/17): Adrien Wing & Nathan Miller, “Emerging Trends in International Law,” University of Pristina Faculty of Law.

Board and Staff



The Center benefits tremendously from the input and support of the members of its Advisory Board. The Board’s Program and Fundraising Committees have been active. Long-term Board member Professor Diana Cates serves as our new Advisory Board Chair. We would like to take a moment to recognize the service of departing Advisory Board members.

Our Advisory Board Chair, Brian White, left Iowa to become Associate General Counsel at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics. Law School Associate Dean Marcella David was named Provost at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. Alan Brody, a former UNICEF director and longtime friend of the Center, relocated away from Iowa City. Students Damian Bakula, Gleidson Gouveia, and Brittany Kimzey rotated off the Board. Other Board members rotating off in accordance with our diversity-designed rotation schedule included Loyce Arthur, Fred Dietz, and Lisa Heineman. We are delighted that Dave Leshtz has joined the board for a more extended term.

The Center continues to benefit from the talent and dedication of its part-time staff and the members of its Advisory Board. Although the staff has remained constant to date, some changes are on the way. Director Adrien Wing; Associate Director Greg Hamot; Assistant Directors Brian Farrell, Nathan Miller, and Amy Weismann; Senior Scholars Jim Leach and Burns Weston; Program Coordinator Joan Nashelsky; and Certificate Advisor Kelsey Kramer have all remained with the Center. Kelley Winebold, formerly the Center’s assistant, left the College of Law to pursue new opportunities. All the remaining staff thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new role at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Mary Sleichter has joined as the Center’s new

assistant. At the end of the year, Director Wing was promoted to Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs at the College of Law. We are delighted she will remain as UICHR Director. Another promotion occurred when Assistant Director Brian Farrell was promoted to Associate Director, joining Greg Hamot in this position.

After eight years of providing the Center with invaluable support, especially in her indefatigable efforts to manage the yearly One Community, One Book (“OCOB”) initiative, Joan Nashelsky has announced that she will be retiring in December 2015. While the remaining staff of the Center will miss her, she has generously offered to continue to run OCOB. As a result of Joan’s retirement, we anticipate reviewing staff responsibilities and will plan to add another staff member.



Finally, many thanks to the Center’s four outstanding interns this year: Marina Bekovic, Heidi Brown, Julia Julstrom-Agoyo, and Brittany Kimzey. Ms. Julstrom-Agoyo won a Fulbright Award to spend the upcoming school year in Malaysia. Many thanks as well to our law school research assistants: Damian Bakula, Ma Jin, Zachary Nichols, Crystal Pound, Isaac Smith, Stephanie Weiderin, and Alparslan Zora.

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