Center for Human Rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



MISSION

As part of The University of Iowa 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.

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:

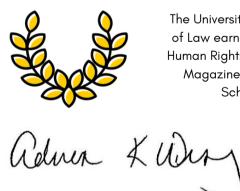
- Engages in a diverse array of teaching, research, and other activities designed to highlight and consider, constructively and critically, the problems and prospects of human rights worldwide.
- Nurtures trans-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration that seeks to integrate artistic and literary 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.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

During this year filled with change and challenges in our country and our world, we are proud of our Center's ability to adapt, respond, and rise to the occasion. This year UICHR hosted the first in-person delegation of international visitors to the UI campus since the pandemic began. As part of the virtual world, we were able to educate, connect, and empower thousands through our programming on multiple issues including climate change, the rights of Trans people, and the war in Ukraine.

As you read our 2021–2022 Annual Report, we hope that you gain a deeper understanding of our work, and the importance of the involvement of friends like you. We deeply appreciate your vitality and financial support, particularly in these critical times. We hope that you will consider making a donation to the Center by visiting our website at www.uichr.org.



The University of Iowa College of Law earned an A+ rating in Human Rights Law from PreLaw Magazine's 2021 Back to School issue

ADRIEN K. WING

Director, UICHR

Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law

Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs

ADVISORY BOARD: A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

It is an honor to serve as chair of the UICHR Advisory Board. The UICHR Advisory Board, with staff support, undertakes inspiring educational and programming opportunities across campus and worldwide to support vital human rights causes.

My own research and teaching intersect with human rights through my efforts to build communities of through music-making. l've caring completed a book with coauthor Stuart Paul Duncan, Music-Making in US Prisons: Listening to Incarcerated Voices, to be on bookshelves this November. I facilitate monthly meetings with an international network of researchers working toward abolition of harmful punishing structures through music-making in prisons. I've led the Oakdale Choir for 12 years and recently created two new initiatives: 2022 summer collaborative songwriting partnerships incarcerated/nonincarcerated musicians and a Music Instrument Scholarship and Technology (MIST) Training Program that we are piloting with two formerly incarcerated choir members.



On April 27, 2022, outside and former inside (former incarcerated) Oakdale choir members joined to sing an original song I wrote titled, "May My Tears Water a Sapling" for the Anne Frank tree planting ceremony at the University of Iowa (pictured above).



Mary Cohen, UICHR Advisory Board Chair

In the academic year, the UICHR Advisory Board welcomed Dimy Doresca, Cynthia Chou, and Matsalyn Brown as new Advisory Board members. We said farewell to Jackie Blank, Dromi Etsey, and student members Gada al Herz and Amna Haider. We thank them for their dedicated service. A complete and current list of UICHR Advisory Board members can be found at: https://uichr.uiowa.edu/who-we-are/advisory-board.

Advisory Board members also generously participated in several standing and ad hoc committees:

- Program Committee: Newman Abuissa, Mary Cohen, Joe Coulter, Amna Haider, Greg Hamot, Dave Leshtz, Guillermo Morales, Maureen McCue, Suzie Pritchett, Aaron Page, Lisa Schlesinger, and Sherry Watt.
- Fundraising Committee: Kingsley Botchway, Gina Crosheck, Pete Damiano, Britta Loftus, and Chuck Swanson.
- Student Program Selection Committee (Cmiel and Weston Internship and Weston Essay): Denise Martinez and Joan Nashelsky (in collaboration with Certificate faculty John McKerley, Aaron Page, and Stefanie Bowers).

STAFF



The Center's core staff (pictured left) consists of Director & Dean Adrien Wing; Associate Director & Professor Brian Farrell; Assistant Director & Professor Amy Weismann; Education and Student Support Specialist & Professor Jo Butterfield; Program Assistant Mary Sleichter; and Program Manager Erika Christiansen.

In addition to regular duties and responsibilities, the Center supports the participation of its staff and partnering faculty in national and international academic conferences, training and networking opportunities, and creates opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and teaching about human rights. Highlights include:

- Adrien Wing delivered multiple international and national presentations on topics ranging from Critical
 Race Theory to COVID to feminist jurisprudence. She continued her term as a member of the Board of
 Editors of the American Journal of International Law and her role as a producer for a new project of AJIL
 titled "AJIL Bookmarked," featuring key articles from back issues of the Journal. She continued her term
 on the American Bar Association Council on the Section of Legal Education as well. Additionally, Adrien
 continued as a Board member of the International Law Student Association and Blacks of ASIL.
- Brian Farrell helped organize the lowa Human Rights Research Conference in Des Moines in April and an online roundtable on rural policing in September. He participated in numerous conferences including the American Society of International Law's Annual Meeting in April.
- Amy Weismann was a member of the Planning Committee and a Faculty Leader for the 2022 Scholars
 At Risk Student Advocacy Days in Washington, DC. She also attended a multi-day on-line workshop,
 "Transcontinental Workshop: Deconstructing Colonial Legacies in Public Health," hosted by the UI Native
 Center for Behavioral Health and partners.
- Jo Butterfield attended multiple webinars that explored teaching best practices to share with human rights faculty members at their semester meeting in May, including one on addressing student burnout and another on new assessment strategies. Jo also attended the "Teaching Human Rights Across the Curriculum" at Drake University on April 22.
- Erika Christiansen joined the center in August 2021. This spring, she has pursued opportunities to develop her role through a variety of online educational opportunities.

TEACHING



The Center provides innovative and meaningful academic and co-curricular opportunities for students. The Center manages the 18-semester hour Human Rights Certificate program under the administration of the College of Law. Students enrolled in the Certificate program take three Foundations in Human Rights courses (9 s.h.), select from a menu of Contemporary Issues in Human Rights course (6 s.h.), and choose between Advocacy and Praxis to fulfill the Human Rights in Practice course requirement (3 s.h.).



LEFT: Students in Global Crises in Human Rights

Certificate program faculty consist of Center staff and others appointed through the College of Law to teach these undergraduate courses, including Stefanie Bowers; Jo Butterfield; Erika Christiansen; Brian Farrell; Aaron Page; John McKerley; Stephanie Patridge; and Amy Weismann. In addition, Jovana Davidovic and Jo Butterfield hold appointments through Philosophy and History, respectively, and teach courses offered by those departments which contribute to the Human Rights Certificate. Faculty profiles are available here.

Faculty and Certificate administrators continue to build on the expansion of topics courses and are currently developing or have recently offered courses on the intersection of human rights and local governance, gun violence, gaming, and artificial intelligence. These 1 s.h. off-cycle courses are taught through Distance and Online Education and permit the Center to reach both on and off-campus students.

The Center deepened its partnership with Scholars At Risk to provide Certificate students with experiential learning opportunities in advocacy through the course, Seminar in Human Rights Praxis, taught by Amy Weismann. Amy also served on the national Planning Committee for the Student Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. and led a student delegation to the in person convening in April.



ABOVE: Seminar in Human Rights Praxis students in Washington D.C.



The Center continues to provide innovative educational and meaningful student experiences. This was the second year the Center offered Human rights @ lowa, a one-semester hour course designed to expose students to a diverse array of human rights challenges at home and abroad, and to provide them with an opportunity to network and build community with other students interested in human rights. Students viewed documentaries, attended UICHR webinars, and participated in a Reentry Simulation at Coe College.

-Jo Butterfield, UICHR Academic Advisor

Spotlight: A Passion For Service Erika Christiansen



I began with UICHR in August of 2021, and I am celebrating my 1-year work anniversary with this team! I am a two-time UI alum (BFA in dance & MA in rehabilitation, counseling, and student development) and came back to work professionally at Iowa with student leadership development and community outreach in 2013. I had previously collaborated with UICHR on programming and joined the Center because of the people, the scope of work, and impact it has both on students and the larger community. I am often on the backend of our events and communications, and am gearing up for another great year of programming on difficult and important topics in human rights.

In addition to working as the program manager for UICHR, I am also an adjunct instructor in Leadership Studies at UI and volunteer as an advisor to student organizations. I teach leadership through teams, which focuses on self-reflection and meaning making in the messiness of group development. The projects my students take on are ones that benefit the campus or community, and I find joy in the growth they personally reflect on. When students are graduating, they often share with me the lessons they learned about themselves, and how to work in community with others. My purpose is rooted in education and providing perspectives for individuals to think critically about how we can create a more compassionate and just world together.

My love of service runs deep. My long-term service is with the state as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and I also serve in my neighborhood association. I was active in arts outreach until I had my kids, and I have since transitioned to a new creative art. I was awarded an artist grant during the pandemic to make items for vaccine education and awareness, and since then started a small company. I make non-toxic handmade concrete candles and other goods, and have been active with the South District Diversity Market this past year. My favorite part of creating this business, is building it in a way that can be a force of good for individuals, community, and the planet. I'm currently in a program through the lowa City Development Group working to help other emerging artists in our community.



With two young kids and a partner finishing up their PhD (he also works as an educator with UI), my nights and weekends are often filled with family time and snuggles from our pets! While I am often on the go, I always love to connect with people over a good cup of coffee at a local shop. Please always feel free to reach out! And thank you for supporting our work at the Center.

INTERNSHIPS



Kenneth J. Cmiel and Burns H. Weston Human Rights Internship Funding Program

In Spring 2022, UICHR awarded six students Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Internship funding, and one law student Burns H. Weston Internship funding, totaling \$12,500, in support of students' summer internships with organizations pursuing human rights promotion and/or protection:

Sophie Banegas is a student in the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She assisted with a project to expand reproductive healthcare education to young women in Riobamba, Ecuador.

Jocelyn Williams is a graduate student in the University of Iowa School of Planning and Public Affairs. She interned with The Housing Fellowship in Iowa City, a private non-profit providing permanent affordable rental housing in Johnson County, Iowa.

Katherine Kustes is a University of Iowa School of Social Work major and interned with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, a non-profit policy research organization in Vienna, Austria.

Angela Funk interning with Link Associates in West Des Moines, an organization that provides services to people with intellectual disabilities and their families

Per'Tiyah Bruce is a Master's student in The University of Iowa College of Education. She returned to her home town of Waterloo to intern with the 1619 Freedom School. Her focus was working with young women on college preparedness and learning about African American literature and Black History.

Dean Omar is an undergraduate student working with the Jordan Health Aid Society International in Amman, an organization that works principally with Syrian refugees.

Sarah-Rose Ballard received the Burns H. Weston Human Rights funded internship award. She worked for the Alaska Public Defender's Office this summer.



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Angela Funk



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Sarah Rose Ballard

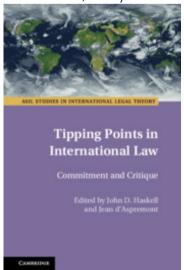
SCHOLARSHIP

Select and Recent Books, Chapters, and Articles

- Adrien K. Wing & Catherine Powell, Introduction to the Symposium on Feminist Approaches to International Law Thirty Years on: Still Alienating Oscar?, American Journal of International Law Unbound (forthcoming 2022).
- Adrien K. Wing, Critical Race Feminism: A
 Different Approach to Feminist Theory, in Gender
 Perspective in Law (Dragica Vujadinovic & Ivana
 Krstic eds., Springer, forthcoming 2022).
- Adrien K. Wing & Hisham A. Kassim eds., Family Law and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa: Change and Stasis since the Arab Spring (Cambridge, forthcoming 2023).
- Adrien K. Wing, Palestine, in Family Law and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa: Change and Stasis since the Arab Spring (Adrien Wing & Hisham Kassim eds., Cambridge, forthcoming 2023).
- Adrien K. Wing, Introduction, in Family Law and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa: Change and Stasis since the Arab Spring (Adrien Wing & Hisham Kassim eds., Cambridge, forthcoming 2023).
- Adrien K. Wing, America 2050: Lessons from Apartheid, in Global Systemic Racism (Kirsten Barnes ed., UC Berkeley, forthcoming 2023).
- Adrien K. Wing, Human Rights, COVID, Global Critical Race Feminism, and Can We Rise, in Race and Racism in International Law (Justin Desautels-Stein ed., Stanford, forthcoming 2023).
- Adrien K. Wing, Introduction, in Oxford Handbook on Women and International Law (Nienke Grossman ed., Oxford, forthcoming 2023).



- Adrien K. Wing, Tipping Points in International Law: Race, in Tipping Points in International Law 247 (Jean d'Aspremont & John Haskell eds., Cambridge Press, 2021).
- Adrien K. Wing, Poverty, Lawyering and Critical Race Feminism in the Trumpian Era, in Poverty Law and Legal Activism 31 (Maria Grahn Farley & Joel Samuelsson eds., Uppsala University Press 2021).
- Adrien K. Wing, Towards Racial Justice for Black Iowa 2021, 24 Iowa Journal of Gender, Race & Just. 30 (2021).
- Brian Farrell, International Law Online: How Will the Pandemic Change the Practice of Law?, 115 Proceedings of the ASIL Annual Meeting 289 (2021) (conference proceedings).
- Brian Farrell, Habeas Corpus, in Elgar Encyclopedia of Human Rights (Manfred Nowak, Jane A. Hofbauer, Philipp Janig & Christina Binder eds., 2021).



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Spotlight: Human Rights Certificate

Alum Johnny Molony





I found the Human Rights Certificate program in 2017, the spring of my sophomore year. As a recently-out, Gay man born and raised in rural lowa, I had this sense of ever-growing frustration concerning the many systemic inequities fully on display and embroidered into the fabric of our country, but I had no idea how to channel that frustration into anything productive. I decided to take the Introduction to Human Rights course with the expectation of at least finding an outlet to express such frustrations and with the hope of learning about methods and avenues currently available to try and address such monumental and ongoing issues.

What I found that spring semester was an environment that equipped me with the language and context needed to discuss human rights issues. We were encouraged as students to understand, and challenge the status quo and the institutional and foundational concepts supporting it, such as individual political rights or collective cultural rights, permeating the United States and global community.

After this, I took every human rights course I could, and, thanks to the certificate's interdisciplinary approach, I was able to explore the law, history, politics, and philosophy that surround the concept of human rights to understand where we've been, where we are, and where we will one day be in fully addressing collective equality and equity as both a country and global community.

Beyond the classes themselves, The Human Rights Certificate program also gave me the chance to get one-on-one mentoring from faculty, most notably for me, those with a legal background. From giving me advice on internships, to helping me get involved in academic conferences like the Iowa Human Rights Research Conference where I won the Weston Essay Prize, to writing letters of recommendation for me for law school applications, the faculty were always there to mentor and guide me. They not only helped demystify the law school process for me, a firstgeneration law student who did not know many lawyers, but also helped me in finding opportunities to apply myself while still an undergrad. Thanks to the program and my mentors I felt prepared to start my path in human advocacy work, working for national advocacy groups like Human Rights Campaign and Planned Parenthood.

After graduating, I was able to take the language, context, and skills gained from my classes, work, and mentors and apply them to pursue a law degree at the University of Iowa College of Law. Thanks to my human rights experience, I felt comfortable and emboldened to challenge presumptions and reasoning both in and outside the law school classroom. I led the LGBTQI+ student organization, OutLaws and organized students to inform faculty about creating welcoming classroom environments and thereby improve the educational experience for LGBTQI+ students. I was able to strive for change working with the ACLU of lowa to make the law more just for all lowans, help individuals and families subject to employment discrimination and police brutality vindicate their rights with a civil rights firm in Denver, Colorado, and assist in representing the United States and victims of hate crimes and official misconduct through my work with the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

Throughout my journey in human rights advocacy, the foundations instilled in me as a student in the UI Human Rights Certificate program have played a key role in both my personal and professional development. I would not be the same person or advocate if I had not taken a chance on that Introduction to Human Rights class my spring semester sophomore year.

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Spotlight: Human Rights Certificate Alum Amna Haider



This summer, I had the opportunity of a lifetime to complete the first phase of my national fellowship with Humanity in Action (HiA)! As a 2022 Sarajevo fellow, alongside a cohort of 10-12 fellows hailing from the U.S., Germany, Poland, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and the Netherlands, I dove deep into the topics related to and connected with the role of local leadership, the role of the international community, the responsibility of neighboring countries, the properties of power sharing schemes and legal reforms, and many other qualities of localized post-conflict peace operations. As the theme of this year's Fellowship was "Lessons Learned, Lessons Missed, & Lessons Preferred," I learned about the sociocultural, political, and historical contexts of post-conflict reconstruction in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

During the fellowship, I heard from and engaged with many diverse experts including Bosnian civil society leaders, international lawyers, scholars, and activists. This education provided me with an intellectual framework that connects issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina to past and current global developments in human rights. I in turn gained a unique perspective in understanding my responsibility to promote human rights both locally and globally! As a fellow, I also had the lovely opportunity to make a short video about myself and to complete a "Fellow Talk" in which I was given thirty minutes to foster discussion about a topic I was passionate about. I introduced my cohort to a glimpse of life in my hometown Omaha, Nebraska, and I chose to give a lecture about the debated role of women's autonomy in sexualized cultural practices around the world!

My intensive summer fellowship culminated in my participation in the 10th annual Humanity in Action conference in Berlin, Germany this July. While I was unable to visit Sarajevo, I finally met and bonded inperson with some of the Bosnian folks that were part of my fellowship, which made me really excited to one day visit Sarajevo in my near future. I also united with some of the other fellows within my cohort, fellows across cohorts, and Senior HiA fellows hailing from so many different countries!

This was a transformative experience, as I partook in so many discussions centered around the conference's theme "Untold Stories." I had the privilege to exchange cultural and academic perspectives about the function of human rights advocacy in our lives with such a diverse conference group. But perhaps the best part of it all was just sharing laughs, fun, stories, and delicious Berlin food with all the new friends I made!

I thank all the professors and staff at the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights who prepared me for an experience like this while I was a Human Rights Certificate student. I also especially thank Professor Butterfield, who recommended me during the application process. I highly encourage other Certificate students to apply for a HiA fellowship, as well as other human rights-related opportunities that the UICHR team can support. Now, onto phase two, executing a year-long community action project that will grant me Senior Fellow status!



ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2022 Iowa Human Rights Research Conference

The lowa Network of Human Rights Academics in partnership with UICHR hosted the 2022 lowa Human Rights Research Conference in person at Drake University. Twenty-seven students presented projects on a variety of human rights topics. Over 75 people attended the conference, including students and faculty members representing nearly twenty different institutions.

Burns H. Weston Human Rights Essay Prizes

Students from across the state were invited to submit papers for consideration by a faculty and advisory board selection committee recognizing outstanding undergraduate and graduate student essays in promotion of human rights. This year the committee awarded the prize to Rebecca Clair of Drake University for her essay "Access and Control: The influence of international law, domestic politics and social movements on reproductive rights."







"The recognition through the contest is a reminder that my voice is heard and my opinion matters." -Oksana Hirchak

Anne Frank Writing Contest

UICHR and the UI Magid Undergraduate Writing Center organized a writing contest for undergraduates to reflect upon the legacy of Anne Frank's diary in their lives. The contest contributed to a campus-wide series of activities to celebrate the planting of a sapling propagated from the tree behind the annex in Amsterdam where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II. This living symbol of Anne's spirit and humanitarian message is the 13th Anne Frank Sapling to be planted in the United States. UI undergraduate student Oksana Hirchak submitted the winning essay and UICHR awarded her a trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Oksana, a native of Ukraine, wrote about the common experiences of all children in times of war.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



GRANT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Scaling up Problem Management Plus (PM+) to Refugee Communities Across Iowa

With funding from the Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services (BRS), co-Pls Amy Weismann, Will Story, and Rima Afifi are working with resettlement agencies and ethnic communitybased organizations to roll out PM+, an evidence-based, low-intensity peer to peer psychosocial intervention to promote mental health developed by the World Health Organization, to refugee communities across lowa over the next two years. The Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services (BRS) funded this plan after a pilot project conducted with refugee communities in Johnson, Linn and Scott counties indicated that PM+ was feasible and acceptable as a way to enhance mental health for refugees. The pilot project in lowa was the first implementation of PM+ in the US. Since then, other organizations in the US have begun using PM+ as an intervention for varied mental health low-resourced areas.

The project team, now including student Research Assistants (RA) Ashley Williams and Taylor Carlson, as well as trained community facilitators from refugee communities and licensed practitioner supervisors, are currently organizing and conducting training in PM+ for resettlement agencies and healthcare providers throughout the state. This training will include a project team developed module on human rights and mental health as part of the training curriculum.

For more information and to enagge with this porject, please contact Amy Weismann (amy-weismann@uiowa.edu), Rima Afifi (rima-afifi@uiowa.edu), or William Story (william-story@uiowa.edu).









I have worked with the PM+ project for the past year. My experience with the team and community agencies has been educational, and humbling. There is still much work to do, but my life is forever changed from working with PM+. I believe this program should be implemented everywhere there is a need!

-Ashley Williams, Project RA and MPH Student at UI College of Public Health (pictured far left, with fellow RA Taylor Carlson)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: WEBINARS AND WEB SERIES

Throughout the 2021-22 academic year, UICHR continued providing web-based, responsive programming with nearly 5000 attendees and viewers. Highlights included:

lowa in the World Community Series

UICHR staff convened a series of five Zoom webinars on human rights challenges in the state of Iowa within a global context:

- <u>Solitary Confinement</u> with panelists Katrina Carter, Eddie J. Walker Jr., and Mark Dotson
- <u>Academic Freedom</u> with panelists Teresa Marshall, Chelsea Blackburn Cohen, and Julie Schmid
- Affordable Housing with panelists Daphney Daniel and Larisa Bowman
- <u>Reproductive Health</u> with panelists Melissa Upreti, Alice Wang, and Pete McRoberts
- <u>Transgender Rights</u> with panelists Rikki Nathanson, Shefali Aurora, and Max Mowitz



Myanmar/Burma: Human Rights Under Fire

UICHR convened an expert panel to discuss the urgent human rights situation in Myanmar/Burma in the aftermath of the February 2021 coup. The panel included: Phil Robertson (Deputy Director of Asia Division, Human Rights Watch); Christopher Merrill (Director of the UI International Writing Center); Elaisa Vahnie (Executive Director of Burmese American Community Institute and Advisor to the Free Myanmar Campaign USA); and Ronald McMullen, (UI Political Science faculty member, UI Ambassador in Residence, and former Foreign Service Officer in Burma).



Climate Change and Human Rights Webinar Series

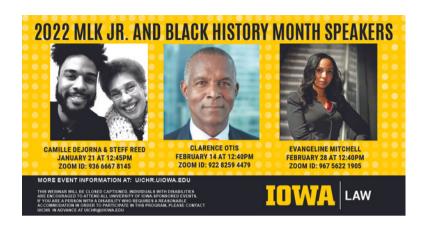
UICHR partnered with the College of Law's new Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative to convene a series of four webinars to explore and discuss the climate crisis and its implications for human rights protection and promotion, including the evolution of science and policy, new developments in intergenerational rights and duties in the courts, the unequal climate change burdens on the Global South, and lowa's challenges and opportunities arising from climate change.

Lecture by Michelle Alexander

UICHR, in partnership with units across campus, hosted a highly anticipated lecture by renowned legal scholar Michelle Alexander. UICHR's Director and College of Law Associate Dean Adrien Wing moderated the event.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: WEBINARS AND WEB SERIES



War in Ukraine Webinar

UICHR provided a discussion regarding the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine, its devastating immediate aftermath, and its long-term implications, featuring UI students and faculty from Ukraine as well as a multi-disciplinary panel commenting on the political, economic, legal and sociological context of the conflict, as well as the current experiences of Ukrainians who remain in the country and who now live in diaspora.

MLK, Jr. Day and Black History Month Speaker Series

During the spring 2022 semester, the College of Law, the UI Center for Human Rights, and various co-sponsors hosted three virtual events to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month, including: the Deputy for Legal Education at the Law School Admissions Council Camille deJorna and musician and activist Steff Reed; former Chairman and CEO of Darden Restaurants, Inc. Clarence Otis; and attorney and filmmaker Evangeline Mitchell.





Jazz At Lincoln Center Quintet Collaboration

In partnership with Hancher Auditorium, UICHR hosted a webinar event with membes of the Jazz At Lincoln Center Quintet exploring the history of jazz music and the importance of the arts today in the struggle for human rights realization.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS

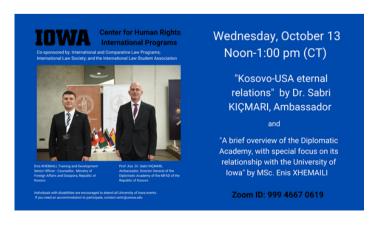
Kenyan Judicial Service Commission Training

UICHR staff, led by Adrien Wing and coordinated by Jo Butterfield, hosted a two-week training for members of the Kenyan National Judicial Service Commission at the University of Iowa College of Law, which included visits to select sites across the state. This was the first international delegation to visit the University of Iowa since the beginning of the pandemic. The delegation of eleven Commissioners and staff included the Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Lady Justice Philomena Mbete Mwilu.

Delegation members took part in capacity building courses offered by UICHR and College of Law faculty at the Boyd Law Building; engaged in discussions with campus and civic leaders; participated in community events; met with judges and judicial administrators from across the state, including the members of the lowa Supreme Court and the Tribal Court of the Meskwaki Settlement; and toured multiple courthouses; the lowa State Capitol; and the Amana Colonies. Commission member Judge David Majanja delivered a public lecture "Performance Management in the Judiciary: The Kenyan Experience" on September 29 at the UI College of Law.



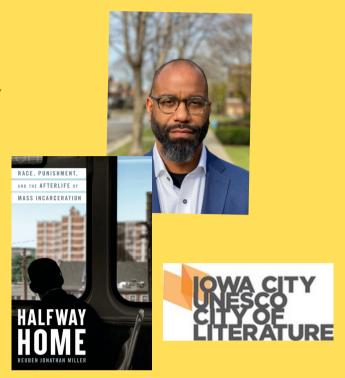
In Fall 2021, UICHR Director Adrien Wing and Associate Director Brian Farrell met with: Ambassador Sabri Kiçmari and Enis Xhemaili of the Kosovo Diplomatic Academy; Des Moines Consul Artan Duraku of the Kosovo Foreign Ministry; UI International Programs Dean Russ Ganim; and other campus stakeholders to discuss ongoing partnerships. Another set of meetings with a Kosovo ministerial delegation took place October 27.



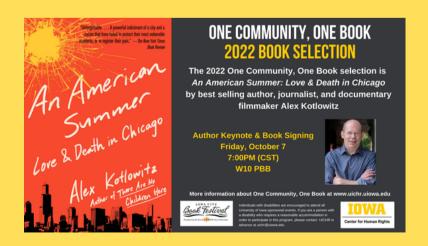
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BOOK

Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration, by Dr. Reuben Miller, was the 2021 One Community One Book selection. The book captures the stories of men and women caught up in the U.S. carceral system, and, informed by Dr. Miller's sociological research, provides critical insight into the impacts of structural racism on individuals and our democracy.

UICHR staff, led by Erika Christiansen, convened a series of events to discuss human rights and mass incarceration powerfully explored in *Halfway Home*. Three virtual book clubs were hosted by UICHR Board Chair Dr. Mary L. Cohen. Dr. Miller joined a classroom virtually to speak with students and held a virtual author keynote on October 21, 2021. And community partner Inside Out Reentry Community moderated a panel exploring the challenges of people returning to Johnson County after incarceration, and what has helped them succeed.



The 2022 One Community, One Book selection is *American Summer: Love & Death in Chicago* by journalist Alex Kotlowitz. While mass shootings have tragically increased and brought renewed attention to gun violence, many communities throughout the U.S. have experienced an ongoing, daily scourge of gun related injury and death. Alex Kotlowitz documents the summer of 2013 on the South and West sides of Chicago, and the lives impacted by guns in that time and place. In doing so he brings light to what remains a pressing human rights issue ten years later. UICHR and the lowa City UNESCO City of Literature will partner, along with support from others, to bring Mr. Kotlowitz to campus and screen "The Interrupters," a documentary film featuring the community captured in American Summer and their innovative efforts to stop gun violence.

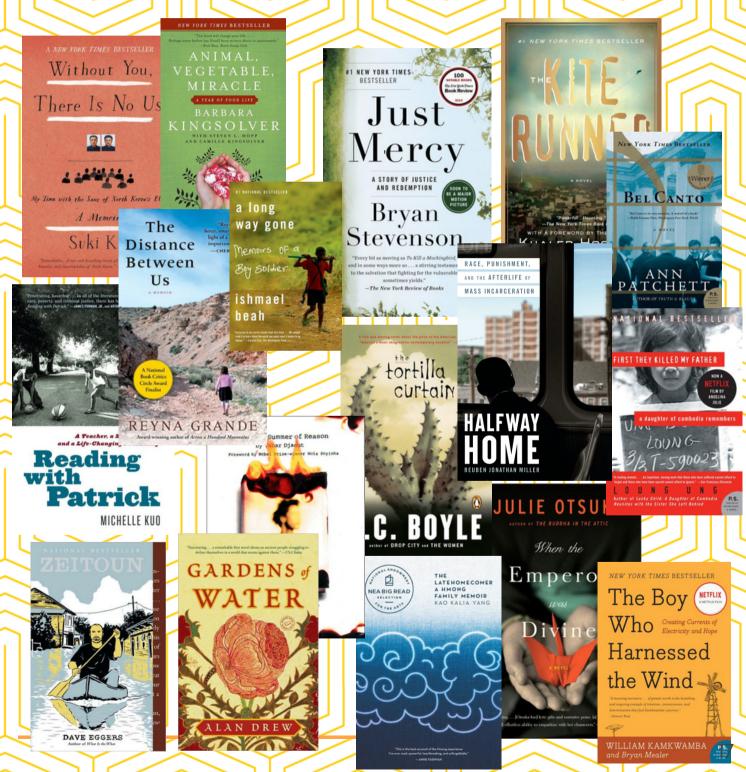


"People have a capacity to keep going even when their world has been shattered. We all long for connection, for affirmation that our lives matter."

— Alex Kotlowitz, An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago

Celebrating Twenty Years of One Community One Book!

2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the Center's One Community, One Book program. OCOB was envisioned by UICHR founders Dorothy Paul and Burns Weston in 2001 as a collaborative effort between the campus and community to promote human rights education through the reading of literature. Since its inception, UICHR has helped organize countless OCOB events in lowa City and Johnson County, often partnering with groups such as public libraries, high schools, the Oakdale correctional facility, and the lowa City Senior Center. Through shared readings and conversations, the program serves as an innovative way to unite people of all ages and backgrounds, while promoting community and world values. Read an article providing the history of the program: https://dailyiowan.com/2021/10/26/one-community-one-book-foundation-celebrates-20-years/.



FULL LIST OF CENTER ACTIVITIES 2021-22



- 1) May 13, 2021: *Criminal (in) Justice Reforms and Priorities*, speaker Adrien Wing; Iowa City Rotary Club; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 2) May 19, 2021: *Renewing a Human Rights Agenda: Immigration Policy & Migrant Justice*, panelists Jessica Bolter, Lina Maria-Murillo, Erica Johnson; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 3) May 20, 2021: Global Quantification of Reparations for Transatlantic Chattel Slavery, presenter Sir Hilary Beckles, discussion moderator Adrien Wing; Reparations Under International Law for Enslavement of African Persons in the Americas and the Caribbean Symposium, American Society of International Law and The University of the West Indies, Office of the Vice Chancellor; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 4) May 27, 2021: Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: The Limits of Existing Data, panelists Brian Farrell, Daria Fisher Page; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; via Zoom (UICHR-staff engaged event).
- 5) May 28, 2021: *And Still I Rise*, speaker Adrien Wing; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 6) May 29, 2021: (Re) Naming and (Re) Framing: "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" in the Age of Anti-Racism, speaker Adrien Wing; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 7) June 2, 2021: Cannabis Law: Crime, Health, Recreation, Business, speaker Mahal Montoya; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 8) June 16, 2021: *Truth & Reconciliation: Iowa City and the World*, panelists Amel Ali, Eduardo Gonzalez, Raneem Hamad, Adrien Wing; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 9) June 26, 2021: *Stoking Social Movements through Scholarship*, speaker Adrien Wing; Lutie Lytle Scholarship Workshop, Howard University; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 10) June 30, 2021: Combatting Human Trafficking, speaker Siobhan Mullally; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 11) August 4, 2021: *Myanmar/Burma: Human Rights Under Fire*, panelists Phil Robertson, Christopher Merrill, Elaisa Vahnie, Ronald McMullen; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 12) August 18, 2021: *Iowa in the World Community: Solitary Confinement*, panelists Katrina Carter, Eddie J. Walker Jr., Mark Dotson, Mary Cohen; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 13) September 1, 2021: *Iowa in the World Community: Academic Freedom*, panelists Teresa Marshall, Chelsea Blackburn Cohen, Julie Schmid; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 14) September 10, 2021: *Reflections on the Legacy of 9/11*, panelists Shams Ghoneim, Sara Mitchell, Christian Jorgensen, Ed Flaherty; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 15) September 17, 2021: *Global Systemic Racism*, speaker Adrien Wing; UC Berkeley Law School; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 16) September 21, 2021: Cmiel and Weston Interns Debrief Dinner; Maggie's Wood Fired Pizza (UICHR organized event).
- 17) September 22, 2021: *Iowa in the World Community: Affordable Housing*, panelists Candi Harmsen, Daphney Daniel, Larisa Bowman; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 18) September 22, 2021: *Protests, Military Coup, and Burma's Future*, speaker Maxime Boutry; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored with UI International Programs, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, UI Department of Anthropology, and UI Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Obermann Center and the Department of Religious Studies).
- 19) September 22, 2021: *Black-Palestinian Solidarity*, speaker Adrien Wing; United Methodist Church, Iowa City; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 20) September 27, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Intro to Comparative Law); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).
- 21) September 27, 2021: President Wilson Welcome Event in Honor of Kenyan Delegation; IP Commons (UICHR co-sponsored event with UI Office of the President and International Programs).
- 22) September 28, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Challenges in Delivery of Justice; Three Branches of US Government System; Iowa Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).

- 23) September 28, 2021: International Programs Welcome for Kenyan Delegation; IP Commons (UICHR event co-sponsored with International Programs).
- 24) September 29, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Leadership and Government); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).
- 25) September 29, 2021: *Performance Management in the Judiciary: The Kenyan Experience*, speaker David Majanja; Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the International Law Society, International Law Student Association, and Black Law Students Association).
- 26) September 30, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Intro to Criminal Procedure; Case Management-State; Case Management-Federal); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).
- 27) September 30, 2021: What is Critical Race Theory?, speaker Adrien Wing; UI Obermann Center for Advanced Studies and Iowa City Public Library; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 28) October 1, 2021: *Racial Capitalism*, speaker Adrien Wing; ClassCrits; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 29) October 1, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Mediation; Information and Communication Systems; Arbitration); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).
- 30) October 4, 2021: Kenyan Delegation Visit to Johnson County Courthouse; Johnson County Courthouse (UICHR organized event).
- 31) October 5, 2021: Courses in Law for Kenyan Delegation (Review); Boyd Law Building (UICHR organized event).
- 32) October 6, 2021: Kenyan Delegation Visit to Iowa Judicial Branch, Iowa State Capitol, Iowa State Bar Association, and virtual visit with Meskwaki Tribal Court; Des Moines (UICHR organized event).
- 33) October 6, 2021: *Iowa in the World Community: Reproductive Health*, panelists Melissa Upreti, Alice Wang, Pete McRoberts; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 34) October 7, 2021: Kenyan Delegation Visit to U.S. Federal Courthouse for Northern District of Iowa, Linn County Juvenile Justice Center, and the Amana Colonies; Cedar Rapids and Main Amana (UICHR organized event).
- 35) October 7, 2021: Farewell Dinner Event for Kenyan Delegation; Iowa City (UICHR organized event).
- 36) October 7, 2021: One Community, One Book Virtual Book Club: Part 1 DEBT; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 37) October 8, 2021: Resistance and Transformation: Mapping Critical Geographies and Alternative Possibilities in Legal Scholarship and Praxis for the Next 25 Years, speaker Adrien Wing; LatCrit Theory Biennial Conference; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 38) October 13, 2021: A Brief Overview of the Diplomatic Academy, with Special Focus on Its Relationship with the University of Iowa, and Kosovo-USA Eternal Relations, speakers Enis Xhemaili, Sabri Kiçmari; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with International Programs).
- 39) October 14, 2021: *One Community, One Book Virtual Book Club: Part 2 WAGE*; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 40) October 21, 2021: *One Community, One Book Author Lecture: Halfway Home*, speaker Reuben Jonathan Miller; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 41) Tuesday, October 26, 2021: *Halfway Home in Johnson County*, via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Inside Out Reentry Community).
- 42) October 28, 2021: *One Community, One Book Virtual Book Club: Part 3 SALVATION*; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 43) November 5, 2021: *Race and Racism in International Law*, speaker Adrien Wing; University of Colorado; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 44) November 5, 2021: *Until Proven Guilty... Wrongful Convictions and their Consequences*, speaker Brian Farrell; *Law According to a King* podcast (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 45) November 8, 2021: *The Myth of Race Neutrality in Intellectual Property Law*, speaker Anjali Vats; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa Business Law Center).

- 46) November 11, 2021: *Legal Education*, speaker Adrien Wing; American Society of International Law Mid-Year Forum; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 47) November 11, 2021: *Explore Iowa Law* Student Event, speaker Brian Farrell; Boyd Law Building (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 48) November 17, 2021: *Iowa in the World Community: Transgender Rights*, panelists Rikki Nathanson, Shefali Aurora, Max Mowitz; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 49) November 17, 2021: Webinar with Jazz at Lincoln Center Quintet; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Hancher).
- 50) November 17, 2021: *Michelle Alexander*, moderated by Adrien Wing; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with UI Lecture Committee, Office of Vice President for Student Life, UI College of Law, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).
- 51) November 20, 2021: What is Critical Race Theory?, speaker Adrien Wing; 17th Annual National Black Pre-Law Conference; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 52) December 1, 2021: *History and Freedom: The Past, Present, and Future of Tyranny*; speaker Timothy Snyder, Ul Ida Beam Visiting Lecturer Program; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with International Programs).
- 53) December 2, 2021: UICHR Advisory Board Meeting; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 54) December 10, 2021: Should We Recognize a Right to Cross Borders in Search of a Better Life?, speaker Tom Farer; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 55) December 15, 2021: *International Human Rights*, speaker Brian Farrell; Inclusive ICR; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 56) January 5, 2022: *Tribute to the Late Professor Deborah Rhode*, speaker Adrien Wing; Association of American Law Schools; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 57) January 17, 2022: Realizing Dr. King's Dream: How Far Have We Come and How Far Do We Need to Go?, speaker Adrien Wing; Birmingham Institute; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 58) January 19, 2022: *Life in Iowa as a Refugee and Immigrant*, panelists Zalmay Niazy, Elizabeth Bernal, Ines Pecuvcic-Jasarovic, Rex Mwamba; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa City Foreign Relations Council).
- 59) January 21, 2022: MLK's Dream. Living our Values. A Conversation Between a Mother and Son From the Movement, panelists Camille deJorna, Steff Reed; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the College of Law, Black Law Student Association, and the UI College of Law DEI Committee).
- 60) February 1, 2022: *The Global Implications of #MeToo*, speaker Adrien Wing; UI World Canvass; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 61) February 9, 2022: *How COVID-19 Has Impacted Refugees and Immigrants In Iowa*, panelists Erin Hayward, Adrien Silva, Lata D'Mello, Alyssa Clayden; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa City Foreign Relations Council).
- 62) February 14, 2022: *Becoming an Effective Leader... Especially When You're Black*, speaker Clarence Otis; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the College of Law, Black Law Student Association, UI College of Law DEI Committee, Tippie College of Business).
- 63) February 16, 2022: *Human Rights and Climate Change: Evolution of Science & Policy*, panelists Suzie Pritchett, David Bollier, Jacob Larson, Jerry Schnoor; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative).
- 64) February 22, 2022: *Critical Race Theory,* speaker Adrien Wing; The Club; Iowa City (UICHR staffengaged event).
- 65) February 28, 2022: *Becoming Black Lawyers*, film screening and Q&A with Evangeline M. Mitchell; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the College of Law, Black Law Student Association, UI College of Law DEI Committee).

- 66) February 28 March 21, 2022: Counterterrorism & Human Rights Short Course, taught by Brian Farrell; Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway; in person and via Zoom (UICHR staffengaged event).
- 67) March 2, 2022: *Teaching Anne Frank Conference*; University Capitol Centre (UICHR co-sponsored event with International Programs and University of Iowa Provost's Global Forum).
- 68) March 2, 2022: *Constitution Making in South Africa*, speaker Adrien Wing; University of Richmond Law School; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 69) March 4, 2022: *Black Women in International Law*, speaker Adrien Wing; Harvard Journal of International Law Symposium; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 70) March 9, 2022: *War in Ukraine*, panelists Brian Farrell, Daria Kuznetsova, Ron McMullen, Bill Reisinger, Adrien Wing, Marina Zaloznaya; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by UI International and Comparative Law Program, UI Department of Political Science, UI Department of Sociology & Criminology).
- 71) March 10, 2022: *The Significance of the Supreme Court Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson*, speaker, Adrien Wing; lowa Public Radio, River To River (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 72) March 11, 2022: Centering Intersectionality in Human Rights Discourse, speaker Adrien Wing; Washington & Lee Law Review Symposium; via Zoom (UICHR-staff engaged event).
- 73) March 11 12, 2022: *Critical Race Theory*, speaker Adrien Wing; White Privilege Conference; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 74) March 14, 2022: Wrongful Convictions & Justice Reform in the United States, speaker Brian Farrell; Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 75) March 23, 2022: *Black Traditions in International Law; Demarginalizing Black Women in International Law,* speaker Adrien Wing; The Wing-Tat Lecture, Loyola Law School, Chicago (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 76) March 23, 2022: Area Refugees and Immigrants in Pursuit of Higher Education, panelists Vinh Nguyen, Anne Kiche, Mallory Petsche; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa City Foreign Relations Council).
- 77) March 27, 2022: *Critical Race Theory*, speaker Adrien Wing; Princeton University Class of 1978; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 78) March 29, 2022: *Crip Camp* Film Screening and Q&A with Judy Heumann; FilmScene (Chauncey); POSTPONED (UICHR co-sponsored event with the UI Lecture Committee).
- 79) March 30, 2022: An Evening with Judy Heumann: Internationally Renowned Disability Rights Advocate with Special Guest Appearance by Senator Tom Harkin; UI Hancher Auditorium; POSTPONED (UICHR cosponsored event with the UI Lecture Committee).
- 80) March 30, 2022: Human Rights and Climate Change: Intergenerational Rights & Duties, speaker Mat dos Santos, moderated by Shannon Roesler; via Zoom (UICHR organized events co-sponsored by the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative).
- 81) March 31, 2022: *Emotional Wellness in the Age of COVID*, speaker Adrien Wing; University of Maryland Cutting Edge Program; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 82) April 1, 2022: USA 2050: Towards the Intersectional Constitution, speaker Adrien Wing; Jewel Lafontant Lecture, University of Chicago Law School; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 83) April 5, 2022: *Ketanji Brown Jackson Nomination Status*, speaker Adrien Wing; Iowa Public Radio, River to River (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 84) April 6 9, 2022: *Scholars At Risk Student Advocacy Days*; Washington D.C. (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 85) April 6, 2022: *Central Iowa Works Reentry Simulation*; Coe College, Cedar Rapids (UICHR co-sponsored event with Coe College).
- 86) April 7, 2022: *International Day*; Hyatt Hotel, Coralville (UICHR co-sponsored event with UI College of Education, Stanley Center for Peace and Security, UI Pentacrest Museums).
- 87) April 9, 2022: Labor & Climate Justice Summit Conference; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with UI Labor Center).

- 88) April 12, 2022: Global Critical Race Feminism: An Intersectional Approach to Engaging International Law, speaker Adrien Wing; Dean Fred Herzog Memorial Lecture, University of Illinois Chicago Law School; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 89) April 13, 2022: Writing and Reading About the Refugee and Immigrant Experience, speaker Andrea Wilson; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa City Foreign Relations Council).
- 90) April 20, 2022: *Human Rights and Climate Change: The Global South & Unequal Burdens*, speaker Smita Narula; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative).
- 91) April 20, 2022: *Iowa Advocates for Global Rights For Women Fundraiser*, speakers Imrana Jalal, Bonnie Campbell, Richard Ihrig, Cheryl Thomas; Renaissance Savery Hotel, Des Moines (UICHR co-sponsored event with Iowa Advocates for Global Rights for Women).
- 92) April 22, 2022: *Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics Faculty Workshop;* Drake University, Des Moines (UICHR co-sponsored event with the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics).
- 93) April 23, 2022: *Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics Annual Iowa Human Rights Research Conference*; Drake University Law School, Des Moines (UICHR co-sponsored event with the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics).
- 94) May 4, 2022: Refugees and Immigrants—How Their Stories and Experiences Inform Public Policy, speakers Cristina Ortiz, Caleb Knutson, Art Cullen, Cara McFerren; via Zoom (UICHR co-sponsored event with lowa City Foreign Relations Council and Iowa Public Policy Center).
- 95) May 11, 2022: *Human Rights and Climate Change: Iowa Challenges & Opportunities*, panelists Ingrid Gronstal, Silvia Secci, Hudson Kingston; via Zoom (UICHR organized event co-sponsored by the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative).
- 96) May 11, 2022: *Critical Race Theory*, speaker Adrien Wing; SEIU Union; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 97) June 1, 2022: A Conversation with Rikki Nathanson, moderated by Amy Weismann; via Zoom (UICHR organized event).
- 98) June 17, 2022: USA 2050: Lessons from Apartheid, speaker Adrien Wing; Sorbonne, Paris (UICHR staffengaged event).
- 99) June 20, 2022: *Meaning of Juneteenth*, speaker Adrien Wing; UI Tippie School of Business Mandela Fellows Program (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 100) June 20, 2022: *Critical Race Theory*, speaker Adrien Wing; Georgia State Bar Association; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 101) June 22, 2022: *Critical Race Theory,* speaker Adrien Wing; Iowa State Bar Association; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 102) June 30, 2022: Critical Race Feminist Theory in the 21st Century, keynote speaker Adrien Wing; University of Belgrade, Serbia; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).
- 103) June 30, 2022: *Juneteenth*, panelist Adrien Wing; University of Maryland Cutting Edge program; via Zoom (UICHR staff-engaged event).