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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CENTER
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

1999–2019 RETROSPECTIVE

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Since its founding in 1999, the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR) has grown as an essential catalyst for teaching, scholarship, and research. Now a part of the College of Law, UICHR continues to expand its impact on the campus, state, and world.



For the past 20 years, the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights has occupied a unique and prominent role in teaching and promoting human rights on the University of Iowa campus, throughout the State of Iowa, and across the globe. I am honored to serve as the Center's fifth director and to lead this innovative, multidisciplinary organization as we mark its 20th anniversary and continue to fulfill the inspired vision of its founders. We are grateful to all of our friends for their continued support, and we look forward to the Center's third decade of contributions to the advancement of human rights.

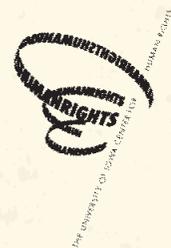
UICHR DIRECTOR ADRIEN K. WING, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAMS, BESSIE DUTTON MURRAY PROFESSOR OF LAW



Thinking globally. Speaking locally. Global Focus: Human Rights '98 Lecture Series

1998

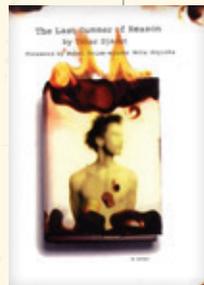
Global Focus: Human Rights '98



1999

UICHR founded
UICHR joins the Midwest Coalition for Human Rights

2000



Child Labor Research Initiative launched (U.S. Department of Labor grant project with the UI Labor Center)

One Community, One Book program launched

2001

Global Assembly on the Human Right to Health

2005

Cmiel Internship program established



2006

Climate Legacy Initiative launched (grant project with Vermont Law School)

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2008

Addressing Immigration related Employment Discrimination in Iowa project launched (grant project with UI Labor Center)

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2009

Courage of Conviction Award initiated

2011

Certificate in Human Rights established



2013

UICHR moves to College of Law

2014

Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics established

2015

Human Rights faculty working groups established

2017

UI Liberal Arts Behind Bars program launched
Addressing Mental Health Care Challenges of Immigrants and Refugees project launched (grant project with UI College of Public Health)

2019

UICHR 20th anniversary

FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PRESENTS
THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICT
 Interdisciplinary Perspectives
 with TOM FARER, Jay Dean, School of International Studies, University of Denver
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS
 THE CASE OF SYRIA
 3-5:00pm Friday, March 7th, 2014
 Location: 2520D UCC (Old Capitol Mall)
 PLEASE RSVP by emailing uicr@uiowa.edu
 Accommodations are available for persons with disabilities.

An Irresistible Attraction:
Rethinking Romantic Jealousy as a Basis for Sex Discrimination Claims
 Presentation by Kristy Dahl Rogers Esq.
Tuesday February 20, 2018 10:20 am 285



Midwest Coalition for Human Rights
Advocating for fairness and human dignity

STIR-FRY PROJECT
 EVENTS

WHO WE

ARE

The UICHR's mission is to promote and protect human rights at home and abroad. We are leaders in human rights education, scholarship, and public service to The University of Iowa, its surrounding communities, the State of Iowa, and beyond.

Founded in 1999 under the auspices of a small team of leaders, including Burns Weston, Dorothy Paul, Rex Honey, and Gina Croscheck, the UICHR was conceived as a unique resource and a center of inquiry. From child labor to climate change, torture to migration, UICHR has prioritized educating students, teachers, and the larger community about the pressing human rights concerns of our day.

GINA CROSHECK, UICHR CO-FOUNDER

Inspiring, challenging, groundbreaking and surprisingly successful describe the early days of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights... The UICHR remains a unique institution among Human Rights organizations with its integrated vision of looking at Human Rights from all perspectives — artistically, educationally, legally, and socially.

Over the last twenty years, UICHR's goal has been to inspire, educate, and engage through innovative and diverse programming and partnerships.

UICHR has sponsored over **2,000** programs and events.

UICHR's One Community One Book program alone has reached over **10,000** people through authors' lectures, discussion forums, and classroom engagement.

UICHR has collaborated with hundreds of organizations in the U.S. and around the world to empower human rights activists such as Human Rights Watch, The Advocates for Human Rights, National Immigrant Justice Center, and the Center for Constitutional Rights.

UICHR has generated approximately **\$2 million** in contracts, grants, and donations.

UICHR has provided internships on campus, in the U.S. and around the world for more than **300** students who have worked with human rights advocates from over **25** countries.

Alumni of UICHR are working at such organizations as the ACLU, Freedom House, World Health Organization, United Nations Association, in academia, and in government service.

UICHR has taught over **2,000** University of Iowa students in human rights courses.

UICHR-supported publications have been utilized in more than **1,000** classroom and continuing education settings around the world.

HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES
 NOVEMBER 3: MILK
 NOVEMBER 4: GARBAGE
 NOVEMBER 5: PRAY BACK TO HELL
 NOVEMBER 6: THE MEMPHIS 13
 Full details: WWW.LLFF.ORG
WWW.UICHR.ORG

The Memphis 13
 February 23, 2014
 2:45 Boyd Law Bldg.
 12:40 P.M.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operations
 8:30 - 9:30 pm Wednesday, February 26th
 Room 1102 111 Swannick Center
 183 South Capitol Street in Iowa City

Professor Paul Butler
 Discusses his book **CHOKE HOLD**
 November 6, 2017 12:40
 UI College of Law Levitt auditorium

WHY DO OUR KILLERS RULE ?
Peace agreements and human rights in Africa
 Dean Jeremy Levitt
 University of New Brunswick Law School, Canada
Thursday, October 2, 2014 3pm
 rm 245 Boyd Law Bldg.

Women in the Revolution
Gender and Social Justice after the Arab Spring
 Professor Shafiqul Kabir
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INJUSTICE ON OUR PLATES:
 How Conditions of Food Workers Affect Us All
SATURDAY FEB 28 9AM - 3PM
 2520D UCC (Old Capitol Mall)

SELMA
 For a complete listing of events for the 2015 MLK Week of Convocation, visit www.uicr.org

Abraham's Walk
 Celebrating Our Diverse Community (Walk, Talk, Share, Care Together)
 Sunday Jan. 27 12 - 3 PM
 2520D UCC (Old Capitol Mall)

PLANTING THE FUTURE GENERATIONS
 Talk by Activist Jorge Armando Lopez Ponce
 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 24
 2520D UCC (Old Capitol Mall)

One Community One Book Discussion: The Butterfly Mosque
 On October 24th at 5:00pm in room 235 we will be discussing **The Butterfly Mosque** by G. Willow Wilson.
 The Book is the personal story of author G. Willow Wilson's conversion to Islam and her travels in Egypt.
 Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa sponsored events. If you are a person who requires an accommodation to attend this event please contact Mahmoud Khalil at mahmoud.khalil@uiowa.edu

UICHR is the only academic human rights center in the State of Iowa.

PRESENTS
bretxit and the future of europe
 with **DR. ALEXANDER SOMEK**
 PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF STURGEON
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Wed, Jan 24th, UI Center for Human Rights
 2520D UCC (Old Capitol Mall)

White Privilege 101: Getting in on the Conversation
 with **Judge Elizabeth Steiner**
 Thursday November 6 12:40 pm rm 245

INTRODUCTION TO IRAN & Iranian Law
 Iran

WE ARE LOCAL

The Center engages students and Iowa residents through a variety of programs and initiatives on campus and in communities throughout the state. We regularly partner with a wide range of civic, educational, and faith organizations to maximize our reach.

LOCAL

I was drawn to the center because of the amazing staff, outstanding scholarly research, and commitment to think globally, but act locally... The UICHR's nurturing leaders and commitment to engaging all members of a community in discussions around human rights left a lasting impression on me.

GIRIJA MAHAJAN, FORMER UICHR INTERN

ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL IMPACT:

- **Public Lectures and Panel Discussions**—free public forums featuring internationally renowned human rights authors, scholars, and activists.
- **Community Dialogues**—Partnership with the Iowa City Human Rights Commission featuring area residents telling stories related to diversity and human rights.
- **Make it Better, Iowa**—Conference, supported by a Catalyst Award, fostering community dialogue about the effects of bullying and discrimination, and promoting the rights of LGBTQ youth and young adults.
- **Protecting Rights of Detained Immigrants & Asylum Seekers**—Educational program about detained immigrants in Iowa, detention standards and issues, and facilitation of and assistance for legal-service providers.
- **Celebrate Voting!**—Collaboration with the League of Women Voters, The UI Iowa Women's Archive, and the State of Iowa to educate about the history of voting in the U.S. and to recognize the legacy of voting rights activists in the state.
- **Ending Employment-Based Discrimination of Immigrants**—Department of Justice partnership with UI Labor Center for statewide educational outreach to immigrant workers and employers on anti-discrimination provisions of immigration law.
- **Improving Mental Health Care for New Iowans**—Conducting intervention-based studies to address health inequities in new immigrant communities.



One Community, One Book is an example of UICHR's sustained community programming. To engage the local community in human rights education, UICHR—in collaboration with area stakeholders—selects a book that explores human rights challenges and possibilities for social change through the power of storytelling. The One Community, One Book program brings the author to campus and provides a variety of discussion forums, lectures, and films on the topics addressed in the book throughout Iowa City and surrounding communities.

- **2001** *The Last Summer of Reason*; Tahar Dajout
- **2002** *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*; Loung Ung
- **2003** *Bel Canto*; Ann Patchett
- **2004** *The Kite Runner*; Khaled Hosseini
- **2005** *When the Emperor Was Divine*; Julie Otsuka
- **2006** *The Tortilla Curtain*; T. Coraghessan Boyle
- **2007** *Blood Done Sign My Name*; Tim Tyson
- **2008** *A Long Way Gone*; Ishmael Beah (all incoming first year students included in project)
- **2009** *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year in Food Life*; Barbara Kingsolver
- **2010** *Gardens of Water*; Alan Drew
- **2011** *Zeitoun*; Dave Eggers
- **2012** *The Latehomecomer: a Hmong Family Memoir*; Kao Kalia Yang
- **2013** *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*; William Kamkwamba
- **2014** *The Distance Between Us*; Reyna Grande
- **2015** *Just Mercy*; Bryan Stevenson
- **2016** *Without You, There is No Us*; Suki Kim
- **2017** *The Butterfly Mosque*; G. Willow Wilson
- **2018** *Reading With Patrick*; Michelle Kuo
- **2019** *The Faraway Brothers*; Lauren Markham

WE ARE GLOBAL



Through hundreds of convenings, trainings, policy consultations, outreach programs, white papers, monitoring, and reporting, UICHR has worked with non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental organizations around the world to conduct research, assist with policy development, and participate in human rights protection mechanisms. UICHR has enabled University of Iowa students to gain experiential knowledge about and to assist in the work of human rights advocates in countries throughout Central America, Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa, and North America.

Our global reach is exemplified by in-depth, cutting-edge projects that engage advocates and leaders from around the world.

ACTIVITIES WITH GLOBAL IMPACT:

- **Child Labor Research Initiative**—Multi-year project producing curricula and teacher training opportunities, a unique on-line database of child labor law, and a significant multidisciplinary textbook.
- **Climate Legacy Initiative**—Partnership with the Vermont Law School promoting innovative legal responses to global climate change, including a widely-disseminated white paper and sparking a UICHR-led lecture series and Iowa-based climate change teacher institute.
- **Courage of Conviction Award**—Recognition of extraordinary individuals from around the world with long-standing commitment to human rights principles.
- **Academic and practitioner conferences on cutting edge human rights research**—International research symposia and forums on issues such as addressing sexual violence in conflict zones, the intersection of immigration and labor rights, and the history and future of refugee resettlement locally and internationally.
- **Human Rights Index**—Unique, thematic, curated list of statistics illustrating a global human rights challenge, published periodically with the *Iowa Review*.

My time with UICHR has continued to be invaluable to my development as a human rights advocate and still influences my career goals even after a number of years have passed. Through the Center, I was exposed to a variety of local services and organizations; worked with and found inspiration in others who are invested in human rights; and gained practical work experience, which is something I was unable to find elsewhere in my degree program.

KERRY LAO, FORMER UICHR INTERN



WE EDUCATE

UICHR is committed to educating and serving learners at every level. Through our Certificate Program in Human Rights, we work with passionate post-secondary students, providing them with practical and theoretical knowledge about human rights disciplinary frameworks, law, and advocacy. UICHR works with students of all ages through internship programs, public events, workshops, institutional partnerships, adult continuing education initiatives, and engagement with experienced k-12 educators. As the only human rights research and teaching center in the state of Iowa, UICHR is committed to remaining a vibrant, responsive resource for Iowans and all members of our global community.



ACTIVITIES THAT EDUCATE:

- **Kenneth J. Cmiel Internship Awards**—Support for students working for local human rights organizations world-wide over a summer.
- **Certificate in Human Rights**—An 18 credit hour academic program for undergraduates providing an interdisciplinary perspective on human rights and skill development in the application and use of human rights law for advocacy.
- **Burns H. Weston Internship Award**—Annually-funded professional development experience in human rights practice for law students.
- **Rex Honey Undergraduate Internship Program**—Program for UI students to work directly with UICHR staff to support programs and advance knowledge of human rights issues through research, education, and outreach.
- **Burns H. Weston International Human Rights Essay Prize Competition**—Recognition of excellence in student research at all three Regents universities.
- **Careers for Change Lecture Series**—Program to bring those working in the field of social justice to campus to share their experiences with students.
- **IOWA Human Rights Research Conference**—Annual showcase of student human rights scholarship from colleges and universities across the Midwest organized by the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics.
- **Infusing Human Rights into the Curriculum**—Workshops for faculty on campus and educators from across the state to enhance human rights education in Iowa schools.



The Center excels in creating spaces in which surprising synergies form... Human rights scholarship and artistic production are dependent on what people say and do within the arenas of teaching, civic life, community service, and advocacy. UICHR is an institution that takes seriously the charge to integrate inquiry, creativity, and activism.

DIANA CATES, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND UICHR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

For the past 20 years, UICHR has committed itself to serving locally and globally through collaborative, innovative programming designed to equip groups and individuals to take on the most pressing human rights challenges facing our world.

WE SERVE



UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

everyone the  has right...

article 1 All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Embracing Humanity
Righting Wrongs



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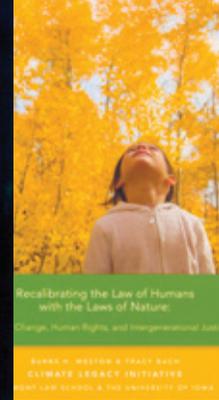
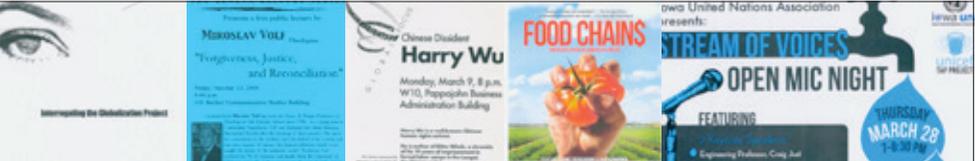


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My volunteer work and internship with the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights were some of the most important experiences in my time in law school . . . I learned that sometimes, international human rights work is a very local endeavor. Because of programs available through UICHR, I engaged with advocates across our state in the legal, faith, and human rights communities who were working heroically to protect . . . rights. Because of the UICHR human rights internship funding, I was able to afford to travel to and live in New York City during my second summer in law school to work at the national ACLU, where I was exposed to the use of impact-litigation as a tool to protect and promote constitutionally protected human rights . . . UICHR provided a way for me to connect with other students and UICHR's phenomenal staff ,who were actively engaged in scholarship and education related to human rights. That connection kept me in touch with the reasons I became interested in becoming a lawyer in the first place.

RITA BETTIS AUSTEN, LEGAL DIRECTOR, ACLU OF IOWA AND FORMER KENNETH J. CMIEL INTERN AND MIDWEST COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOW WITH JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS





The Dead Have Nothing to Lose by Telling the Truth

ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

He sees the leaves fly free.
 She sees the wild horse and the sparrow.
 Free to labor, to consort with their kind, to choose
 or be chosen.
 He sees them fed and feeding, mindful of the
 season.
 She hears the continents shifting, he smells the air
 of change.
 He tastes the wind-borne soot of rebirth.
 She feels the human cry in her bones.
 What can they do to gain our attention?
 Shall he dance, shall he spin in the air, shall he vote
 with his feet, with his voice, with the shells of his
 burning ears?
 Shall she tell the world to hear the world's crying?
 Shall she number the bodies, the prisons, the
 pyres, shall he mark the graves, display the bloody
 shackles?
 How many pairs of disembodied heads will it take?
 How many detached hands and feet?
 How many hollow cheeks, empty stomachs, vacant
 eyes?
 How many skulls without memory?
 He has been there, she has seen it, they have lived
 and died a long time.
 He has something to say about who did what.
 She has something to say about the living.
 Let history honor the murmurs of conscience that
 are heard above ground.

Let praise flow to those who unclenched a fist.
 Who granted men and women the freedom of the
 sparrow.
 Who taught us to think twice.
 Who showed us that famine is not a fast.
 That exile is the last step.
 That the rights of the few must be written down by
 the many.
 She sees the leaves fly free.
 He sees the wild horse and the sparrow.
 Free to work, to consort with their kind, to choose
 or be chosen.
 She sees them fed and feeding, mindful of the
 season.
 He hears the continents shifting, she smells the air
 of change.
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Marvin Bell
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This poem is a literary interpretation of the meaning of the UDHR, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the document. It was re-dedicated to the UICHR by the poet to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the UICHR and reflects the UICHR's commitment to and understanding of the arts as a powerful force for human rights protection and promotion, and essential to the realization of human dignity. Founding Director Burns Weston was committed to the integration of what he called "the cognitive and the creative" and believed the two must work in tandem to make human rights a matter of mind and heart and ultimately a holistic engagement of the human person. In this spirit, UICHR continues to collaborate with artists locally and globally.



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