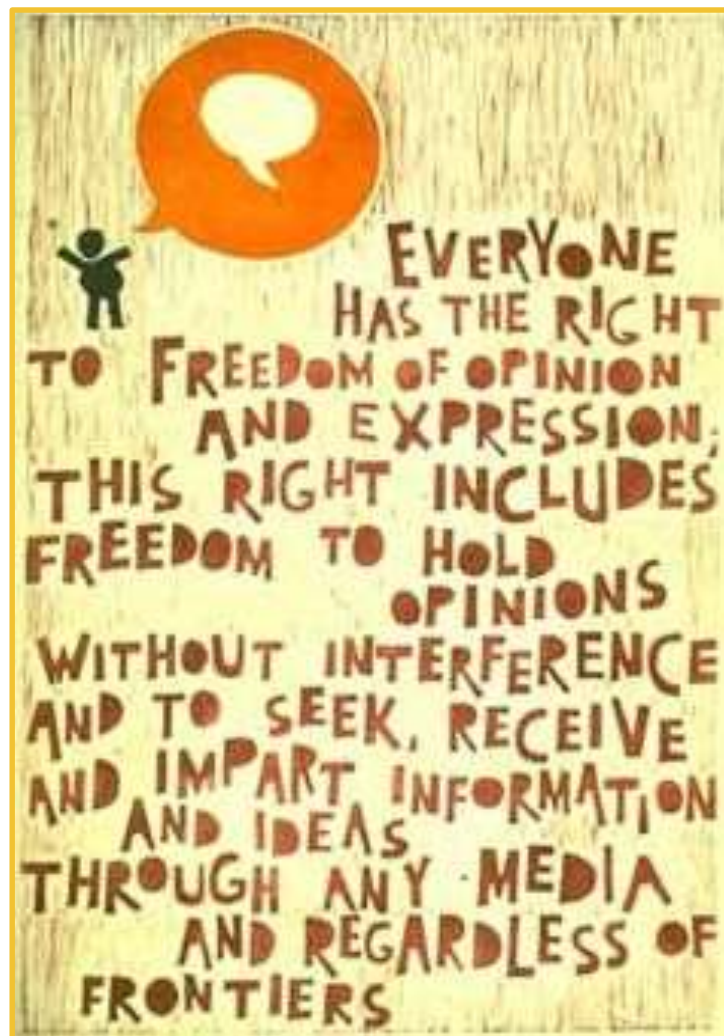


## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016



## Message from Director Adrien K. Wing

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2015-2016 Annual Report to learn more about the important activities of The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR). 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 or by creating opportunities for faculty to share ideas through thematic working groups, or organizing events that reach local, regional, and international audiences.



This past year, UICHR and a worldwide community of human rights scholars and activists, lost a brilliant champion, Burns H. Weston. Professor Weston was a renowned, innovative and influential scholar of human rights law for more than 50 years, with more than 200 publications to his name. He was an indefatigable and inspiring teacher and educator, who launched thousands of careers and challenged students to engage with the human rights challenges of their day. Professor Weston was the founding director of the UICHR and its most stalwart supporter throughout its development. We honor his remarkable legacy by continuing the work of UICHR with vigor and urgency as he taught us to do.

We could never fulfill our mission without the efforts of our many friends and supporters. Kindly consider a donation to help us continue our work. To learn more or to make a gift, please visit us at [uichr.uiowa.edu](http://uichr.uiowa.edu). Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.

*Adrien K. Wing*

Director, UICHR

Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law

Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Programs



## Mission

Affiliated with The University of Iowa College of Law, the mission of the UICHR is to promote and protect human rights at home and abroad through distinguished multidisciplinary leadership in human rights education, scholarship, and public service to The University of Iowa, its surrounding communities, the State of Iowa, and beyond. To this end, the Center attends to all categories of human rights, including “first generation” civil and political rights, and 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 constantly 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 socio-economic 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.

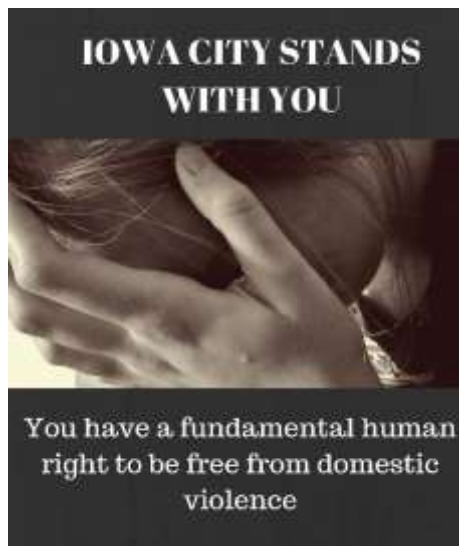
### IN MEMORY: BURNS H. WESTON

UICHR was pleased to be involved in the memorial for our founding director Burns H. Weston. Over 100 people gathered at the College of Law on December 5, 2015, including his widow Marta, his children Tim and Rebecca, and all his grandchildren as well. Colleagues, students, coauthors, friends, and family eulogized him, including several who participated via skype. If you would like the full program, please let us know. There were a number of obituaries published, including in the NY Times and local papers. UICHR was honored that the Weston family chose to designate that any donations in Burns’ honor should go to UICHR. Tim and Rebecca coordinated the collection of remembrances which have been published in the book (pictured right). It is available on Amazon.com.



## IN BRIEF: Teaching

UICHR staff, as well as partnering faculty in the Philosophy and History departments, continue to offer core courses for the undergraduate certificate in Human Rights, an 18 semester hour program that provides a foundation in human rights law and philosophical perspectives, broadens students' understanding of human rights issues, and



provides tools and critical thinking skills to address these issues from a multi-disciplinary basis (for a list of courses offered this year, see “Teaching” section). History of Human Rights will become a core course offering in Spring 2017, contributing a critical base of knowledge for all students in the program. Human Rights Praxis (offered each spring), a small seminar-style class built around a supervised internship, introduced a cohort of four students to the work of Scholars at Risk. Their research and advocacy on behalf of an imprisoned scholar in the UAE resulted in an invitation to participate in the 2016 SAR Global Congress in Montreal, Canada, in June 2016 (see

below). UICHR staff, partnering faculty and graduate students at the College of Education offered training opportunities for educators around the state, including a human rights teaching institute with the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids. UICHR staff also offered courses as part of the College of Law curriculum, and supervised student research and legal advocacy as part of the College of Law International Law clinic. Clinic students drafted a resolution on behalf of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program to declare domestic violence a violation of fundamental human rights, and then submitted the resolution to the Iowa City Council, resulting in unanimous approval. In adopting this resolution, Iowa City has become the first Iowa community to join approximately 26 other city and county governments across the nation that have chosen to recognize freedom from domestic violence as a human right.

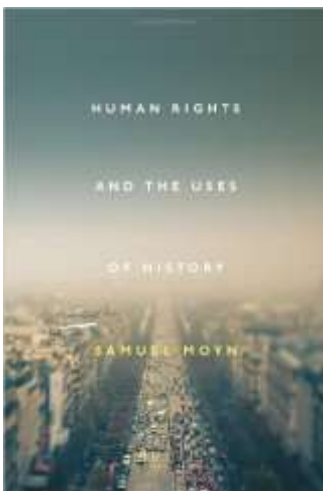
*“As student interns [at the Global Congress], [w]e sat in on multiple lectures on academic freedom by notable scholars. We presented at an activity fair on the scholar whose case we worked on during the semester, and we met and befriended many students and professors from around the world. . . My experience at the Global Congress was empowering. I gained confidence through networking, I became more certain of my career goals, and I made many valuable connections. I have also been inspired to continue working with Scholars at Risk and hope to be a resource for future students participating in the Student Seminar. All that I learned and experienced while in Montreal served to encourage me to continue human rights work and to stay involved with the UI Center for Human Rights.”* - UICHR Certificate student Madison Hunke (pictured above right) accepting the 2016 Courage to Think Award on behalf of imprisoned Egyptian students at the 2016 Scholars at Risk Global Congress



### IN BRIEF: Scholarship

UICHR staff publish 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 and partnering faculty produced a diverse array of articles, books and other scholarly contributions on a broad range of topics: *habeas corpus* in international law, the impact of “majority tyranny” on democratic process, and the future of critical race theory (see list of publications in other section). Additionally, the UICHR Faculty Working Groups continue to meet and advance their thinking on a range of topics. A highlight of the groups’ work this year includes a performance

on campus of the original play “Voice Lessons” by Janet Schlapkohl, produced through the UICHR Working Group on Human Rights in Performance, led by Jen Sherer and Janet Schlapkohl. Sara Mitchell will lead the Working Group on Failed, Corrupted or Criminalized Human Rights Institutions for the 2016-2017 academic year and build on the conversations begun with faculty across campus during the visit by Sam Moyn, a historian at Harvard University and a prominent critic of human rights institutions, who gave a public lecture and visited with faculty at the University of Iowa in Fall 2015. The Working Group on International Development and Human Rights produced a curated list of resources on the subject for publication on the UICHR website within the next year. This group, led by Sujatha Sosale, also plans a panel discussion on the intersection of human rights law and development policy in Fall 2016.



## IN BRIEF: Public Engagement

UICHR undertook numerous activities involving communities throughout the state, including lectures, workshops, conferences, and know your rights outreach (see highlights in later section). In October 2015, more than 1,000 people attended a lecture by Bryan Stevenson, celebrated author of "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," and founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative. The event was the capstone activity of the UICHR's One Community, One Book program, as well as part of the Iowa City Book Festival of the UNESCO City of Literature, and supported by the UI's Geneva Campus Ministry. The second annual human rights research conference featuring the research of undergraduate students, part of the work of the [Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics](#) (led by UICHR staff member Brian Farrell, pictured left) took place in April 2016 and included students from across the state (see more under "Public Engagement").



UICHR organized a series of meetings with local activists, elected officials and school administrators to discuss human rights education as a tool for forwarding goals of the Iowa City Community School District, and to share resources produced by the University of Minnesota and the Advocates for Human Rights to assist with teaching about human rights as a subject as well as a guide to learning process beyond the classroom. UICHR also partnered with the UI College of Education to host over 300 middle school students from across the state to learn about the theme as part of 2015 International Day.

## TEACHING HUMAN RIGHTS

### Courses Offered

During the Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016 semesters, the following courses were offered:

Summer Term 2015:

***Introduction to Human Rights***, taught on-line by Jo Butterfield, and Amy Weismann.

Fall Semester 2015:

***Human Rights Advocacy***, taught by Amy Weismann.

***Human Rights Systems: Enforcement***, taught by Nathan Miller.

***Philosophy of Human Rights***, taught by Jovana Davidovic.

***Social Justice After Ferguson***, taught by Amy Weismann and Rachel Williams in conjunction with a symposium.

***International Legal Clinic***, taught by Nathan Miller.

Spring Semester 2016:

***Human Rights in the World Community***, taught by Adrien Wing.

***Introduction to Human Rights***, taught by Brian Farrell.

***History of Human Rights***, taught by Jo Butterfield.

***Human Rights Praxis***, taught by Amy Weismann.

***Independent Study Courses***, taught by Nathan Miller and Amy Weismann.

***International Legal Clinic***, taught by Nathan Miller.



**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**. Five undergraduate interns and 12 law school research assistants involved with the Center this past fall and spring, assisted with event planning, communications and outreach, as well as developing their own initiatives to educate about and address human rights issues.

UICHR intern Benjamin Marks successfully established the first food pantry for students, staff, and faculty at the University of Iowa, following a year-long study of food insecurity on this campus, and a successful campaign to raise internal and external support for this project. In March, UI Student Government approved \$10,000 of funding for a campus food pantry.

*"I want to work for a non-profit... both of these are great experiences because they both deal with human rights issues, but they also give me experience planning events and coordinating and doing marketing and advertising campaigns."* - Benjamin Marks (pictured right)



*"As a UICHR intern this past year, I was involved in The Great March for Climate Action and subsequent climate action events, the ongoing Refugee Narratives Project and organization testimonials, the Careers for Change Series, the Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration, and other events and projects. I gained skills in organizing, communication, and research and was*



*fortunate enough to do so in the fields I'm most passionate about—human rights and sustainability. I became more integrated into the human rights work going on here in Iowa City while remaining attentive to issues in the broader world. One of the hardest parts about leaving Iowa City onto my next big adventure will be leaving the Center for Human Rights." - Julia Julstrom-Agoyo (pictured left)*

UICHR staff also worked with students from across campus and collaborated 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 worked to develop a pro bono manual on immigration law fundamentals and process for the Omaha immigration court, and for distribution to County jails around the state.

### **Kenneth J. Cmiel and Burns H. Weston 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. Upon the students' return, they participate in events organized by UICHR staff to share their experiences with a broad audience.

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. Six students received Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Internship funding to work as part of an organization pursuing human rights promotion and/or protection this summer, and one law student received the Burns H. Weston Human Rights Internship award.

**Emily Summers** (pictured below) is the 2016 recipient of the Burns H. Weston Human Rights Internship Award, awarded annually to a law student to undertake a summer internship dedicated to human rights legal advocacy in an organizational setting. She spent the summer in Texas working for ProBAR which provides legal services for immigrants and refugees seeking asylum.



*"My experience in the Rio Grande Valley has taken me completely outside of my comfort zone, and I'm very grateful for that. Working with detained immigrants who are in removal proceedings has challenged me: not only in interpreting and attempting to use the law for their benefit, but also in listening to their stories, what they're fighting for, and the lives they want to lead."*



**Stephanie Domingo**, (pictured right) an undergraduate Philosophy major, traveled to India to create a documentary film on the clinic covering its progressive work. She hopes to educate society on the effects of the Bhopal disaster, in hopes to raise awareness. For more information on Stephanie's organization, go to [Sambhavna Trust](#).



## The Bhopal Medical Appeal



**Jessica Waters** and **Amelia Hurst**, both medical students, traveled to East Timor to conduct research among midwives to find ways to improve the health of the newborns and possibly implement a program (HBB), hopefully lowering infant mortality rates. They also observed how physicians and the government work together to help with the specific needs of the population.

For more information on Jessica and Amelia's organization, go to [Bairo Pite Clinic](#).

**Devon Jensen**, an undergraduate student, traveled to Jordan to assist the organization Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development in serving the needs of refugees in Jordan, in particular, Syrian refugees seeking access to higher education. For more information on Devon's organization, go to [ARDD Legal Aid](#).



**Anahita Sotoohi**, an undergraduate student, traveled to Texas to assist with a project to improve parenting outcomes for families, while observing how the government can improve the welfare of children. For more information on Anahita's organization, go to [Children at Risk](#).



**Chance Sullivan**, a medical student, traveled to India to learn from and assist local providers in health promotion activities. For more information on Chance's organization, go to [Himalayan Health Exchange](#).

*"My team and I have helped almost 1,000 patients so far in remote Himalayan villages of northern India. In addition to clinical care, we have been able to provide public health education in schools regarding eye care, personal hygiene, etc."* -Chance Sullivan, UICHR Cmiel Intern 2016

# SCHOLARSHIP

*“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. The UICHR is an institution that takes seriously the charge to integrate inquiry, creativity, and activism.” - Diana Cates, Professor, UI Religious Studies and Chair, UICHR Advisory Board*



## Books, Chapters, Articles

Gregory E. Hamot, (in Press). *Majority Tyranny*, in S. Scheckter (Ed.), *American Governance*. Farmington Hills, Michigan: MacMillan.

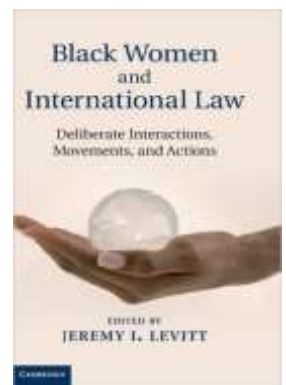
Brian Farrell. *Habeas Corpus in International Law* (Cambridge Press forthcoming 2016).

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Adrien K. Wing. *Violence against Palestinian Women in the West Bank*, in *Comparative Perspectives on Domestic Violence* 59 (Leigh Goodmark et al. eds., Oxford Press 2015) (with Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian).

Adrien K. Wing. *Burns Weston: In Memoriam*, 110 *Am. J. Int'l. L.* 480 (2016) (with Henry Richardson).

Adrien K. Wing. *Is There a Future for Critical Race Theory?*, 66 J. Legal Education 44 (2016).

Kelsey McGinnis. "Singing with our ancestors and descendants: Music-making and intergenerational justice theory at COP21," *Lacuna Magazine*, August 2016.

### Conferences

UICHR had to postpone the **Provost's Global Forum: The Nation, The State, and The Global Redefinition of Self- Determination** until October 2016. The conference was held from October 13-15, 2016.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Highlights

As part of its mission as the state's academic human rights center, UICHR organizes, sponsors, or co-sponsors close to 100 public engagement activities every academic year, collaborating with organizations and institutions across the state, the Midwest, and around the globe. This year, Center staff delivered talks in Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, and Mount Pleasant, and appeared on statewide public radio. The Center also participated in the annual "Hawkeye Caucus" legislative showcase at the Iowa Statehouse in Des Moines on April 5. Some highlights from 2015- 2016 follow.

**Kosovo Diplomats study visit:** The relationship fostered by the UICHR between Kosovo and the College of Law continues to grow. From February 22 through March 8, three officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Kosovo visited Iowa City for a training program in international and comparative law. The participants, Visar Rricaj, Acting Director of Legal Affairs; Imer Berisha, Legal Adviser; and Agnesa Fejzullahu, Office of the Secretary General, attended class sessions each morning. Topics included the law of treaties, avoiding treaty obligations, international humanitarian law, the Hague Conventions and private international law, and bilateral investment treaties. The participants also met with the students



staffing the International Legal Clinic, which has been providing Kosovo with legal assistance since 2014.

In addition to attending the course, the visitors from Kosovo participated in a wide array of civic and social activities. These included watching the election returns on Super Tuesday, visiting the Capitol Building and Supreme Court in Des Moines, and offering a public presentation on *State Building in Post-Conflict Kosovo*. Our new friends were delighted with the program. The UICHR would like to thank Dean Agrawal for her support, and Iowa Sister States for helping to facilitate the Des Moines visit. Both the College of Law and Iowa Sister States remain important partners in the Center's ongoing efforts to provide Kosovo with international legal assistance as it establishes itself as one of the world's youngest sovereign nations.



**Human Rights Education:** UICHR organized a series of workshops and meetings in conjunction with the visits of Emily Farrell Education, Outreach Manager for Advocates for Human Rights for December Human Rights Day celebrations with

the Iowa United Nations Association, and in the Spring, Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, Co-Director of the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center. Local activists, elected officials and school administrators participated in discussions led by Ms. Rudelius-Palmer about human rights education as a tool for forwarding goals of the Iowa City Community School District. These distinguished visitors shared resources produced by the University of Minnesota and the Advocates for Human Rights with teachers and administrators to assist with teaching about human rights as a subject as well as a guide to learning process within and beyond classrooms. UICHR and the Iowa United Nations Association plan a statewide commemoration of Human Rights Day 2016 in December.

**Sister Helen Prejean visit:** UICHR hosted Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty activist and author of the bestselling book *Dead Man Walking*, for two public lectures and related events in early April. Nearly 500 people attended Sr. Helen's lectures, which took place at Coe College in Cedar Rapids on April 7 and at the University of Iowa on April 8. Sr. Helen also met with 25 UI students for lunch and recorded a podcast with medical students on the ethics of physician assistance in administering capital punishment. The events were sponsored by UICHR, with co-sponsorship from Coe College for the April 7 event, as part of UI's Just Living Theme Semester.





**David Keane visit:** Dr. David Keane from London’s Middlesex University spent a week in Iowa as a guest scholar hosted by the Center. Dr. Keane delivered a talk titled “50 Years of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination” at Grinnell College in Grinnell on Sept. 21, Wartburg College in Waverly on Sept. 22, the University of Iowa on Sept. 23, and Luther College in Decorah on Sept. 24.

**Iowa Human Rights Academic Network Research Conference:**

In April, nearly 75 students, academics, and community members representing nearly twenty colleges and universities in the region came together for the second annual Iowa Human Rights Research Conference, organized by the Center and the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics. 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. The Hon. James Leach delivered the conference keynote, “The Progressive Traditions of the State of Iowa.”



**Criminal Justice Reform Convening:** UICHR brought together diverse stakeholders from across the state in April to discuss priority concerns within the criminal justice system and to identify and share possible approaches to addressing these concerns. Convening members elected state and local representatives, law enforcement (including the chief of police for Iowa City), corrections officers (including two wardens), students, community activists, victims’ groups, citizen re-entry programs and members of the business community were all represented. This convening resulted in the establishment of a committee to plan and organize a larger conference in spring 2017 under the auspices of UICHR.

**Human Rights Education for Teachers and Students, Grades 6-12.** The Center conducted and co-sponsored three events involving fifty Iowa secondary school teachers and 300 middle school students from eastern Iowa. On November 3, 2015, International Human Rights Day brought together 300 middle and junior high school students to experience short workshops on the topic "The Right to Life, Liberty and the Security of Person." This annual event is co-sponsored by the Center, the UI College of Education, and the Stanley Foundation. On December 5 and 6, 2015, 25 teachers from throughout Iowa attended a one-continuing education credit institute on

teaching human rights in a global context co-sponsored with UI International Programs and the Stanley Foundation. This institute was replicated at the Czech-Slovak Museum on June 8 and 9, 2016, for 25 teachers from the Cedar Rapids area and was co-sponsored by the UI College of Education, the Center, and the Museum.

**One Community, One Book:** Bryan Stevenson (pictured right), author of *Just Mercy* and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, visited the University of Iowa on Oct. 4, 2015 and gave an inspiring and dynamic lecture to a crowd of more than 1,000 people. Professor Stevenson's visit was made possible through the joint efforts of the UI Center for Human Rights, the Iowa City Book Festival, and Geneva Campus Ministries. A profile of the event can be found at: <http://daily-iowan.com/2015/10/05/finding-the-opposite-of-poverty/>.



UICHR staff have chosen *Without You There is No Us: My Time with the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim (pictured right) for the 2016 *One Community, One Book* program. Joan Nashelsky is working with the City of Literature again this year to coordinate a visit with the author in conjunction with the City of Iowa City Book Festival. Suki Kim's public lecture was given on October 9, 2016. Check the UICHR website for information on the 2016 program.



## Complete List of Events 2015-2016

### 2015

**Panel Discussion** (5/13): "Press Speech, Religion, and Terrorism: French and American Perspectives," Adrien Wing as a panelist. Co-sponsored with Paris II Law School.

**Lecture** (6/17): "Emerging Trends in International Law," by Adrien Wing and Nathan Miller. University of Pristina Law School, Pristina, Kosovo.

**Lecture** (6/17): "Developments in Eyewitness Identification: The NAS Report and Iowa Practices," by Brian Farrell. Public Defenders Criminal Law Seminar, Public Defenders Association of Iowa, Des Moines.

**Training/Workshop** (6/17-6/18): "Using Primary Sources to Teach Geography, Conflict and Human Rights", Co-sponsor with UI College of Education and UNI Center for Holocaust Studies. Directed by Gregory Hamot. Teacher Leader Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**"Disability Rights Are Civil Rights": 25th Anniversary Celebration of the ADA** (7/25): Iowa City Pedestrian Mall. Co-sponsor with the Iowa City Human Rights Commission.

**Training/Workshop** (8/9): "Art & Advocacy," by Kelsey McGinnis, Ashton House, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**UICHR Fall Picnic** (8/30): City Park, Iowa City.

**Memorandum of Understanding signing between Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Kosovo and the University of Iowa** (9/10): Pappajohn Center, Des Moines

**Panel Discussion** (9/10): "The Iran Compact: Wise, Unwise, Whither American Policy?" Jim Leach, Moderator, Senate Chamber, Old Capitol Building.

**Ida Beam Lecture** (9/16): "Writing in Exile" by Shahriar Mandanipour, Iowa City Public Library. Co-sponsor with International Writing Program.

**Lecture** (9/21): "50 Years of ICERD," by David Keane. Grinnell College, Grinnell.

**Lecture** (9/22): "50 Years of ICERD," by David Keane. Wartburg College, Waverly.

**Lecture and Lunchtime Discussion** (9/23): "50 Years of ICERD," by David Keane. University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Lecture** (9/24): "50 Years of ICERD," by David Keane. Luther College, Decorah.

**Book Discussion** (9/25): Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*. Led by Adrien Wing & Nathan Miller. Iowa City.

**Student Small Group Discussion** (9/28): Coleen Rowley and Ray McGovern, University Capitol Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Lecture** (9/28): Ray McGovern and Coleen Rowley, Co-sponsor with UI lecture Committee and Iowa Veterans for Peace. Englert Theatre, Iowa City.

**Panel discussion** (9/29): "Right to Counsel: Examining Iowa's Indigent Defense System," Senate Chamber, Old Capitol Building, Iowa City.

**Book Discussion** (9/30): *Just Mercy*, led by Adrien Wing & Emily Hughes. Co-sponsor with Iowa City Public Library. Iowa City Public Library.

**Plenary Session Presentation** (10/2): "Critical Constitutionalism," by Adrien Wing. Latino Critical Theory Conference, Anaheim, California.

**One Community, One Book Keynote Lecture** (10/4): Bryan Stevenson. Co-sponsor with City of Literature, Geneva Campus Ministry. IMU. Iowa City.

**Film screening** (10/7): "The House I Live In." Co-sponsored with Iowa City Public Library. Iowa City.

**Lecture** (10/8): Brian Farrell. Iowa Wesleyan University. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

**Conference** (10/15-10/16): "Social Justice after Ferguson". Co-sponsor with Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies. Multiple venues at the University of Iowa. Iowa City.

**Plenary Session Presentation** (10/20): "Imperfect Justice: What Exonerations Tell us about our Criminal Justice System," by Brian Farrell. Ambrose Women for Social Justice Conference.

**Lecture** (10/21-10/23): "Nature's Trust," by Mary Christina Wood. Co-sponsored by the Iowa Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research (CGRER) and Iowa United Nations Association. Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Lecture and Working Group Discussion Forum** (10/22-10/23): "Why is the Age of Human Rights the Age of Inequality?" by Samuel Moyn. Multiple venues. University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Lecture** (10/23): Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson. Co-sponsored with Veterans For Peace. Iowa City.

**Lecture** (10/26): "The Challenges of Diversity, Power/Privilege and Leadership in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century America," by Eddie Moore. Co-sponsored with College of Education. Jones Commons, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Radio Show Guest Appearance** (10/27): Brian Farrell. Iowa Public Radio program *River to River*.

**Lecture** (10/27): Brian Farrell. University of Northern Iowa.

**Panel discussion** (10/29): "Remembering Sandy." Co-Sponsor with Physicians for Social Responsibility of Iowa. Schaeffer Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Theme Month** (November): Refugee Relief Month, various activities co-sponsored with the University of Iowa Human Rights Student Collective (HRSC).

**International Human Rights Day Teach-In** (11/3): Theme: The Right to Life, Liberty and the Security of Person. Program directed by Gregory Hamot. Co-sponsored with the Stanley Foundation and the UI College of Education. Coralville Marriott, Coralville, Iowa.

**Gieger Lecture** (11/5): "Fictitious Sieges, 3 A.M. Knocks, and Places Beyond the Seas: Habeas Corpus and the Delicate Balance of Governance," by Brian Farrell. St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

**Workshop** (11/13): Adrien Wing, moderator. Black & Brown Forum Women's Rights Workshop, Lotus Moments Event Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Panel Discussion** (12/4): "Political Discourse: the Impact of Redistricting, Campaign Finance, and the Media," Co-sponsored with Public Policy Center, Old Capitol Senate Chamber University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Panel Discussion** (12/4): "From Class to Kitchen: A Discussion on College Student Food Insecurity." Pomerantz Center, University of Iowa City.

**Memorial service for Burns H. Weston** (12/5): University of Iowa College of Law.

**Global Education Teacher Institute** (12/5-6): Co-directed by Greg Hamot and Jason Harshman. Co-sponsor with the UI College of Education, UI International Programs, and Stanley Foundation. Iowa City.

**MOU signing with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Kosovo** (12/8): College of Law, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Lecture and Teach-In** (12/9): Emily Farrell of Advocates for Human Rights. University Capitol Center, Iowa City.

**Lecture** (12/16): "Human Rights and the United Nations," by Brian Farrell. Second Annual Cedar Rapids Elementary Model United Nations, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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**Lecture** (01/16): "Abortion After Roe," by Joanna Schoen. Co-sponsored event with UI Department of History.

**TV Program** (01/19): "Should a Religious Litmus Test Be Applied to Immigration?" Jim Leach as panelist. Part of KCRG series, "Ethical Perspectives on the News."

**Lecture** (01/28): "The History and Role of Caucuses," Co-sponsored with the University of Iowa Federalist Society. University of Iowa College of Law.

**Lecture** (01/31): "Perspectives on the Electoral Scene," by Jim Leach. Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters. Iowa City Public Library.

**Lecture** (3/6): "Looking Backward: This Year's Politics in Historical Perspective," by Jim Leach. Iowa Association of Political Scientists, Scheman Center, Iowa State University.

**Editorial** (3/13): "How the GOP Should Respond to Trump," by Jim Leach for the *Washington Post*.

**Lecture** (3/14): "Where Politics and Morality Conjoin and Disconnect," by Jim Leach. Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.



**Lecture** (3/28): Eboo Patel, co-sponsored with UI Office of Outreach and Engagement, Interfaith Youth Core.

**Conference** (4/7-4/9): 2nd Iowa Undergraduate Human Rights Research Conference, University of Iowa College of Law.

**Lecture** (4/17): "Dilemmas of the Day," by Jim Leach. The Triangle Club, Iowa City.

**Lecture** (4/22): "Wither American Governance," by Jim Leach. OLLI – College for Seniors, Iowa State Alumni Center, Ames.

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

**Conference** (4/24): "The Politics of Immigration." Co- sponsored with the University of Iowa Public Policy Center.

**Lecture** (4/27): John Boller, Director of the Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry.

**Film Screening and Director Talkback** (4/29): "Abrazos." Co- sponsored with UI Labor Center.

**Editorial** (5/1): "The Case for Caucus Reform," by Jim Leach for the Iowa City Press-Citizen.

**Lecture** (5/1): "Miranda Rights for Politicians," by Jim Leach. Quad Cities Bar Association, I Wireless Center, Moline, Illinois.

**Commencement Address** (5/7): "Democracy is on Trial," by Jim Leach. Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

**Play Production** (5/8): "Voice Lessons," Co- production with Center for Worker Justice and UI Labor Center, sponsored by UICHR Working Group grant.

**Lecture** (5/9): "Soft Power, Human Rights and Diplomatic Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," by Ambassador Ronald McMullen, UI Political Science Dept. Kosovo Diplomatic Academy, Pristina, Kosovo.

**Lecture** (5/12): "Moral Values in Politics," by Jim Leach. Oaknoll Senior Center, Iowa City.

**Panel Discussion** (5/13): Adrien Wing on panel, "Press, Speech, Religion, and Terrorism: French & American Perspectives." Co-sponsored with the Paris II Law School, Paris, France.

**Institute** (5/18): Co-Sponsored with the Women's Resource and Action Center and Iowa N.E.W. Leadership Institute.

**Training/Workshop** (6/8-6/9): "Human Rights Education in a Global Context," Co-sponsored with the UI College of Education and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Co-directed by Greg Hamot, Jason Harshman, and Andrea Cohen.

**Lecture** (6/15): "The Precedented and Unprecedented in American Politics," by Jim Leach. Englert Theater, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Article** (7/5): "Subsidizing Culture: Taxpayer Enrichment of the Creative Class," by Jim Leach for PublicSquare.net.

**Visit** (7/18-22): Trip to Pristina, Kosovo to visit government and non-governmental organizations. Adrien Wing & Nathan Miller.



Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Kosovo, along with UICHR Director Adrien Wing and UICHR Assistant Director Nathan Miller, in Pristina, Kosovo in July 2016.

### Staff Updates

#### New UICHR staff member



Kathrina (“Kat”) Litchfield, as an Administrative Services Coordinator. Kat is a PhD candidate in the College of Education, holds a graduate degree in Library Science, and leads a reading program at the Oakdale Corrections and Classification Center, among her many other activities on and beyond campus. Kat will assist with administrative duties, such as accounting and financial management as well as event planning and oversight. She will also offer a new course for UI students in conjunction with One Community One Book this Fall. We are thrilled that she has joined the UICHR team. Welcome, Kat!

#### Leave of Absence

Associate Director Gregory Hamot took a medical leave of absence from UICHR and College of Education responsibilities the second half of the Spring semester. Greg underwent major surgery on April 25, 2016 with no complications. He plans to resume his University duties in the Fall 2016. His presence has, of course, been profoundly missed.

## Advisory Board

The Center benefits tremendously from the input, support and time of the members of its Advisory Board. New board members included Walid Afifi, Newman Abuissa, Georgina Dodge, Stephanie Domingo, Eric Moy, Ben Roberson, and Sheree Wilson. The Board's standing Program Committee is led by Harry Olmstead, and consists of Shams Ghoneim, Maureen McCue, Newman



Abuissa, Walid Afifi, and Hugh Ferrer. The standing Fundraising Committee met on May 2 and consists of volunteers Gina Croscheck, Monica Moen, Stella Elias, Jackie Blank, Sara Mitchell, and Len Sandler.

The Cmiel and Weston Internship Selection Committee consisting of Harry Olmstead, Jackie Blank, Jerald Schnoor, Mary Cohen and Nathan Miller met this April 4 and selected seven awardees (see details above). The Weston Essay Prize Committee consisting of Hugh Ferrer, Ann Ricketts, and Maureen McCue met on April 28 and selected UI student Mickayla Molnar as this year's undergraduate awardee. The Weston Essay Prize for a graduate student will be awarded in the Fall, and UICHR staff seek Board members to volunteer to be a part of the review committee for that award.

Professor Jerald Schnoor has retired from the UICHR Advisory Board, while remaining on the faculty of the UI College of Engineering, and continuing his Co-directorship of the Center for Global & Environmental Engineering, among other roles. Thank you, Jerry, for your many years of service to the UICHR, your wonderful collegiality as a participant in innumerable committees and events at the request of UICHR staff, and your unparalleled contributions as a climate scientist and as an educator about the human rights implications of climate change. UICHR wishes to express the deepest gratitude for Jerry's work with UICHR, and best wishes for his many continuing endeavors at the University of Iowa. We would also like to thank Walid Afifi as well as students Eric Moy, and Ben Roberson, who served one year terms.

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**Joan Nashelsky**, Program Coordinator (Retired).

**Kathrina Litchfield**, Administrative Service Coordinator.

**Kelsey Kramer McGinnis**, Certificate Advisor.

**Mary Sleichter**, Administrative Assistant.