



THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA™

# Center for Human Rights

## 2013 - 2014 REPORT



TEACHING • SCHOLARSHIP • PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT





## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It gives me great pleasure to have been the Director of UICHR during its first year under the University of Iowa College of Law. I have been involved as a board member since the founding of the Center and

feel honored to follow in the footsteps of Professors Burns Weston, Ken Cmiel, and Greg Hamot, all extremely effective and dedicated to the Center and the cause of human rights around the world. The staff of the Center, old and new, are delighted that the College of Law offered the Center a new home in which to continue its important multidisciplinary work. We are happy that we have maintained the office at the Old Capitol Center as well as a new one at the College of Law. We have built upon the Center's heightened capacities in personnel and resources. Nonetheless, we require your support now more than ever to maintain and enhance the Center's programs and impact. We encourage you to contact us with your ideas as we move forward. We hope you enjoy seeing what we have done in the 2013-2014 year in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and public engagement, and that you will consider donating to the Center via our website—[www.uichr.org](http://www.uichr.org).

— Adrien K. Wing

*Director, UI Center for Human Rights  
Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law*

# MISSION OF THE UICHR

Taking the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as its touchstone and thus recognizing that human rights are exclusive to no field of study or practice, the UICHR seeks to integrate perspectives from the arts and sciences, the humanities, business, law, medicine, and other disciplines to promote and protect all things vital to human existence and well-being. In so doing, drawing upon the world-class expertise of its faculty, staff, and benefactors, it works both inside and outside the classroom, and in collaboration with friends and neighbors within Iowa and beyond, to craft rights-based solutions to social injustices at home and abroad.

Through exploration of national and international human rights problems and prospects, the UICHR aims to provide a pathway to understanding the world “as it is” and to challenge imaginations about the world “as it could be,” while simultaneously advancing sustained and applied critical thinking relative to the world’s most pressing problems, many if not most of which deprive individuals and groups of their human rights, especially the most vulnerable. Specifically, the UICHR aims to:

- Educate future human rights teachers, scholars, and activists by offering an expanding series of UI-based human rights courses culminating in a Human Rights Certificate, and designed to give students the conceptual and practical tools needed to advance human rights in their chosen fields and professions;
- Advance knowledge and comprehension of human rights problems and prospects by: (1) producing, providing support for, and collaborating in innovative human rights scholarship and creative writing; (2) sponsoring and co-sponsoring conferences and symposia on important human rights issues; and (3) creating and providing support for visual and performing arts presentations meant to inspire heightened appreciation of the dynamics of human rights and wrongs both near and far;
- Expand awareness and understanding of human rights and commitment to them among the citizens and residents of Iowa and surrounding jurisdictions by offering lectures, symposia, workshops, and artistic presentations throughout the region on contemporary domestic and international human rights issues; and
- Support organizations that seek to promote and protect human rights in Iowa, elsewhere in the United States, and throughout the world by providing them with mission-critical instruction, research, and analysis.



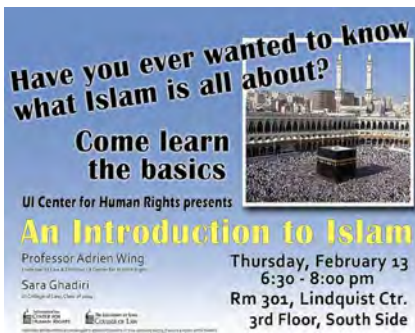
# TEACHING

## HUMAN RIGHTS CERTIFICATE

The Center offers a popular 18-credit undergraduate **Certificate in Human Rights**.

Courses include:

- Introduction to Human Rights
- Human Rights Advocacy I & II
- Philosophy of Human Rights
- Human Rights Systems



*Introduction to Human Rights is offered online, and other courses will be offered in this format in the future.*

In addition to the courses above, Center staff members, Adrien Wing, Brian Farrell, Amy Weismann, Nathan Miller, and Burns Weston, taught courses on human rights law and advocacy for undergraduates and law students. Professor Wing taught several mini-courses involving Islamic law and human rights.

On December 7-8, 2013, Greg Hamot conducted the Global Education and Human Rights Teacher Professional Development Institute for 30 teachers from throughout the state of Iowa. Each teacher received continuing education credit for recertification from the State.

## INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CLINIC

Assistant Director Nathan Miller directs the College of Law's **International Legal Clinic**. Students working under his supervision drafted reports on Taser usage in Iowa for the ACLU of Iowa and on human rights in Palestine for the United Nations Human Rights Committee. A group of students traveled to Israel and Palestine during spring break to gain first-hand understanding of issues on which they were working.



"Ken's vision to make the Center a unique and valuable resource for student learning about human rights, his generous and effective leadership, and his commitment to human rights work in all its forms, brought this program to life and remains its guiding force."

— Amy Weismann,  
Assistant Director

2007 Kenneth J. Cmiel Intern Londa Vanderwal threshing rice in the Gambia as part of her research on agricultural practices and the right to health

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Each semester, the UICHR recruits a team of undergraduate interns and law student research assistants. These students have the opportunity to work on a range of projects including organizing key events, conducting globe-spanning research, and advocating for human rights at the local, state, national, and international levels. In addition, the UICHR provides funding each year in support of students who have secured human rights internships at home and overseas.

### THE REX HONEY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A volunteer-based internship program for undergraduate students at the University of Iowa.

### THE BURNS H. WESTON HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A funded program for students pursuing summer opportunities.

### THE KENNETH J. CMIEL FUNDED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A funding program for students who are planning on pursuing human rights-related internships during the summer. The program is named to honor the late UICHR director Kenneth J. Cmiel. He 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, was the fulfillment of one of Professor Cmiel's long-standing visions.*



2013 and 2014 Kenneth J. Cmiel Intern  
Kathryn Langenfeld under the bridge  
she helped to build in Nicaragua

# FORMER UICHR INTERNS



## RITA BETTIS

*Legal Director, ACLU of Iowa, Des Moines*

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. One important thing I learned was that sometimes, international human rights work is a very local endeavor. Because of programs available through UICHR, I was exposed to the human rights abuses that low wage immigrant workers faced on a daily basis in our state, and the constitutional and human rights disaster that resulted from the ICE raid of a meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa in 2008. I also engaged with the advocates across our state in the legal, faith, and human rights communities who were working heroically to protect the rights of immigrants in response. 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. The UICHR has a strong reputation in the field of human rights nationally and internationally, and helps make the UI College of Law a prestigious place to study international law, despite its landlocked location. As a former Editor in Chief of the University of Iowa's international law journal, *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*, I learned firsthand how important the UICHR is in supporting the students and the scholarship associated with the journal. Hands down, the UICHR is one of the very best things that the College of Law has to offer, among many 'bests.' On a personal level, the 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.

## ROBIN ARMSTRONG

*Development Associate,  
Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County*

My time spent as an intern at the UICHR was the most valuable part of my college experience. As an intern in 2011-12, I was given the opportunity and the freedom to pilot a project with a fellow student that changed my perspective on the Iowa City community. The UICHR supported the Stir-Fry Project, a community art project aimed at telling the stories of people who resettled in Iowa from different countries through collective works of art. The stories and art that came from this project were incredibly powerful and gave me insight into the diversity of experiences in the Iowa City community. Not only was I able to explore human rights advocacy through the Stir-Fry Project, but I gained practical experience in programming, event planning, and promotion. My experience with the UICHR inspired me to pursue a career in the field of human rights and advocacy.





## ROBIN DULL

*Associate Attorney, Petrillo, Klein & Boxer, LLP, New York City*

The UICHR was invaluable to me during law school because, among other reasons, it helped to support my work at the Vera Institute of Justice's Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons during the summer of 2005. During that summer I was able to delve deep into my work on prison issues in the US, learn valuable research skills, and connect with mentors and peers who continue to be friends and colleagues today. The Center supported me as I explored questions about how our country deals with prisoners and punishment, allowing me to engage my curiosity and pursue my research interests. During the following fall, I presented my work and experiences in a Center-sponsored panel that enabled me to share the work of the Commission and further its mission.



## JENNIFER PRAY

*Company Member and Principal Dance Ballet Minnesota, Twin Cities*

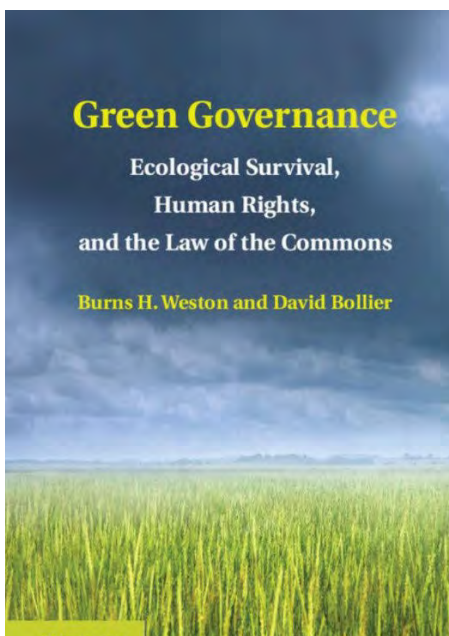
I served as a student intern at the UICHR during my first year of undergraduate studies at the University of Iowa. In my opinion, the educational opportunities afforded to the students and community at large is one of the most important aspects of the mission of the UICHR. I was able to develop critical organizational and event management skills, hone my writing skills, and network with inspiring professionals. My time at the UICHR piqued my interest in humanitarian issues and led me to enroll in a program at Leiden University in the Netherlands to study International Law for a semester. This experience was invaluable, and allowed me to develop critical cross-cultural relational skills. I eventually graduated with a degree in International Studies, with a focus in International Law and Politics. My senior honors thesis was awarded the Burns Weston International Human Rights Essay Prize. Both of these accomplishments are thanks in large part to the support of the staff at the UICHR. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities afforded to me and the continuing support I feel from the UICHR. I am still in touch with the people I worked with while there, and keep up to date on the developments of the UICHR through newsletters and social media.



UICHR Research Assistants with Director Adrien Wing

# SCHOLARSHIP

## STAFF PUBLICATIONS



**Brian Farrell**, "Watching the Detectives: Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations in Iowa," 99 *Iowa Law Review Bulletin* 1 (2013) (with Sara K. Farrell).

**Brian Farrell**, "The Security Council and Kashmir," 22 *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* 343 (2014).

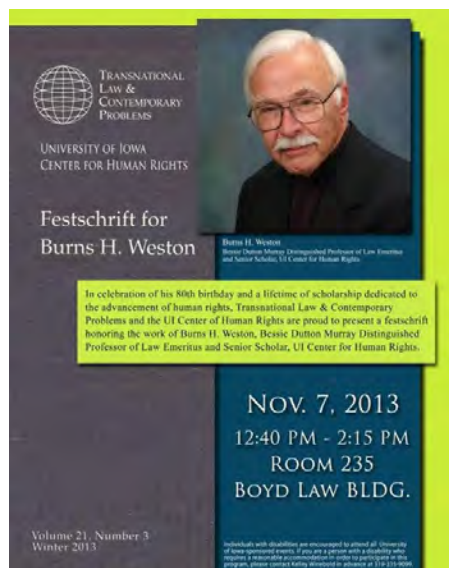
**Nathan Miller**, "International Civil Disobedience: Unauthorized Intervention and the Conscience of the International Community," *Maryland Law Review* (forthcoming 2014).

**Burns Weston**, *Green Governance: Ecological Survival, Human Rights, and the Law of the Commons* (2013) (with David Bollier).

**Burns Weston**, "Toward a Recalibrated Human Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment: Making the Conceptual Transition," 4 *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment* 116 (2013) (with David Bollier).

**Burns Weston**, "Human Rights," *Encyclopedia Britannica Online* (2013).

Additionally, we honored simultaneously the 80th birthday and the long scholarly career of UICHR founder and senior scholar Professor Burns Weston by cosponsoring a conference along with the *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems Journal*.



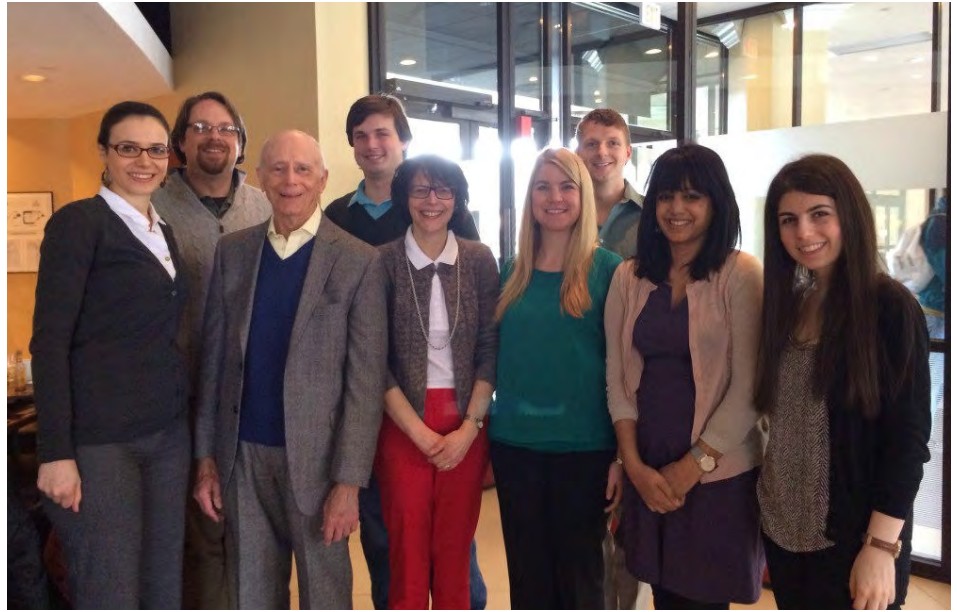
**The Human Rights Index**, a continuing series, is prepared by Burns Weston and the staff of the UICHR for publication in *The Iowa Review Online* and the *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* journal of the UI College of Law three times annually. First published in Fall 2001, it is intended to suggest the global political/socio-economic context within which we go about our lives, reflecting the belief that human rights cannot be truly advanced without understanding the parts as well as the whole.



# CONFERENCES

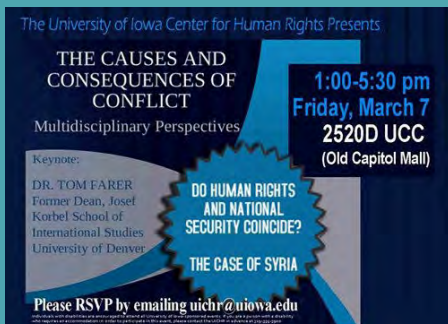
## HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ACADEMY

On March 7 & 8, 2014, the Center hosted a multidisciplinary conference, Human Rights and the Academy, which featured a keynote address by Tom Farer, (pictured right with students) former dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, titled "Do Human Rights and National Security Coincide? The Case of Syria." The conference included roundtable discussions on the causes and consequences of conflict, as well as workshops on human rights teaching, scholarship, and public engagement. The conference served as a kick-off for an effort to build a network of human rights academics, and involved over fifty faculty members from twenty-two universities, private colleges, and community colleges in Iowa and western Illinois. A steering committee for an ongoing statewide network emerged from the conference.



## BUILDING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS

On November 8, 2013, the Center hosted Building a Multidisciplinary Human Rights Community on Campus, a convening on human rights scholarship for UI faculty, which included a meeting of the Midwest Coalition for Human Rights which has members from Chicago, Omaha, Lincoln, and the Twin Cities, as well as local activists.



## IOWA HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMIC NETWORK

The conference was the first step in the development of a statewide academic human rights network and involved faculty members and administrators from the following colleges and universities:

Augustana College  
Buena Vista University  
Central College  
Clarke University  
Coe College  
Cornell College  
Des Moines Area Comm. College

Dordt College  
Drake University  
Grinnell College  
Indian Hills Community College  
Kirkwood Community College  
Luther College  
Marshalltown Community College

Monmouth College  
Mt. Mercy University  
St. Ambrose University  
Simpson College  
University of Dubuque  
University of Iowa  
Wartburg College



## REFUGEES IN THE HEARTLAND

On April 4-7, 2013, UICHR hosted the Provost's Global Forum, Refugees in the Heartland, a successful and well-attended conference that brought together advocates, educators, scholars, members of the refugee community, and policy-makers from across the Midwest. Distinguished guests included Provost Barry Butler and Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, current President of the World Food Prize. Activities included a writing workshop, panel discussions, and a weekend course for University of Iowa students.

## UICHR WORKING GROUPS

The Center issued a call for proposals for working group grants in Spring 2014. Successful proposals were selected and will receive funding for their activities for the 2014-15 academic year. The winning proposals were:

- Human Rights in Performance
- Transitional (In)justice: The Power Politics of New Human Rights Institutions in Post-Conflict Contexts
- Rights, Justice, and International Development
- Iowa Academic Human Rights Network

## WESTON ESSAY PRIZE

The UICHR sponsors the annual Burns H. Weston International Human Rights Essay Prize. Each year, two awards are made: one to an undergraduate and another to a graduate or professional school student. The prizes honor the fine work of University of Iowa students and the lifetime work of Professor Burns H. Weston of the College of Law, one of the founders of the UICHR. The writing competition is open to all students enrolled during the current school year at the University of Iowa, Iowa State, or the University of Northern Iowa in any academic discipline. Essays can discuss current events or history, law, public policy, or the arts & humanities. The only requirement is that the essays address issues of international human rights.

The 2013 winners were Kristymarie Shipley, Graduate winner, College of Law for her essay: "Stateless: Dominican-Born Grandchildren of Haitian Undocumented Immigrants in the Dominican Republic" and Jeffrey Ding, Undergraduate winner majoring in Political Science, Chinese and Economics for his essay "An Altruistic Approach to Human Rights Policy."

## IDA BEAM SCHOLARS

The Center co-sponsored the following university-wide distinguished visiting Ida Beam Scholars during the 2013-14 academic year: Josh MacPhee (Sept. 23-27, 2013); Larry May (Oct. 15-18, 2013); and John Hagan (Apr. 11, 2014).



"It was inspirational to hear from refugees about their experience in the US, and from those who are directly helping refugees in their communities. The persons whom you had participating represented a great cross-section of both groups."

— Larry Yungk, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (pictured above)

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

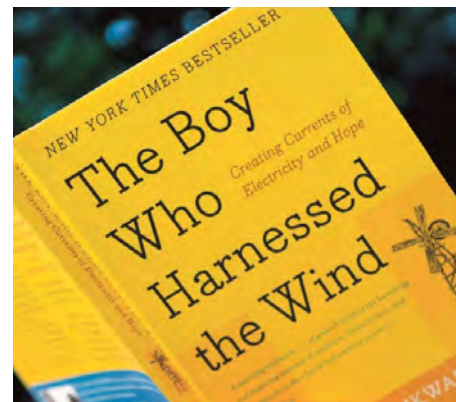
The UICHR hosts many collaborative, innovative events and programs, reaching the UI community, the state of Iowa, and beyond.

## ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BOOK

In 2013-2014, the Center sponsored the community-wide reading of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, the true story of William Kamkwamba, a 14-year old from Malawi who built a windmill from spare parts and scrap after he was forced to leave school due to poverty. Working from rough plans he found in a library book called *Using Energy* and modifying them to fit his needs, he brought electricity to his home and set himself on a path that has captured hearts and minds around the world.

Book discussions were held at Iowa City Public Library and at University Hospital Patients Library. The Iowa City Public Library also hosted a children's book discussion and activity to make mini wind turbines.

Filmmaker Ben Nabors joined us in presenting his documentary, "William and the Windmill" at screenings on both the UI campus and at West High.



## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY TALKS

- Jim Leach, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council (ICFRC) Luncheon, "What is Old, New, and Unprecedented in America's Relationship with the World"
- Burns Weston, ICFRC Luncheon, "Green Governance: Ecological Stewardship through Human Rights & the Commons"
- Adrien Wing, ICFRC Luncheon, "The Role of Women in Egypt since the Revolution"
- Amy Weismann, Iowa City Rotary meeting, "Immigration as a Human Rights Concern"
- Adrien Wing, keynote, Human Rights Commission Conference on Minority Incarceration
- Greg Hamot, Global Education Institute for Teachers
- Brian Farrell, "Post-conviction Relief Procedures"





## HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NEWS

The UICHR was proud to sponsor panels on events impacting human rights as they happened around the world. Response to these panels was strong, and through discussions facilitated by the UICHR, community members organized and undertook fundraising efforts to assist those suffering on the ground.



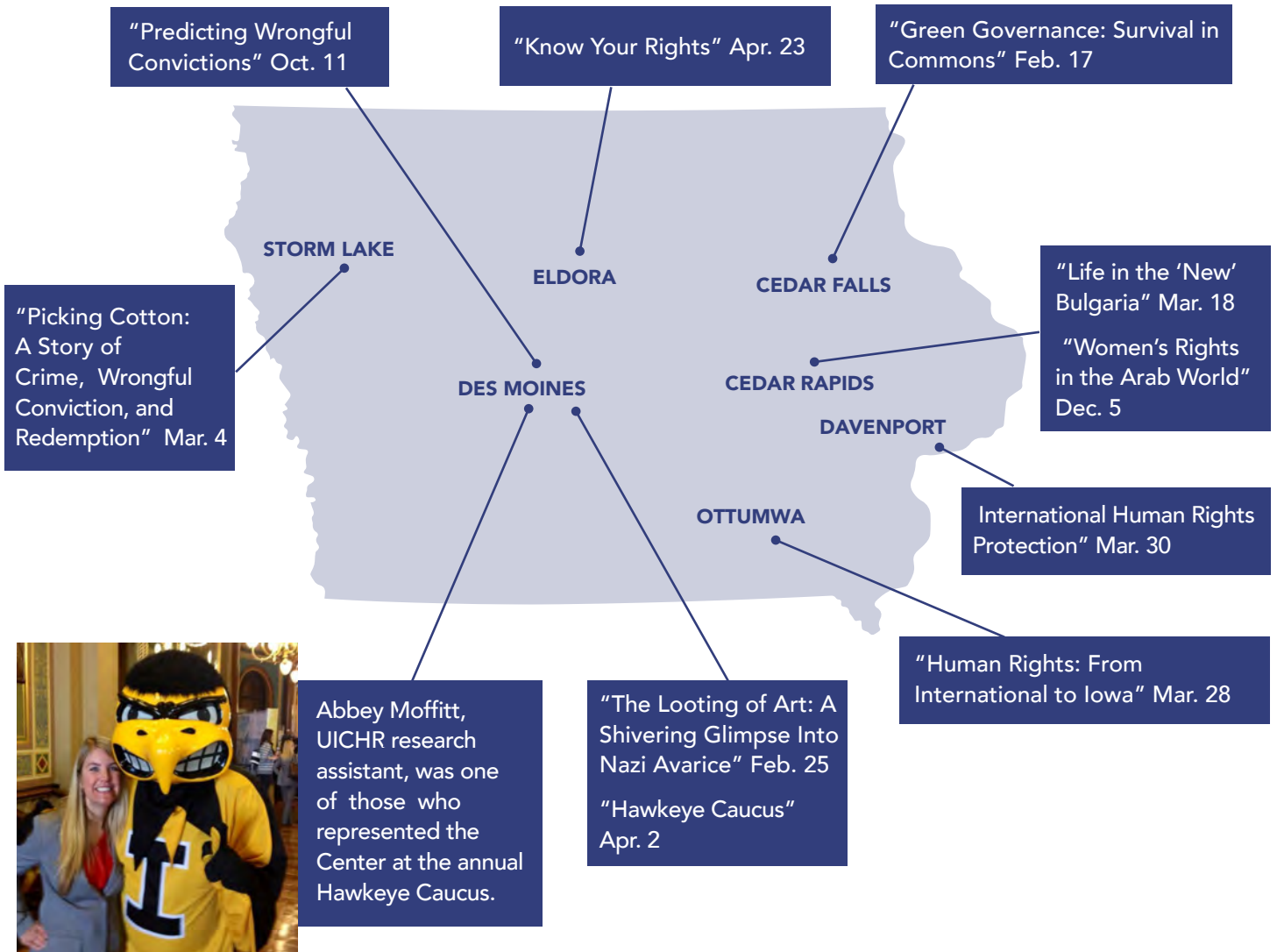
Panelists from UICHR's Syria program: Keith Porter, President of the Stanley Foundation; former Iowa congressman Jim Leach, senior scholar at UICHR; prof. Adrien Wing; Prof. Nathan Miller, UI law colleague and assistant director of UICHR; Sara Mitchell, Chair of UI Political Science Dept; Syrian American Newman Abuissa, and Hillel rep. Gerald Sorokin.

## CO-SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- "Islamophobia: The Challenges of Being A Muslim In America"
- Series on Arts and Rights (SOAR), "The Arts as Vocabulary"
- SOAR, Katherine Eberle Recital
- Jacqueline Asiimwe, "The Black Monday Movement: Re-energizing the Fight Against Official Corruption in Uganda"
- SOAR, Martha Redbone Roots Project
- Veterans Day event, James Yee, "Guantanamo: Justice and Human Rights"
- Film screening, "Inequality for All"
- SOAR, Chiara Quartet, Bartok Cycle
- SOAR, UDHR Anniversary/ Human Rights Day
- "Crisis in Syria: Iowa City Responds"
- Film screening, "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars"
- Workshop on Gender, Conflict, and Citizenship
- Film Screening—Who is Dayani Cristal?
- SOAR, Jupiter Quartet
- "United Against 377?" The Politics of Resistance to India's Sodomy Law
- Luz Rivera Martinez, from Tlaxcala, Mexico, "Sowing Struggle: Social Movements and the Future of Corn in Tlaxcala, Mexico"
- "Pill and Pen: Contraception and Unwanted Pregnancy in Global Literature and Popular Culture"
- Global Health Conference, "Battlefield Earth: Global Health and Violent Conflict"
- SOAR, Slaughter City
- "Palestine: Beautiful Resistance," Abdul Fattah Abu Srou, Director of the Alrowwad Culture and Theater Society (ACTS) in the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, Palestine
- Symposium on Women in Politics 2014: Historic and Current Perspectives
- White Rose Exhibit
- Alberto Bejarano, Colombian labor rights activist
- Festival Arts, Carnaval, Iowa City



## STATEWIDE OUTREACH



## NATIONAL OUTREACH

- "Arab Season: Future of Women's Rights," Southern Methodist University Law School, Dallas
- "Presumed Incompetent: Keep Calm and Carry On," Latino Critical Theory Conference, Chicago
- "Arab Season: Future of Women's Rights," Texas A & M Law School
- "Critical Race Theory" & "The Middle East," White Privilege Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
- Keynote for American-Arab Antidiscrimination Committee annual Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship dinner, Detroit



## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

UICHR staff traveled widely throughout the year, lecturing on Human Rights and reaching out to governments, organizations, and officials around the globe. Among these visits was a lecture series by Director Adrien Wing in Serbia, including a presentation at the Serbian Ministry of Minority Rights.

Lecture on **"CRITICAL RACE THEORY / FEMINISM AND DISCRIMINATION: WOMEN POLITICIANS"** for the Vcarar Municipality and the National Democratic Institute (USA) in Belgrade, Serbia; Lectures on "Latest Developments on Race and Gender Discrimination," for The University of Belgrade Institute for Social Sciences & the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory; and the Organisation of Security and Cooperation for Europe (OSCE) in Belgrade, Serbia.



The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts in Cambodia would welcome Iowa students as interns.



The Sarajevo University Center for Human Rights in Bosnia would like to work with the UICHR in the future.



The Cambodian Bar Association would welcome Iowa students as interns.



Assistant Director Brian Farrell has been connected to the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland Galway for over a decade and recently earned his Ph.D. from the Centre. He is shown here with Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh of NUI Galway, Prof. John Jackson of the University of Nottingham, and Prof. Bill Schabas of Middlesex University.

# COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>SEPT. 4</b>	Adrien Wing, "Arab Season: Future of Women's Rights," Southern Methodist University Law School, Dallas
<b>SEPT. 11</b>	Panel on "Intervention in Syria: Law, Ethics and Policy"
<b>SEPT. 19</b>	Co-sponsored with Intellectual Dialogue Society: "Islamophobia: The Challenges of Being A Muslim In America"
<b>SEPT. 20</b>	Series on Arts and Rights (SOAR) on World Canvass: "The Arts as Vocabulary"
<b>SEPT. 22</b>	SOAR, Katherine Eberle Recital
<b>SEPT. 23</b>	Jacqueline Asimwe, "The Black Monday Movement: Re-energizing the Fight Against Official Corruption in Uganda"
<b>SEPT. 23-27</b>	Co-sponsor Josh MacPhee, Ida Beam Scholar, with School of Art and Art History
<b>SEPT. 28</b>	Cmiel Interns dinner with UICHR staff, interns, law RAs
<b>OCT. 4</b>	Adrien Wing, Latino Critical Theory Conference, Chicago "Presumed Incompetent: Keep Calm and Carry On"
<b>OCT. 10-11</b>	Prof. Jon Gould, American University, "Predicting Wrongful Convictions"
<b>OCT. 15</b>	Humanitarian Aid in Syria
<b>OCT. 17</b>	Co-sponsor Larry May, Ida Beam Scholar, with Department of Philosophy
<b>OCT. 22</b>	Human Rights Commission Conference on Minority Incarceration (Adrien Wing, keynote speaker)
<b>OCT. 22-23</b>	One Community One Book (OCOB): Ben Nabors, filmmaker, presents "William and the Windmill" followed by discussion, second showing on Oct. 23: West High Little Theatre
<b>OCT. 24</b>	Annual Human Rights Commission Awards Breakfast; Cmiel intern Misty Rebik wins the Kenneth Cmiel Award, nominated by Amy Weismann
<b>OCT. 24</b>	Jim Leach, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council (ICFRC) Luncheon Speaker, "What is Old, New, and Unprecedented in America's Relationship with the World"
<b>OCT. 26</b>	One Community, One Book discussion at Iowa City Public Library
<b>OCT. 26</b>	One Community, One Book children's activity to make mini wind turbines, Iowa City Public Library
<b>OCT. 29</b>	Burns Weston, ICFRC Luncheon Speaker, "Green Governance: Ecological Stewardship through Human Rights and the Commons"
<b>OCT. 30</b>	Burns Weston, ICFRC Luncheon Speaker, "Green Governance: Ecological Stewardship through Human Rights and the Commons"
<b>NOV. 8</b>	Intra-campus Convening 2013: "Asking the Big Questions, Challenging the Status Quo: Human Rights and the Humanities in the University"
<b>NOV. 11</b>	Veterans Day event Co-sponsor, James Yee, "Guantanamo: Justice and Human Rights"
<b>NOV. 19</b>	"Inequality for All" film, co-sponsor with Public Policy Center
<b>NOV. 19</b>	International Day —Under the faculty directorship of Greg Hamot, 300 middle and junior high school students engaged in a day-long event centered on the theme of "The Human Right to an Adequate Standard of Living."
<b>DEC. 5</b>	Human Rights Day—lecture by Adrien Wing on "Women's Rights in the Arab World" for Cedar Rapids United Nations Association
<b>DEC. 6-7</b>	SOAR, Chiara Quartet, Bartok Cycle
<b>DEC. 7-8</b>	Global Education Institute for Teachers, Greg Hamot, Director
<b>DEC. 10</b>	SOAR, UDHR Anniversary/Human Rights Day
<b>JAN. 23</b>	Co-sponsor, "Crisis in Syria: Iowa City Responds"
<b>JAN. 23</b>	Amy Weismann speaks at Iowa City Rotary meeting on "Immigration as a Human Rights Concern"
<b>FEB. 5</b>	Co-sponsor, Film screening, "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars"
<b>FEB. 13</b>	"Introduction to Islam" with Adrien Wing and Sara Ghadiri
<b>FEB. 17</b>	Burns Weston at Cedar Falls Public Library, "Green Governance: Survival in Commons"
<b>FEB. 21</b>	Black History month speakers -- Memphis 13 documentary with University of Memphis law professor Daniel Kiel (film maker) and Sharon Malone and Sheila Conway, members of the Memphis 13 who desegregated the Memphis public schools in 1961
<b>FEB. 25</b>	Cosponsor, Workshop on Gender, Conflict, and Citizenship

<b>FEB. 26</b>	Cosponsor, Film Screening—Who is Dayani Cristal?
<b>FEB. 28</b>	SOAR, Jupiter Quartet
<b>MAR. 3</b>	Co-Sponsor, “United Against 377?” The Politics of Resistance to India’s Sodomy Law
<b>MAR. 4</b>	Brian Farrell, “Picking Cotton: A Story of Crime, Wrongful Conviction, and Redemption,” Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa
<b>MAR. 7</b>	Tom Farer keynote, “Do Human Rights and National Security Coincide: the Case of Syria”
<b>MAR. 7-8</b>	“Human Rights Education and the Academy” Conference
<b>MAR. 7-9</b>	Co-sponsor, “Pill and Pen: Contraception and Unwanted Pregnancy in Global Literature and Popular Culture”
<b>MARCH 18</b>	Brian Farrell speaks to Cedar Rapids Amnesty International, on “Life in the ‘new’ Bulgaria”
<b>MARCH 26</b>	Adrien Wing and assistants Cindy Alkass and Shefali Aurora do two presentations on Critical Race Theory and also The Middle East at the White Privilege Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
<b>MARCH 28</b>	Brian Farrell, “Human Rights: From International to Iowa,” Indian Hills Community College
<b>MARCH 28-30</b>	Co-sponsor, Global Health Conference, “Battlefield Earth: Global Health and Violent Conflict”
<b>MARCH 28</b>	Brian Farrell, “Human Rights: From International to Iowa,” Indian Hills Community College
<b>MARCH 28-30</b>	Co-sponsor, Global Health Conference, “Battlefield Earth: Global Health and Violent Conflict”
<b>MARCH 30</b>	Vang play: a drama about recent immigrant farmers
<b>MARCH 30</b>	Brian Farrell, “International Human Rights Protection,” St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
<b>APRIL 9</b>	Panel discussion, “Ukraine: Between East and West”
<b>APRIL 10-20</b>	SOAR, Slaughter City, David Thayer Theatre
<b>APRIL 10</b>	Careers for Change lecture, Dr. John Hagan
<b>APRIL 11</b>	Co-sponsor with Dept. of Sociology, Dr. John Hagan, Ida Cordelia Beam Lecture, “How Will Americans Remember Iraq?”
<b>APRIL 14</b>	“Palestine: Beautiful Resistance,” Abdul Fattah Abu Srou, Director of the Alrowwad Culture and Theater Society (ACTS) in the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, Palestine
<b>APRIL 15 &amp; 22</b>	“Islam, Women & Terror,” class taught by Adrien Wing & Sara Ghadiri for UI Center on Aging
<b>APRIL 17</b>	Adrien Wing, ICFRC Luncheon Speaker, “The Role of Women in Egypt since the Revolution”
<b>APRIL 18</b>	Co-sponsor, Symposium on Women in Politics 2014: Historic and Current Perspectives, with University of Iowa Public Policy Center
<b>APRIL 30</b>	Keynote, Adrien Wing for American-Arab Antidiscrimination Committee annual Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship dinner, Detroit
<b>MAY 1</b>	Keynote, Greg Hamot for White Rose Exhibit, (May 2-28), cosponsor, College of Public Health
<b>MAY 12 WEEK</b>	Co-sponsor with Labor Center, Alberto Bejarano, Colombian labor rights activist
<b>JUNE 7</b>	Co-sponsor, Festival Arts, Carnaval, Iowa City
<b>JUNE 14</b>	Adrien Wing, lecture on “Critical Race Theory /Feminism and Discrimination: women politicians” for the Vcarar Municipality and the National Democratic Institute (USA) in Belgrade, Serbia
<b>JUNE 16</b>	Adrien Wing, lectures on “Latest Developments on Race and Gender Discrimination,” for The University of Belgrade Institute for Social Sciences & the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory; and the Organisation of Security and Cooperation for Europe (OSCE) in Belgrade, Serbia.
<b>JUNE 17</b>	Adrien Wing, lecture on “Critical Race Theory,” for the Serbian government Office of Human and Minority Rights



UI staff, faculty and students visit with Ugandan human rights activist Jackie Asiimwe



UICHR and students organization representatives with Dr. John Lawrence



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## BURNS WESTON, SENIOR SCHOLAR

Following his resignation after six years as UICHR founding director in 2004, and in recognition of his worldwide reputation as a respected teacher and scholar of international human rights, Professor Weston was named lifetime Senior Scholar of the UI Center for Human Rights. The author of many books and articles in the field, his most recent books are *Green Governance: Ecological Survival, Human Rights and the Law of the Commons* (Cambridge University Press, 2013; with David Bollier), *International Environmental Law and World Order: A Problem-Oriented Coursebook* (West, 3d ed. 2012; with Jonathan C. Carlson & Sir Geoffrey R.W. Palmer), and, with UK Professor Anna Grear, a ninety percent new fourth edition of *Human Rights in the World Community: Issues and Action*, forthcoming from the University of Pennsylvania Press in 2015. He is the Bessie Dutton Murray Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus at the College of Law. He holds a B.A. degree from Oberlin College, his LL.B. and J.S.D. degrees from the Yale Law School, and honorary degrees from Marycrest International University (D.H.L.) and Vermont Law School (LL.D.).



## JAMES LEACH, SENIOR SCHOLAR

James A. Leach joins the College of Law and the UICHR after serving most recently as the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Under his leadership, the NEH created a Bridging Cultures program designed to promote understanding and mutual respect for diverse groups within the United States and abroad. Leach is best known for his 30 years of service as a representative in Congress where he chaired the Banking and Financial Services Committee, the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. Following his time in Congress, he was a Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and Interim Director of the Institute of Politics and Lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Leach earned his A.B. from Princeton University in 1964 and an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1966. He holds thirteen honorary degrees, has received decorations from two foreign governments, and is the recipient of the Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics Award, the Adlai Stevenson Award from the United Nations Association, the Edgar Wayburn Award from the Sierra Club, the Norman Borlaug Public Service Award, and the Woodrow Wilson Medal from Princeton.

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