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Center for
Human Rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



In celebration of our 20th year of existence, UICHR had a number of significant events. As you know, in March 2020, the world began facing an unprecedented public health crisis. The global pandemic put the Center's work in a new perspective and presented unexpected challenges—and opportunities—for our human rights teaching, scholarship, and public service. As we continue to navigate a year filled with events and movements that will long reverberate, I am proud of our Center's ability to adapt, respond, and rise to the occasion. Becoming part of the Zoom world, the Center educated, connected, and empowered thousands through its programming on COVID-19, racial equity, and other pressing human rights issues.

We hope that as you read our 2019-2020 Annual Report, you gain a deeper understanding of our work, and the importance of the involvement and support of friends like you. We sincerely appreciate your energy and financial support, particularly in these critical times. We hope that you will consider making a donation to the Center by visiting our website at www.uichr.org.

ADRIEN K. WING

Director, UICHR

Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law

Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs

MISSION

As part of The University of Iowa College of Law, the UICHR's mission is to promote and protect human rights at home and abroad through distinguished multidisciplinary leadership in human rights education, scholarship, and public service to The University of Iowa, its surrounding communities, the State of Iowa, and beyond.

The UICHR is guided by The University of Iowa's commitment to the basic tenets of a free society. In fulfilling its mission, the Center continuously revisits even the most fundamental aspects of human rights, treating human rights not as a corpus of fixed thought and action, but as a set of assumptions and choices that are open to constant rethinking because of ever-evolving ideas, conditions, and needs.

Following this approach, the UICHR:

- Engages in a diverse array of teaching, research, and other activities designed to highlight and consider, constructively and critically, the problems and prospects of human rights worldwide.
- Nurtures trans-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration that seeks to integrate artistic and literary viewpoints with legal, political, and socioeconomic human rights discourse.
- Encourages the active participation of faculty, students, and others both within and beyond the UI campus in the conception and execution of its diverse activities.
- Shares information with human rights specialists and the general public about its activities and about human rights issues and developments generally.



COVID-19 REPOSENSE

This spring, UICHR staff quickly adapted to navigate the challenges and uncertainties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The University of Iowa suspended live instruction following spring break and required all faculty to transfer course offerings to an online format for the remainder of the semester. Human Rights Certificate faculty taught Human Rights Certificate classes online and hosted virtual meetings for interns and students. Center staff began working from home following the University of Iowa's mandate that non-essential employees remain off campus until further notice. Campus events were canceled or postponed, including many of UICHR's planned activities. Events in celebration of our 20th Anniversary and the Iowa Human Rights Research Conference—an annual showcase of student human rights research from across the region--were among the many impacted programs.

Despite the unprecedented developments, UICHR's work continued, if in different forms. Staff and colleagues created new and responsive programming on-line, such as a series of webinars on the human rights dimensions of COVID-19 (discussed below). Staff advised and assisted Human Rights Certificate students and interns as they experienced great disruption in their housing, employment, studies, co-curricular work, and career planning. Staff also participated in a variety of efforts both on campus and beyond to assist in local, statewide, regional, and global efforts to address the needs of marginalized communities and those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Furthermore, planning for the 2020-2021 academic year is underway, even as the landscape for the University of Iowa and higher education in general is transformed by this pandemic.

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Human Rights and Covid-19

How human rights can help us understand the pandemic and our responses to it

Wednesday, April 8th: noon-1:00 pm



An online panel discussion which will explore how human rights might provide a useful framework for examining the COVID-19 crisis as well as the major human rights considerations in the responses to it from the perspectives of public health, legal, and public policy professionals. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/317392854>

Panelists include:
Dr. Brian Farrell, Associate Director of UI Center for Human Rights
Dr. Peter Damiano, Director of the UI Public Policy Center
Dr. Nimro Adin, Professor and interim Director of the UI Department of Community and Behavioral Health

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Moving Forward on Native American Rights

RACIAL EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS SERIES WEBINAR

JOIN US:
[HTTPS://UIOWA.ZOOM.US/J/97686758534](https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/97686758534)

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Larry Baca, former Deputy Director of the Office of Tribal Justice, United States Department of Justice

Dean Kevin Washburn, University of Iowa College of Law

Dave Archambault, former Tribal Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

AUGUST 5, 2020 • Noon-1:00 pm (CST)

As the coronavirus pandemic abruptly impacted so many aspects of our lives last spring, UICHR identified a need and opportunity to offer its human rights-focused programming in new ways. Our series of online webinars highlights UICHR's ability to respond in a timely and creative manner to address critical issues in our world.

--Brian Farrell, UICHR Associate Director



ADVISORY BOARD



Advisory Board Meeting, December 2019

The Center benefits tremendously from the input, support, and time of the members of its Advisory Board. We are grateful for the leadership of the Chair, who is Professor Mary Cohen and the Vice Chair Harry Olmstead. In the fall of 2019, we welcomed new members Professor Peter Damiano (UI Public Policy Center Director); Dr. Heather Erwin (Director UI Liberal Arts Beyond Bars (UILABB)); Professor Suzie Pritchett (Drake Law School Clinic); Charles Swanson (Hancher Executive Director); and Zachary Rochester (undergraduate representative). After agreeing to extend his staff role with the Center through fall 2019, Professor Greg Hamot retired from the Center in December and joined the board at the start of 2020 (see note below).

UICHR thanked exiting Board members Humaa Siddiqi, James McKinney, Professor Sara Mitchell, and Jennifer Sherer, for their support and service. In fall 2020 we will welcome Dr. Denise Martinez (Associate Dean, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, UIHC), Professor César F. Rosado Marzán (UI College of Law), Guillermo Morales (UI Labor Center), Gada A. Al Herz (UI law student representative), and Alyssa Clayden (UI graduate student representative).

Spring 2020 UICHR Advisory Board members include: Newman Abuissa; Jackie Blank; Kingsley Botchway; Diana Cates; Mary Cohen (Chair); Jo Coulter; Gina Crosheck; Pete Damiano; Stella Elias; Heather Erwin; Dromi Etsey; Shams Ghoneim; Gregory Hamot; Mary Harreld; David Leshtz; Britta Loftus; Selina Martin; Maureen McCue; Joan Nashelsky; Harry Olmstead (Vice-Chair); Aaron Page; Suzie Pritchett; Zachary Rochester; Mazahir Salih; Lisa Schlesinger; Chuck Swanson; Sherry Watt.

STAFF

The Center's current core staff consists of Director & Dean Adrien Wing; Associate Director & Professor Brian Farrell; Assistant Director & Professor Amy Weismann; Education and Student Support Specialist & Professor Jo Butterfield; Program Coordinator Colleen Opal; and Program Assistant Mary Sleichter. Jo Butterfield and Colleen Opal began their duties with the Center in August and September, respectively. Brian Farrell became the new head of the Human Rights Certificate Program, succeeding Greg Hamot upon his retirement. Amy Weismann was appointed a Lecturer in the College of Law in spring 2020.



ABOVE: UICHR staff transitioned to Zoom meetings in March and continued to meet throughout the summer. This is the new normal for Center staff meetings

Gregory Hamot, retired in June 2020 after 25 years as an University of Iowa College of Education professor and more than 44 years as an educator.

Greg contributed immeasurably to the work of UICHR. Participating in its very founding, Greg then served as an Advisory Board member and later as Director and Associate Director over many years. His leadership brought the UICHR through tumultuous periods during which its existence was challenged, guiding its reemergence as a stronger, more vital entity on campus, and in the community, within the University of Iowa College of Law.

Among his many, many contributions to human rights education, Greg was instrumental in creating and coordinating International Day -- an innovative day long program of activities for middle school students to learn about global human rights --for almost 20 years. Greg will remain with the UICHR in his retirement as an Advisory Board member.



Greg Hamot with UI President Bruce Harreld receiving the UICHR Founder's Award

TEACHING

The Center provides innovative and meaningful academic and co-curricular opportunities for students.

The Center manages the 18 semester hour Human Rights Certificate program under the administration of the College of Law. There are currently thirty-two declared undergraduate students in the Certificate program. Center staff also teach First Year Seminars through University College, courses within the law school related to human rights, and frequently supervise undergraduate theses related to human rights. Staff frequently teach human rights related courses as visiting instructors at other institutions.

In fall 2019 the staff re-examined the Certificate program offerings to address the enrollment strains on the Praxis course and provide more consistent Topics course offerings that adapted to student demand and interest.

The Center has undertaken an effort to further institutionalize course oversight and standardization and to provide more consistent professional development by systematizing classroom observations to provide real time feedback on teaching effectiveness.

SCHOLARS AT RISK
NETWORK
protection advocacy learning

20 YEARS



Spring 2020 Praxis course students collaborating

In spring 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Certificate instructors moved courses to a variety of online platforms, including synchronous Zoom sessions, as well as some asynchronous self-paced options with online collaborative activities.

The Praxis course students had planned to travel to Washington D.C. to meet with lawmakers on behalf of Scholars at Risk and two detained Uyghur scholars, the focus of their research and advocacy this semester, but SAR cancelled the due to the pandemic.

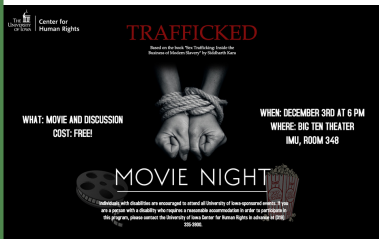
Nonetheless, the students made their voices heard by participating in virtual conference activities; generated a social media campaign to raise awareness about the status of Uyghurs in China; and communicated with Congressional staff to request action on behalf of the scholars.

I was delighted to return to the UICHR as the academic advisor to the Certificate program. I'm thrilled to be working with students, faculty, and staff to provide the support they need to continue to learn and teach during these unprecedented and challenging times.

--Jo Butterfield, Academic Advisor



INTERNSHIPS



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

In spring 2020, UICHR awarded seven students Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Internship funding, totaling \$10,000, to sustain virtual internships over the summer in support of organizations pursuing human rights promotion and/or protection:

- Ayako Nakano, Homeless Prevention Project L.A
- Sara Luke, Sami Vivekananda Youth Movement
- Araya Dunne, Black Mommas Matter
- Lauren Fuller, Heartland Jobs and Housing, Kansas City
- Tyler Wills, Public Defender's Office, N.D. of Iowa
- Lauren Knudson, Colorado Attorney General's Office
- Erin Kinley, Colorado Legal Services

One of my favorite aspects of working in UICHR is supporting undergraduate interns to gain leadership and professional experience in human rights. I feel privileged to work with such motivated and talented individuals who are so generous with their time.

--Colleen Opal, Program Coordinator

Rex Honey Human Rights Internship Program at UICHR

This year, eight undergraduates participated in the Rex Honey Internship program. In fall 2019: Sara Hassan, Allison Meyer, Casey Stuart. In spring 2020: Shimin Park, Alexia Sanchez Garcia. In both semesters: Delaney Baumgartner, Alexis Mahanna, Emma Sillman. Interns committed at least 10 hours a week to the Center under the supervision and mentorship of Colleen Opal and Jo Butterfield. Each intern planned a human rights-related event, assisted with Center communications and projects, and provided research assistance to either Center, non-profit organization grant-related projects, or UI faculty. Additionally, several law school research assistants assisted with UICHR related projects. We congratulate the interns who graduated during this past year: Sara Hassan and Casey Stuart in December 2019, and Alexia Sanchez Garcia and Emma Sillman in May 2020.

Burns H. Weston Human Rights Essay Prize

The recipient of the essay prize this year was awarded to Alexis Winecke for her essay, "A Call for Human Rights in the U.S. Prison System."

Sara Rose Ballard received the Burns H. **Weston Human Rights funded internship award** for 2020. She will work for the Midwest Innocence Project.



SCHOLARSHIP

Recent Books, Chapters, and Articles

- Adrien K. Wing, *Feminism and International Law*, in FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE 268 (Cynthia Bowman & Robin West eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019).
- Adrien K. Wing, *Foreword*, in ARABS AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD: HUMAN RIGHTS, GENDER POLITICS, AND IDENTITY vii (Karla McKanders ed., Taylor & Francis Routledge, 2019).
- Adrien K. Wing, *And Still We Rise*, in PRESUMED INCOMPETENT II 223 (Yolanda Flores Niemann, Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs, Carmen G. Gonzalez eds., University of Utah Press, 2020).
- Adrien K. Wing, *Critical Race Feminism*, in SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA ON HIGHER EDUCATION 319 (Marilyn J. Amey ed., 2019).
- Adrien K. Wing, *Diverse Perspectives on Colonialism and International Law*, in 113 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROCEEDINGS 61 (2019).
- Adrien K. Wing, *Tipping Points in International Law: Race*, in TIPPING POINTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (Jean d'Aspremont & John Haskell eds., Cambridge Press, 2020) (submitted).
- Adrien K. Wing, *Poverty, Lawyering and Critical Race Feminism in TRUMPIAN ERA, POVERTY LAW AND LEGAL ACTIVISM* (Maria Grahn Farley & Joel Samuelsson eds., Uppsala University Press 2020) (submitted).
- Brian Farrell, *Habeas Corpus*, in ELGAR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Manfred Nowak, Jane A. Hofbauer, Philipp Janig, & Christina Binder eds., forthcoming 2021).
- Brian Farrell, *Using Human Rights to Frame the Pandemic & the Global Response*, FULBRIGHT BULGARIA SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER: A LOOK INTO THE NEW NORMAL, Summer 2020, at 29.
- Hyeri Hong & Gregory E. Hamot, *Differential Effects of State Testing Policies and School Characteristics on Social Studies Educators' Gate-Keeping Autonomy: A Multilevel Model*, in THEORY & RESEARCH IN SOCIAL EDUCATION (Wayne Journell, ed., Taylor & Francis, 2019).
- H. Lee & Greg Hamot, *John Dewey in Global Contexts: Arts, the Embodied Mind, and Democracy in Postcolonial Societies* (University of Iowa Press, 2019) (submitted).



ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Iowa Human Rights Teaching Workshop

On November 15, the Center co-sponsored a human rights teaching workshop for Iowa college instructors. The event was organized in conjunction with the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics (INHRA) and hosted by Coe College with funding from Human Rights Education USA. Fifteen faculty members participated from across the state.



Professor Anita Hill receives UICHR Courage of Conviction Award, January 23, 2020

Courage of Conviction Award


Adrien Wing presented the UICHR Courage of Conviction Award to Brandeis University Professor Anita Hill for her work on behalf of gender rights for nearly 30 years. Along with the Lecture Committee, UICHR cosponsored her January 23 talk entitled "From Social Movement to Social Impact: Putting an End to Sexual Harassment" at the IMU Main ballroom. Prior award winners are Hon. Jim Leach, Michael Ratner, Professor Burns Weston, Professor Brian Stevenson, and Dorothy Paul.



Human Rights teaching workshop co-hosted by INHRA & UICHR


UICHR Launches Racial Equity and Human Rights Series

In June, UICHR launched a highly successful webinar series to explore the human rights implications of racial inequity. UICHR Board Members lent their expertise for the inaugural webinar: "Activism, Healing, and Dialogue." Read more about the series in the following pages.

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Racial Equity and Human Rights: Activism, Healing, and Dialogue



Friday, June 5th: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Join us for a discussion about human rights, racial equity, and strategies for forging positive, lasting change.

Dean Adrien Wing (Moderator), Director of UI Center for Human Rights; Bessie Dutton Murray Professor at the UI College of Law, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs

Dr. Sherry K. Watt, Professor, UI Department of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies

Mr. Kingsley Botchway, Chief Officer of Human Resources and Equity for the Waterloo Community School District

Ms. Mazahir Salih, City Councilor at-large for Iowa City; co-founder of the Center for Worker Justice

Dr. Mary Cohen, Associate professor of music education at The University of Iowa

Click <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/95408922042> to join

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The Center supports the participation of its staff and partnering faculty in national and international academic conferences, training and networking opportunities, and creates opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and teaching about human rights. Select activities are listed below.

Adrien Wing made several human rights presentations at professional associations, including at the Law and Society Conference in Washington D.C. and at the National University of Galway in Ireland. In August 2019, she participated as a major speaker and as a panelist at a poverty law conference at Uppsala University in Sweden. This fall she spoke at the American Society of International Law midyear meeting in Brooklyn, NY.

In spring 2020, Adrien Wing presented "Black Herstory" as part of Black History month at Liberty High School in North Liberty. Additionally, she interviewed former United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice at the Englert Theater and served as a panelist for a Riverside Theatre play "The Agitators." Trips to Nigeria and Saudi Arabia were postponed as were many other events.



Dean Wing with colleagues at Uppsala University



International law scholars from the region at the ASIL-Midwest works-in-progress conference in Chicago in September.

Brian Farrell presented at multiple institutions and conferences. In fall 2019, in his role as co-chair of the American Society of International Law's Midwest Interest Group, he organized the group's annual works-in-progress conference held at UIC John Marshall Law School in Chicago. In September, he participated in the Bellow Scholar Workshop at Columbia University Law School and the Clinical Writer's Workshop at New York University School of Law. Brian presented at the Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities in Ankeny in October and at a meeting of the Iowa Interfaith Alliance in Cedar Rapids in November. He also gave talks at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and Luther College in Decorah.

In spring 2020, Brian Farrell presented at the Irish Centre for Human Rights in January; conducted an online presentation for the Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Center in March; and participated in the Center's first Human Rights and COVID-19 online panel in April. Planned presentations at the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting and the ABA's Equal Justice Conference were postponed due to the pandemic.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



WORKING GROUPS

Well-Being in Refugee and Immigrant Communities

Collaboration transitioned to a new leadership team in fall 2019. It is now led by Dr. Nicole Novak, Assistant Research Scientist in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health (UI College of Public Health), and Dr. Claudia Corwin, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine for Pulmonary, Critical Care and Occupational Medicine in the UI Department of Internal Medicine (UI Carver College of Medicine). This leadership team, along with other members of the group, developed a protocol for a scoping review of immigrant integration efforts in the rural Midwest and created a “writing team” of working group members who are now engaged in an examination of the peer-reviewed literature and abstract classification on the topic. Despite the shift to remote work, their efforts continue via Zoom meetings.

To support the work of this multi-disciplinary, cross-campus working group, members submitted a proposal to the Iowa Institute of Public Health Research and Policy to support the research collaboration. The group is currently exploring several other funding opportunities, ranging from internal pilot grants, to foundation funds and federal funds.

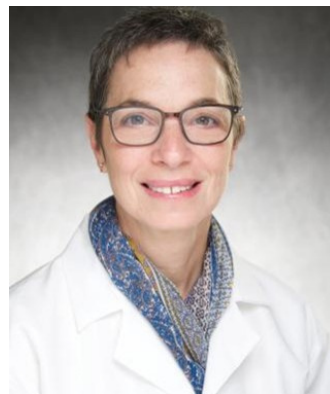
Analyzing Workplace Laws through an International

Human Rights Lens is led by Jennifer Sherer, Director of the University of Iowa Labor Center. This Working Group has facilitated informal discussions with faculty in the Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), Business, and Law. It held several public worker rights workshops in the fall of 2019 (others scheduled for spring 2020 were cancelled/postponed), and is laying the groundwork for a joint Labor Center/UICHR one-day public conference to be held in the fall 2020 semester.

The conference will have a one-credit UICHR certificate course attached to it: “Epidemic Disease and the Future of Work: The Human Right to Health and Safety.”



Nicole Novak



Claudia Corwin



Jennifer Sherer

GRANT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Promoting Culturally Appropriate Care for New Iowans

Amy Weismann (UICHR Assistant Director) and William Story (College of Public Health) received funding from the Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services as co-PIs on a three-year intervention-oriented study of mental health care provision to refugees in Eastern Iowa to develop culturally appropriate models of care. New personnel have been added, including two RAs, and two Refugee Community Consultants, who have led a community informed approach to the training of practitioners. The project has successfully completed its second year, received budget approval for year three, and is moving forward with activities, modified by responses to COVID-19. The team compiled and reviewed the practitioner interviews and finalized plans for training events. Project staff were preparing to present findings and share activities at the annual Governor's Public Health Conference this spring before it was cancelled. Project staff now plan to request an opportunity to present at next year's conference.

Critically, in June 2019 and in January 2020, the subject matter expert, Dr. Brandon Kohrt, led two live training events on the content and implementation of the WHO developed Problem Management Plus (PM+) model for community based mental health interventions. These trainings reached over fifty mental health practitioners in Eastern Iowa.

Dr. Kohrt also developed a series of original online modules to train a team of Community Facilitators in PM+, individuals with no specialized training, and who are members of impacted refugee communities themselves. This training regime will result in a cadre of community facilitators available to provide low-intervention mental health support and referral in Iowa's most recent refugee communities. Participants have now completed this training and began virtually convening and leading small support groups of refugee community members, or individuals, via Zoom, at the conclusion of the spring semester.

Dr. Brandon Kohrt



This collaborative endeavor to assess and address mental health challenges faced by some of our most vulnerable community members, has trained hundreds of health care providers and community members to initiate systems change and to enhance access to health care.

--Amy Weismann, UICHR Assistant Director

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: UICHR@20 AND INTERNATIONAL DAY



Image above from UICHR@20 Report

UICHR@20

The Center began celebrating its 20th anniversary in the fall of 2019, but its capstone events were postponed due to the pandemic. The fall semester highlight was our December 10 International Human Rights Day program in conjunction with the Iowa United Nations Association. From 4:00–5:30 p.m., we celebrated 20 years of UICHR work, which included reflections on major endeavors such as the Child Labor Project by Jen Sherer, the Immigrant and Refugee Rights campaign with Amy Weismann, and Dr. Maureen McCue on the Climate Legacy Initiative. A celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child followed the panel as well as a Write4Rights event on behalf of young people under threat, organized by Iowa UNA. The Center also produced a retrospective brochure that highlighted UICHR's impact on the campus and community over the course of the last 20 years.

For the complete UICHR@20 Report, go to: uichr.uiowa.edu/assets/Documents/UICHR_20-year-Retrospective.pdf.

International Day 2019

International Day: On November 12, middle school students from across Eastern Iowa celebrated the 20th Annual International Day. This year, the focus centered on Article Twenty-Five of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, titled The Right to Rest and Leisure. Co-sponsored by the UICHR, the College of Education, and the Stanley Foundation, UI community members and College of Education faculty and students led over a dozen breakout sessions for more than 300 middle and junior high school students and teachers.



Students engaging in workshop activities as part of International Day 2019

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: HUMAN RIGHTS WEBINAR SERIES

In Spring 2020, UICHR staff discussed how a human rights framework could assist our campus and community grapple with the myriad challenges presented by the pandemic and the ongoing crises of racial inequity. At the same time, numerous developments in legal discourse and U.S. Supreme Court decisions opened new opportunities to realize human rights. The Center thus convened a series of Zoom webinars examining this extraordinary moment. Webinars featured expertise from UICHR, the UI Public Policy Center, UI College of Public Health, and UI Labor Center, among other local, national, and international entities.

Over 3500 people attended thirteen Center-hosted webinars. See [UICHR.org](https://uichr.org) for details and to view recordings of the webinars.

COVID-19 and Human Rights Webinars

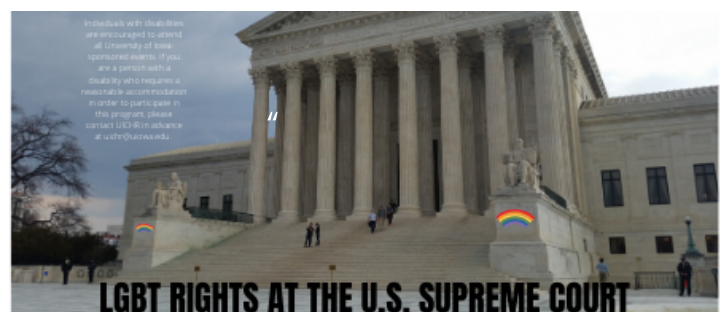
As mentioned previously, UICHR organized a series of webinars exploring the multidimensional and inequitable challenges communities confronted due to the pandemic.

DACA and Immigration Policy Webinar

UICHR organized a panel featuring: Professor Stella Elias of the UI College of Law; Zaira Garcia of Forward.US; and Nilvia Reyes Rodriguez of DREAM Iowa, to share the impact of the DACA program and recent developments in immigration law.

LGBT Rights Webinar

UICHR brought together renowned legal scholars professors Pat Cain, Jean Love, and Arthur Leonard via Zoom to discuss the recent landmark Supreme Court decision, *Bostock v. Clayton*, which established that the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination against LGBTQI+ individuals in the workplace.



Racial Equity and Human Rights

The grief, anger, and frustration experienced by so many in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder found its expression in street protests and uprisings across the U.S. and around the globe. UICHR responded rapidly to facilitate reflections on systemic racism and to provide education in areas such as the history of anti-Black violence in the U.S., the concept of white privilege, and the rights of protesters. This series of webinars, titled Racial Equity and Human Rights, continued throughout the summer, exploring the role that police and prosecutors play in meting out unequal justice, race and international human rights, the intersections between the pandemic and racial inequity, as well as addressing Native American rights.



Racial Equity and Human Rights

UNDERSTANDING WHITE PRIVILEGE

6.17.20 | 4 PM | Webinar

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/91590914371>

A conversation with Dr. Eddie Moore Jr., Executive Director, The Privilege Institute, Founder of the White Privilege conferences and Dean Adrienne Wing, Director of UI Center for Human Rights; Bessie Dutton Murray Professor at the UI College of Law, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs



RACIAL EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
NOON-1:00 PM CST

Historical Perspectives on AntiBlack Violence and Visions for the Future

Join the webinar:
<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/95547811008>

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN DR. ASHLEY HOWARD AND DR. SIMON BALTO, UI DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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JULY 15, 2020 • NOON-1:00 PM (CST)

WEBINAR:
[HTTPS://UIOWA.ZOOM.US/J/99253649581](https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/99253649581)

RACIAL EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS Police, Prosecutors, and Race

A conversation with
Professor **Angela J. Davis**
American University Washington College of Law,
and editor of *Policing the Black Man:
Arrest, Prosecution, and Imprisonment*

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RACIAL EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29; NOON-1:00 PM (CST)

RACE AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS






Anna Span Bradley, Professor of Law, University of Colorado and Incoming Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, UCLA

Professor James Guthrie, Professor and Wing-Tai Lee Chair in International Law at Loyola University Chicago School

Dean Adrienne Wing, UICHR Director, Associate Dean for International & Comparative Law Programs, Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law at the University of Iowa

Moderator, Professor Brian Farrell, UICHR Associate Director

Join the webinar:
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FRIDAY, JUNE 12 @ 3PM

RACIAL EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS: THE RIGHT TO PROTEST

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/96998433289>



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Racial Equity and Human Rights Series

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22; NOON - 1:00 PM (CST)

Race, Health, and COVID-19





Dr. Claudia Corwin
Assistant Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Iowa

Dean Kevin Washburn
University of Iowa, College of Law

Dr. Nafissa Egbuonye
Public Health Director, Black Hawk County

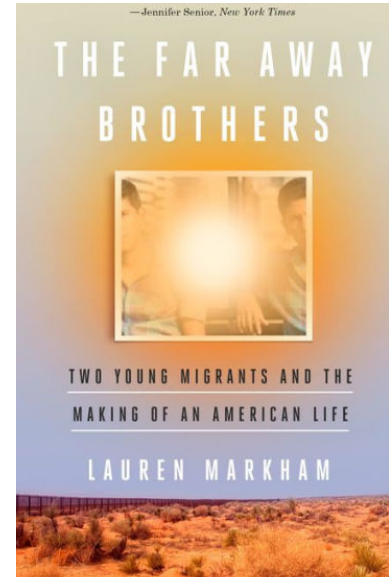
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BOOK

The Faraway Brothers: Two Young Migrants and the Making of an American Life by Lauren Markham, the 2018 recipient of the Ridenhour Book Prize, was the 2019 OCOB selection. The book is a non-fiction account of the immigration journey of two teenage boys from El Salvador to the United States who arrive as “unaccompanied minors” and must build a new life on their own.

UICHR facilitated a series of activities to educate about the intersection of immigration and human rights, including community wide book discussion fora and a screening of "El Norte" at FilmScene. The author visited Iowa City on October 3-5, 2019, in partnership with the Iowa City Book Festival. She gave a public lecture about her book on October 4. Ms. Markham also visited with membership of the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, and held a discussion with Liberty High School students and teachers.



FULL LIST OF CENTER ACTIVITIES 2019-20



June 2019 – August 2020

- 1) June 1, 2019: Adrien Wing; "Gender, Sexuality, and Dignity;" Law & Society conference; Washington, D.C.
- 2) June 3–6, 2019: Cosponsor with UI College of Public Health and Linn County Health Department; "Promoting Culturally Appropriate Care for New Iowans" (practitioner training workshops); Iowa City and Cedar Rapids
- 3) June 17, 2019: Adrien Wing; "American Election 2020;" National University of Ireland Galway; Galway, Ireland
- 4) June 27, 2019: Cosponsor with Iowans for a Democratic Sudan, PEACE Iowa, Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the Arab American Institute; "Sudanese Revolution for Democracy: The Current Crisis;" Coralville Public Library
- 5) June 28, 2019: Cosponsor with the City of Iowa City; "Dr. Brown Henderson: Brown v. Board of Education/Inclusive High School Teaching Award;" Public Library; Iowa City
- 6) September 8–13, 2019: Cosponsor with International and Comparative Law Program; visit of Dean Ahmed Garba and Vice Chancellor Auwalu Uba from Bauchi State University, Nigeria; Iowa City
- 7) September 11, 2019: Cosponsor with International and Comparative Law Program, Black Law Student Association, International Law Society, and International Law Students Association; Dean Ahmed Garba, "Religious Conflict in Nigeria;" Boyd Law Building, room 285
- 8) September 19, 2019: OCOB – *Faraway Brothers* book discussion hosted by the North Liberty Community Library; La Vecina Restaurante (Iowa River Landing); Iowa City
- 9) September 20, 2019: Brian Farrell; Bellow Scholar Workshop; Columbia Law School; New York City, NY
- 10) September 21, 2019: Brian Farrell; CLR Writers' Workshop; NYU School of Law; New York City, NY
- 11) September 23, 2019: OCOB – *Faraway Brothers* book discussion with the Pilot Book Club; The Arc; Iowa City
- 12) September 27, 2019: Brian Farrell (organizer); ASIL Midwest Works in Progress Conference; UIC John Marshall Law School; Chicago, IL
- 13) September 30, 2019: Cosponsor with History and Center for Worker Justice; OCOB – film screening of *El Norte* with panel discussion; FilmScene; Iowa City
- 14) October 4, 2019: OCOB – Lauren Markham visit to Liberty High School; North Liberty, IA
- 15) October 4, 2019: OCOB – Lauren Markham lecture with book signing; Art Building West (ABW), University of Iowa
- 16) October 5, 2019: OCOB – "We, The Interwoven" panel discussion with Iowa Writers' House and Lauren Markham; Masonic Lodge; Iowa City
- 17) October 8, 2019: Cosponsor with Lawyers & Leaders and UI College of Law Wrongful Convictions Class (Brian Farrell); Exonerate Terry Harrington; Boyd Law Building, room 235; Iowa City
- 18) October 15, 2019: Brian Farrell; "Lessons from Wrongful Convictions," Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities; Des Moines Area Community College; Ankeny, IA
- 19) October 17, 2019: OCOB – *Faraway Brothers* book discussion hosted by Coralville Public Library; Board Room; Coralville, IA
- 20) October 17–18, 2019: Cosponsor with LABB; "Inside Out Reentry" community event – "Homecoming: Exploring Reentry to Communities in Iowa After Incarceration;" Iowa City
- 21) October 19, 2019: Cosponsor with Refugee and Immigrant Association; Third Annual Refugee and Immigrant Recognition Dinner; St. Patrick Catholic Church, Iowa City
- 22) October 21, 2019: OCOB – *Faraway Brothers* Book Discussion; Boyd Law Building, room 275 Culture, and Arts Education;" Iowa City

- 23) October 22, 2019: Cosponsor with Middle Eastern Law Students Association; "Introduction to Islam;" Boyd Law Building, room 125
- 24) October 22, 2019: Cosponsor with the Latino Native American Cultural Center, the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and Latino/a Studies Program; José Olivarez, "Latina/o/x Identity, Popular
- 25) October 25, 2019: Cosponsor with the College of Law's SJD Program, the American Constitutional Society, the International Law Society, the International Law Student Association, and the Federalist Society; Dr. Soon Chul Huh, Professor of Law at Kyungnam University, South Korea and SJD Student at Iowa; "What the South Korean Court Decisions Concerning the Collision between Free Speech and Personal Privacy and Dignity Tell Us about the Strength of Democracy in South Korea;" Boyd Law Building, room 245
- 26) October 28, 2019: Brian Farrell; "The Death Penalty & International Human Rights;" Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 27) October 29, 2019: Cosponsor with Middle Eastern Law Students Association; "Introduction to Iranian Law;" Boyd Law Building, room 125
- 28) November 1, 2019: Brian Farrell; "Racial Disparities in Iowa's Criminal Justice System;" Iowa Interfaith Alliance, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 29) November 3, 2019: Cosponsor with First Gen Task Force, Vice President for Student Life; Erica Sanchez; First Gen Summit; Iowa City
- 30) November 7, 2019: Brian Farrell; "Careers for Change;" Philips Hall; University of Iowa
- 31) November 9, 2019: Sara Hassan (intern); "Sudanese Revolution: Art as a Tool for Resistance + Diasporic Activism;" Divine Nine Room #335 Iowa Memorial Union
- 32) November 11, 2019: Cosponsor with Iowa City Chapter of Vets for Peace, Honors, UI Lecture Committee; Major Danny Sjursen and Coleen Rowley; "Perpetual War;" Old Capitol Senate Chamber; Iowa City
- 33) November 12, 2019: Cosponsor with Stanley Foundation, College of Education and International Programs; International Day Conference on the Human Right to Rest and Leisure; Marriott Hotel; Coralville, IA
- 34) November 15, 2019: Cosponsor with the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics; Human Rights Teaching Workshop; Coe College; Cedar Rapids, IA
- 35) December 3, 2019: Delaney Baumgartner (intern); Movie Night—screening of *Trafficked* (2017) plus discussion; Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa Theater, Big Ten Theater
- 36) December 7–8, 2019: Greg Hamot; "Global Education Human Rights Institute for Teachers;" Iowa Memorial Union
- 37) December 10, 2019: Cosponsor with Iowa UNA, "The UICHR @ 20: Past, Present, and Future: Immigration, Child Labor, and Environmental Public Policy" and "Opening Doors to Children's Rights," a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including a Write4Rights—Amnesty International event; Old Brick; Iowa City
- 38) December 17, 2019: Brian Farrell, "The Human Rights and Ethics of Quarantine;" Carver College of Medicine; MERF 2189
- 39) January 15, 2020: Brian Farrell, "Assessing and Improving Rural Access to Justice;" Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway; Galway, Ireland
- 40) January 15, 2020: Cosponsor with UI College of Education, UI Public Policy Center, UI Office of International Programs (lunch sponsored by UICHR); Consulate of the Republic of Kosovo; "Kosovo History and National Security" with Mr. Astrit Zemaj, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Bujar Maxhuni, Minister Counselor, Department for NATO and Security Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; N116 Lindquist Center, PDA Space

- 41) January 16, 2020: Brian Farrell; "Lessons from Wrongful Convictions;" Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland
- 42) January 21, 2020: Brandon Kohrt; PCACNI Consultation; Carver College of Medicine; MERF Building and various locations; Iowa City
- 43) January 22, 2020: Cosponsor with College of Law, BLSA, and UI Law Diversity Committee; Cannon Lambert, Esq., "We All Owe Because None of Us Does It Alone;" Boyd Law Building room 225
- 44) January 22, 2020: Brandon Kohrt, "Enhancing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Refugee Families in Iowa: Next Steps and New Directions;" Carver College of Medicine; MERF 2189
- 45) January 22, 2020: Brandon Kohrt, "Workshop on Problem Management Plus;" Carver College of Medicine, MERF Building
- 46) January 23, 2020: Brandon Kohrt, "Workshop on Problem Management Plus;" Carver College of Medicine, MERF Building
- 47) January 23, 2020: Cosponsor with UI Lecture Committee; Anita Hill, Brandeis University, "From Social Movement to Social Impact: Putting an End to Sexual Harassment;" IMU Main Lounge
- 48) January-February, 2020: Adrien Wing, trip to Bauchi State University Law School, Nigeria (postponed)
- 49) February 5, 2020: Cosponsor with Liberty High School; Adrien Wing, Black History Month lecture "Black Herstory;" Liberty High School, North Liberty
- 50) February 5, 2020: Cosponsor with UI Lecture Committee; Adrien Wing, Interviewer, "An Evening with Susan Rice;" Englert Theatre
- 51) February 8, 2020: Sponsored by Riverside Theatre; Adrien Wing, panelist, "The Agitators"
- 52) February 12, 2020: "Human Rights Night" social change networking event for faculty and students; Cortado Café
- 53) February 14, 2020: "UICHR@20" presentation to College of Law faculty; Boyd Law Building Faculty Lounge
- 54) February 19, 2020: Cosponsor with UI College of Law, UI Law Diversity Committee and BLSA; Cynthia Nance, Black History Month Speaker, "An Injury to One is an Injury to All;" Boyd Law Building Room 225
- 55) February 24, 2020: Kenneth J. Cmiel internship funding application workshop; 603 Jefferson Building
- 56) February 26, 2020: Cosponsored with the Sex Discrimination Class; Kristy Dahl Rogers, "An Irresistible Attraction: Rethinking Romantic Jealousy as a Basis for Sex Discrimination Claims;" Boyd Law Building Room 285
- 57) March 11, 2020: Cosponsor with Johnson County Iowa's UN Chapter; Night of 1000 Dinners; Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center, Iowa City
- 58) March 12-21, 2020: Adrien Wing, trip to Arab University Law School, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (postponed)
- 59) March 26, 2020: UICHR research assistants, "Introduction to Islam;" University of Iowa (cancelled)
- 60) March 26, 2020: Cosponsor with Sex Discrimination class; Alexandra Oprea, "Human Rights of Roma Women;" Boyd Law Building Room 285 (postponed)
- 61) March 31, 2020: Brian Farrell, "The Role of Innovation in Rural Access to Justice in Iowa;" Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Center via Zoom
- 62) April 2, 2020: Brian Farrell, "Innocence and Human Rights;" 114th ASIL Annual Meeting, American Society of International Law; Washington, D.C. (cancelled)
- 63) April 3, 2020: Teaching Human Rights Workshop; Drake University School of Law (cancelled)
- 64) April 4, 2020: Iowa Human Rights Research Conference; Drake University School of Law (cancelled)

- 65) April 8, 2020: "Human Rights & COVID-19: How Human Rights Helps Us Understand the Pandemic and Our Responses to It;" via Zoom
- 66) April 13, 2020: Cosponsor with College of Law and NALSA; S. James Anaya, "International Law on Indigenous Peoples;" Boyd Law Building Room 225 (postponed)
- 67) April 15, 2020: Cosponsor with African American Studies; Flint Taylor, "The Torture Machine;" Boyd Law Building (postponed)
- 68) April 20, 2020: Cosponsor with Sex Discrimination class; Kristymarie Shipley, "Should I be 'Shipley' or 'Flores Collazo' Today? The Racialization of the Law Student and Legal Workplace Candidate;" Boyd Law Building Room 285 (cancelled)
- 69) April 22, 2020: "Human Rights & COVID-19: Protecting Iowa Worker Rights;" via Zoom
- 70) April 22, 2020: Jo Butterfield and Susan Stanfield: "Iron Jawed Angels" (film screening with simultaneous chat and post film discussion); via Zoom
- 71) April 23, 2020: Cosponsor with International Programs, Religion Department, and Writer's Workshop; Fatima Mirza, "A Place for Us;" Writer's Workshop; Iowa City (postponed)
- 72) April 29, 2020: Iowa Immigrant Health and Wellbeing Research Working Group; Human Rights & COVID-19: Refugee and Immigrant Communities;" via Zoom
- 73) April 30, 2020: Bennett Freeman; "Sustaining and Advancing Protections for Human Rights Defenders under the Pressures of COVID-19;" Human Rights in the World Community course; via Zoom
- 74) May 1, 2020: John Sherman; "Supply Chain Contracts, COVID-19 and the UNGPs;" Human Rights in the Word Community course; via Zoom
- 75) May 6, 2020: Brian Farrell; "Confronting Challenges in Law Schools' Role in the Access to Justice Movement;" 2020 Equal Justice Conference: Law School Pro Bono Advisors Program, American Bar Association; Atlanta, Georgia (cancelled)
- 76) May 30, 2020: Adrien Wing, "Treatment of Minorities in France;" National Bar Association; Paris, France (cancelled)
- 77) June 5, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Activism, Dialogue & Healing;" via Zoom
- 78) June 12, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "The Right to Protest;" via Zoom
- 79) June 17, 2020: Cosponsor; CommUnity Hunger Banquet; The Graduate; Iowa City
- 80) June 17, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Understanding White Privilege;" via Zoom
- 81) June 24, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Historical Perspectives on Anti-Black Violence and Visions for the Future;" via Zoom
- 82) July 1, 2020: "LGBT Rights at the U.S. Supreme Court;" via Zoom
- 83) July 8, 2020: "DACA and the U.S. Supreme Court: A Reprieve for Dreamers, But a Closing of Other Paths-What Does U.S. Immigration Policy Look Like Today?;" via Zoom
- 84) July 15, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Police Prosecutors & Race;" via Zoom
- 85) July 22, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Race, Health and COVID-19;" via Zoom
- 86) July 29, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Race and International Human Rights;" via Zoom
- 87) August 5, 2020: Racial Equity and Human Rights series; "Moving Forward on Native American Rights;" via Zoom