

**Iowa Human Rights Research Conference**  
**Saturday, April 9, 2016**  
**University of Iowa College of Law**

*Hosted by the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics and the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights as part of UI's Just Living Theme Semester.*

**9:00 Registration & Coffee (Lobby)**

**9:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks (225 BLB)**

*Assoc. Dean Adrien Wing, University of Iowa*  
*The Hon. James Leach, University of Iowa*

**9:45 First Session**

Room 225

"They Send Us Home After Turning Us Into Corpses: Disrupting Narratives of Gift and Commodity in the Illegal Organ Trade," Vincent Benlloch, Grinnell College  
"GMO: Spreading Access to Human Rights," Noah Hoskins, University of Dubuque  
"Does the Right to Life Grant the Right to Death?," Herbert Meisner, University of Iowa  
"Slave Contracts: Human Rights in the Korean Entertainment Industry," Mickayla Molnar, University of Iowa  
*Discussants: Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University; Saul Mekies, Kirkwood Community College; & Amy Weismann, University of Iowa*

Room 245

"Economic Analysis of Value and Institutions," Tamim Buasha, St. Ambrose University  
"Contemporary Political Theory: Blues for Mister Charlie by James Baldwin (1964) Baldwin's Argument against Racial Discourses Created to Maintain Power and Privilege," Sharon Mutwiwa, Coe College  
"The Super Bowl, Formation, and BLM," Sabra Cacho, University of Iowa  
*Discussants: Jacqueline Signori, Kirkwood Community College; Jim Zaffiro, Central College; & Kim Lanegran, Coe College*

**10:45 Break & Posters (West Lobby)**

"Female Genital Mutilation," Sara Husen, Iowa State University  
"Effect of Legislature Demographics on Quality of Human Rights Bills in the Iowa Legislature," Brayton Deprey, Drake University

**11:00 Second Session**

Room 245

"A Toothless Dog Can Still Bite: The Value of Official Recognition and Symbolic Law in Legitimizing a Human Right," Eric Boos, Concordia University

"Lost in Legation: The Gap between Rhetoric and Reality in International Human Rights Law Governing Women's Rights," Debra DeLaet, Drake University

"The International Right to Habeas Corpus, the Rule of Law, and States of Exception," Brian Farrell, University of Iowa College of Law

*Moderator: David Yamanishi, Cornell College*

**Noon Break & Posters (West Lobby)**

**12:15 Third Session**

Room 225

"United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Case of Nasser bin Ghaith," Christian Gonzales, Connor Kinnerk, Kristin Rouse, Madison Hunke, University of Iowa

"LGBT Rights in Iran," Afton Apodaca, University of Iowa

"Liz Bennett: The Postmodern Woman in Politics," Thomas Petrino, Coe College

"Jean Hall Lloyd-Jones: A Story of Emergence and Reemergence," Wes Hoyer, Coe College

*Discussants: Misha Quill, Cornell College; James Bang, St. Ambrose University; & Deb DeLaet, Drake University*

Room 245

"Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict Situations: What Has Changed Since the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and What Remains Today," Melanie Meierotto, University of Iowa

"Rwandans' Response to 'Rwanda's Untold Story'," Kristen Joy Scott, Coe College

"The Role of Physicians in Transitional Justice: Combatting the Aftermath of Mass Rape in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Katherine Ryken, University of Iowa

*Discussants: Audrey Golden, Coe College; Eric Boos, Concordia University; & Christine Darr, University of Dubuque*

**1:15 Lunch & Closing Remarks (West Lobby)**

*Brian Farrell, University of Iowa*