

Iowa Human Rights Research Conference

Saturday, April 13, 2019

University of Iowa College of Law

*Organized by the Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics
and the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights.*

9:00 Registration & Coffee (Lobby)

9:20 Welcome (Levitt Auditorium - 295 BLB)

Associate Dean Adrien Wing & Brian Farrell, University of Iowa

9:45 First Session

Panel A (225 BLB)

"The Unspoken Genocide of Burundi," Aroni Niyikiza, Central College

"Human Rights in Cuba," Kylie Naeve, Central College

"Ethnic Conflict in South Sudan: The Search for Peace," Sarah Duos, Iowa Wesleyan University

"The Sudanese Revolution," Sara Hassan, University of Iowa

Discussants: Carolyn Dallinger, Simpson College & Eric Boos, Concordia University Wisconsin

Panel B (235 BLB)

"Words Matter: The Comparative Analysis of Human Rights Discourse in Chile, Nepal, & Jordan," Molly Stone, Grinnell College

"Child Sponsorship Model Vs "Mission-Focused" Model of Fundraising," Angela Frimpong, Grinnell College

"Politics and Human Rights: The Human Rights Paradox and the Madres De Plaza De Mayo," Claire Eichhorn, Luther College

Discussants: Brooke Sherrard, William Penn University & Hunter Clark, Drake University

Panel C (245 BLB)

“Health Disparities for Indigenous Women in Central America and Strategies for Improved Outcomes,” Allyson Miller, Drake University

“Why is the United States Failing? Conversations with Iowa City Health Care Professionals on the Rising Maternal Mortality Rate,” Lauren Hudson, University of Iowa

“Human Rights & the Ethics of Disease Eradication: Global Polio Eradication Initiative in Northern Nigeria,” Brookley Lynde, University of Iowa

Discussants: Swasti Bhattacharya, Buena Vista University & Shawn Harmsen, Coe College

10:45 Break & Poster Session (Lobby)

Posters

“The Rohingya: Terrorists or Refugees?,” Alexis Brown, Central College

“Crisis in Yemen: Children’s Rights in Jeopardy,” Kurt Sernett, Central College

Discussants: Andrea Cohen, Iowa United Nations Association & Saul Mekies, Kirkwood Community College

Exhibition

“UDHR@70” presented by Iowa United Nations Association

11:15 Setting the Agenda: Human Rights and the 2020 Election (Levitt Auditorium - 295 BLB)

Amna Haider & Brian Farrell, University of Iowa

Noon Lunch (Hillcrest Private Dining)

1:00 Plenary (Levitt Auditorium - 295 BLB)

Keynote: “Human Rights in Kosovo: Progress & Challenges,” Dr. Njomeza Zejnullahu, Fulbright Visiting Scholar

Announcements: Deb DeLaet, Drake University & Amy Weismann, University of Iowa

1:30 Break

1:45 Second Session

Panel A (225 BLB)

“Democracy, Climate Change and Mass Migration: The Link between Environmental Disruption and International Displacement,” Nicole Baxter, University of Northern Iowa

“Environmental Migration and Policy in Bangladesh and Mexico,” April Park, Grinnell College

“Environmental Racism and the Law: Defining the Problem and Proposing Solutions,” Peter Larsen, Drake University

Discussants: Wendy Brame, Briar Cliff University & Chris Rossi, University of Iowa

Panel B (235 BLB)

“Marginalized Anew?: How the Backlash Against “Feminism” Derailed Progress on Women’s Issues,” Nesreen Iskandrani, William Penn University

“Beyond Western Feminism: Muslim Women Reforming Through the Qur’an,” Casey Tamanaha, William Penn University

“Trip the Trafficking,” Madeline Dwelle, Drake University

Discussants: David Yamanishi, Cornell College & Katy Strzepak, St. Ambrose University

Panel C (245 BLB)

“Burning Red: Self-Immolation in Tibet,” Tenzin Moenkyi, Iowa Wesleyan University

“La Pachamama Está Viva: Non-Human Rights and Personhood in the Andes,” Ana Itzel López Romero, Luther College

“Just Another Brick,” Zachary Zippe, University of Northern Iowa

Discussants: Jim Zaffiro, Central College & Jennifer Stone, University of Iowa

Panel D (285 BLB)

“Justice Has Gone to the Dogs,” Meredith Boos, Concordia University Wisconsin

“International Human Rights and Felon Disenfranchisement: Where Does America Stand?,” Matt Schwartzkopf, Drake University

“Restorative Justice Study,” Alexa Kingkade, Simpson College

Discussants: Melissa Martinez, Luther College & Neal McNabb, Coe College

2:45 Break

3:00 Third Session

Panel A (225 BLB)

"Lethal Lollipops," Brooke Ransom, Coe College

"The Post-Truth Challenge to Freedom of Information: Rectifying Media Bias as the Enemy Within, Resuscitating Democratization of Information, and Reshaping the Role of Librarians," Kwanghyuk Yoo, University of Iowa

"Human Rights and Ideology," Caleb Stekl, University of Northern Iowa

Discussants: Deb DeLaet, Drake University & Linda Sibler, Luther College

Panel B (235 BLB)

"Slavery in the American West: A Study of Its Expansion and Toll in the Decades Prior to the Civil War," Blake Van Houweling, William Penn University

"Why Milwaukee Is the Most Segregated City in America," Nicholas Covek, Concordia University Wisconsin

"The Choice to Make a Choice: An Analysis of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act," Nicole Johnson, University of Iowa

Discussants: Evan Renfro, University of Northern Iowa & Amy Weismann, University of Iowa

Panel C (245 BLB)

"Can People Survive on Carrots and Sticks? Enhancing Quality of Life Through Financial Tools of Foreign Policy Following Sen's Capabilities Approach," Silvia Pellegrino, University of Northern Iowa

"Bhutan Gross National Happiness," Adam Arana, Central College

Discussants: Joy Lapp, Iowa Wesleyan University & Wayne Moyer, Grinnell College

4:00 Closing Remarks (Levitt Auditorium - 295 BLB)

Swasti Bhattacharya, Buena Vista University

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