

Iowa Human Rights Research Conference

Saturday, April 23, 2022
Drake University School of Law
Cartwright Hall

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

Tentative schedule
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9:00 Registration & Coffee

9:20 Welcome

Hunter Clark, Drake University & Brian Farrell, University of Iowa

9:45 First Session

Panel A

“The Xinjiang Crisis: How History Sheds Light on a New Cultural Genocide,” Ross Carpenter, Drake University

“The History of Human Rights in Iraq,” Riley Konrad, Central College

“The Civil War in Syria: Exposure of the Limitations on Accountability for Human Rights Violations,” Ian Buchwald, Drake University

Discussants: Adrien Wing, University of Iowa & Evan Renfro, University of Northern Iowa

Panel B

“Genocide Recovery: Community-Centered Approaches,” David Hill, Cornell College

“Rural and Urban Disparities in Health Care Policy,” Piper Cooper, Coe College

“Access and Control: The Influence of International Law, Domestic Politics, and Social Movements on Reproductive Rights,” Rebecca Clair, Drake University

Discussants: Amy Weismann, University of Iowa & David Skidmore, Drake University

10:45 Break & Poster Session

Posters

“The Clean Lung Initiative: A Proposal to Address the Incidence of Lung Cancer in Louisville, Kentucky,” Madeline Hergott, Abby DeAnna, & Calea Jones, Drake University

“Disability-Inclusive Climate Planning in the United States: Challenges and Best Practices,” Brendan Hyatt, Grinnell College

Creative Work

“Water is Life,” Madeline Hergott, Drake University

Discussant: Laura Yost, Kirkwood Community College

11:15 Plenary

Creative Work

“Black Joy and Pain; Black Sunshine and Rain,” Morgan Coleman, Drake University

Faculty Roundtable Discussion (topic & participants TBD)

12:15 Lunch (for registered attendees)

1:00 Second Session

Panel A

“The Gender Bias Burden on Business: Women’s Access to Credit in Bahrain,” Sandra Thiman, University of Northern Iowa

“Rage Against the Machine: The Economization of Uyghur Re-education Camps in Xinjiang,” Austin Pitts, University of Iowa

“The Dark Side of Morocco,” Emerson Drake, Central College

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

Panel B

“The Impacts of Arab Spring on Freedom of Expression in Tunisia and Egypt,” Kaitlyn Isom, Central College

“Human Rights Discourse and Structural Violence in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Jazmine Guzman, Drake University

“Media Suppression in Africa and the Balkans – How Economic Distribution Impacts the Press on an International Level,” Lindsey Ingraham, University of Iowa

Discussants: Suzie Pritchett, Drake University & Yasemin Siri, University of Northern Iowa

Panel C

"Technology-Facilitated Domestic Violence Through a Critical Lens," Katherine Kustes, University of Iowa

"#MeToo: Collective Solidarity on a Pathway to Healing," Sarah Herring, Drake University

"How America's Infrastructure Issue is a Human Rights Issue," Michaela Messier, University of Iowa

Discussants: Deb DeLaet, Drake University & Gina Hausknecht, Coe College

2:00 Break

2:15 Third Session

Panel A

"The Right to Education," Kathlyn Wagner, Drake University

"Still Separate and Still Not Equal: Navigating the Landmark Decision Brown v. Board and Its Lingering Disappointments," Mackenzie Roberts, William Penn University

"Black Nonperformance as a Strategy for Achieving Racial Justice," Abena Sankofa Imhotep

Discussants: Jim Zaffiro, Central College & Jo Butterfield, University of Iowa

Panel B

"Home Is Where the Human Right Is," Lauren Boos, Marquette University

"Prisons, Prejudice, and Pandemic: An Analysis of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Confinement Policy During COVID-19," Nora Weigle, Luther College

"Environmental Racism and United States Federal Policy," Paige Waskow, Coe College

Discussants: Neal McNabb, Coe College & Ellen Yee, Drake University

Panel C

"American Disenfranchisement: A Glimpse at Restricted Poll Access for Minor Parties in America," Abigail Karr, William Penn University

"Modern Efforts to Eliminate Human Trafficking in International Human Rights Law," Crystal Haakma, Drake University

Discussant: Brian Farrell, University of Iowa

3:15 Closing Remarks