

Iowa Human Rights Research Conference
Saturday, April 1, 2017
Cornell College – Thomas Commons

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

8:30 Registration & Coffee (Middle Level Lobby)

8:45 Welcome & Keynote (Hall Perrine Room)

Welcome: David Yamanishi, Cornell College

Keynote: Zach Wahls

10:00 First Session

Durham Room

“The Lesson in the Plan: Constructed Narratives of Refugee and Citizen,” Lindsay Jarratt,
University of Iowa

“Is Gay Okay? Evaluating the Challenges in the U.S. Asylum Process for Queer Asylum-
Seekers,” Allison Bailey, Coe College

“The U.S. Government and the Current Refugee Crisis in Syria,” Caitlin Chenus,
University of Iowa

Discussants: Amy Weismann, University of Iowa & Kim Lanegran, Coe College

Russell Room

“Freedom to Hate and Freedom from Harm: How a Tort Action Can Properly Address
Both Concerns,” Wes Hoyer, Coe College

“Defending Truth through the Freedom of Speech,” Rebekah Gansemer, University of
Iowa

“South of the Confederacy: Confederate Symbols in Argentine Clothes and the Erasure
of History,” Emma Cibula, Grinnell College

Discussants: Eric Boos, Concordia University & Angie Brandel, University of Dubuque

Hall Perrine Room

“Women and Girls in Boko Haram,” Elizabeth Healy, University of Iowa

“Theorizing Wartime Sexual Violence,” Glory-Lieb Tetuh, Cornell College

“Femicides in Juarez,” Luz Maria Perez Flores, Central College

Discussants: Carolyn Dallinger, Simpson College & Shawn Harmsen, Coe College

11:00 Break & Posters (Middle Level Lobby)

“Let’s Learn about the Refugees,” Matthew McCarthy, Grinnell College
“Violations of Civil Liberties in Jordan,” Alicia Oswald, Central College
“Femicides in Juarez,” Luz Maria Perez Flores, Central College

Commentator: Saul Mekies, Kirkwood Community College

11:15 Second Session

Hall Perrine Room

“Land, Water, & Life: Walking with the Adivasi,” Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
“The Ins & Outs of the Income Inequality Debate,” Saul Mekies, Kirkwood Community College
“Now Our Future Begins: Refugee Resettlement in Iowa & the Making of the Modern Refugee Resettlement Regime,” Amy Weismann, University of Iowa.

Moderator: Deb DeLaet, Drake University

12:15 Lunch & Remarks (Smith Dining Room)

1:00 Third Session

Durham Room

“An Epistemological Explanation of Mass Incarceration’s 150 Year Success, Lauren Boos, University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan
“Hospital Beds to Prison Bars,” Allison Stutting, University of Iowa
“Using Principles of Social Justice to End the ‘School-to-Prison Pipeline,’” Britney Samuelson, Simpson College

Discussants: Alla Manyukan, Iowa State University & Wendy Brame, Briar Cliff University

Russell Room

“Electoral Reform in Burkina Faso, Electoral Violence in Burundi: Issues of Civil Society and Power-Sharing,” Vincent Benlloch, Grinnell College
“Human Rights in Cyprus: The Continuing Influence of Ethnic Conflict and Nationalism on Human Rights Violations,” Elisabeth Callejón, Central College
“Uganda’s Campaign against LGBT+ Rights,” Johnny Molony, University of Iowa
“Socialism Sucks,” Caitlyn Dixon, Central College

*Discussants: Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University; Jim Zaffiro, Central College;
& Deb DeLaet, Drake University*

Hall Perrine Room

“Unethical Consumerism as a Human Rights Violation,” Melanie Meierotto, University of Iowa

“Dark Tourism and the Complexities of Remembrance,” Mara McLaughlin, Cornell College

“Human Rights Violation on Native Land,” De’Shaun Madkins, University of Dubuque

“Rights Are Not an Option,” Delaney Cornforth, University of Iowa

Discussants: Mara Adams, St. Ambrose University; Marie Lechelt, Riverland Community College; & David Yamanishi, Cornell College

2:15 Closing Remarks (Hall Perrine Room)

Brian Farrell, University of Iowa