Welcome Back!

Please allow me to introduce myself… I am Tina, a Graduate Assistant at the Human Rights Institute. I am working with Dr. Hiskes on the HR minor and I am here, just for you! I am beginning my third year as a doctoral student at the School of Social Work where my research focus is on compassion fatigue (burnout). I have worked in the victims services field since receiving my undergraduate degree in social work. I have a passion for promoting domestic violence and child abuse as a human rights issue in the US. I look forward to meeting you all this year!

- **Interested in serving on the Namaste Editorial Board this year?** If you are a HR Minor and would like to serve as a Namaste Editor, please contact Tina with your interest by Wednesday, **September 7**. This is a year long commitment and editors receive credits toward their HR internship.
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- Women in Government Forum: Bring your friends and your questions for an exciting night of discussion and intellectual exchange on public policy issues and public sector careers. Thursday, October 6, 6:30 to 8 p, UCONN West Hartford Campus, 4th Floor, Library Building.

- On Monday, October 10 at 12 p in HRM 119 Rosemary Shinke from Bucknell University will be presenting *Theorizing Embodied Resistance Practices*, a talk dealing with human rights protests in Latin America.

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- Are you looking for a unique internship that combines the opportunity to work locally AND travel abroad? Rights Action funds community-controlled development, environmental, human rights, and emergency-relief projects in Latin America and does education and activism work with North Americans. Talk to Tina to learn more about this new internship. Find out more: <http://www.rightsaction.org>

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♦ The 12th Annual UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights International Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 18 from 9 a to 4 p at the Student Union Theatre. This year’s theme is Food Security and Human Rights featuring Dr. George Kent, from the University of Hawaii (Political Science) and author of Ending Hunger Worldwide.

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Intern Spotlight

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The leaves are falling, but that doesn’t mean you should fall behind in human rights activities...

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- Citizens, students, and faculty of the community are welcome join the first General Assembly of Occupy Storrs/UConn. The General Assembly will be on Wednesday, October 19 at 5p. Meet in the area between the Library and CUE. There will also be an information session at 4p for anyone who would like more information of the Occupation movement and how a General Assembly works.
- Dr. Beverly Weber (German and Womens Studies) from University of Colorado - Boulder will present *The Trouble with Faith: Rethinking Islam And Intersectionality In Europe* on Wednesday, October 19 at 7p. The lecture will be held in Music & Dramatic Arts Library, Room L 201 E.
- Monday, October 24 at 7p in the Student Union Theater Prof. Gregory Levey will present *Shut Up, I’m Talking*. Prof. Levey will discuss his unique diplomatic experiences working for the Israeli Mission at the United Nation and how he internalized, contended, and occasionally found humor in the Middle East Conflict.
- Join us for a special meeting for students with Amb. Daniel Kurtzer on Wednesday, October 26 at 2:30p. Discussion will focus on the Middle East, US foreign policy, and life in the US foreign service. Snacks provided! Amb. Kurtzer will then deliver a lecture at 4p entitled, *Now what? Prospects for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East*. The events will be in the Konover Auditorium, Dodd Ctr.

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*BECOME A TRAINED FACILITATOR* for Dialogues on key issues: Democracy requires an ongoing deliberative public dialogue, and we’re looking for participants to facilitate group discussions on the UConn Storrs campus throughout this year. The first event will be a Faith & Service Dialogue, on Monday, November 7 from 3 to 5:30p at the Hillel House. To sign up to be trained as a facilitator or to sign up to facilitate during this dialogue please contact Jamilah at student1448@ad.uconn.edu or Aviva at aviva@uconnhillel.org by Friday, October 21.

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