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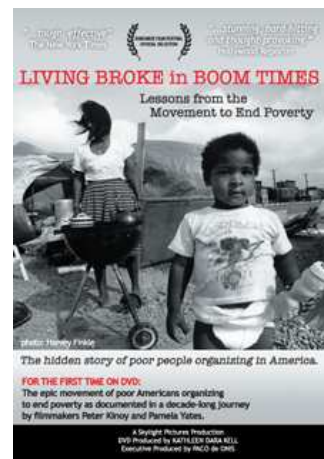
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HR News & Events

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2009 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Welcome Back!

- ♦ **The Human Rights Film Series** kicks off next **Tuesday, September 8th**, with the film: **Living Broke in Boom Times: Lessons from the Movement to End Poverty (2008)**. The film begins at **4:00pm** in the Konover Auditorium, located in the Dodd Center, and will be followed by a Q&A and reception with filmmaker Peter Kinoy and poverty rights activist Willie Baptist.
- ♦ **Copies of NAMASTE 2009 are still available!** Stop by the Human Rights Institute to pick up your copy! **Also, we are in the process of looking for Junior and Senior HR Minors who would like to serve on the editorial board this year.** If you are interested in serving on the Namaste Staff, please contact Janna at janna.mahfoud@gmail.com. Applications are due by Friday, Sept 18th.
- ♦ The **Rainbow Center Coffee House** kicks off this Friday, September 4th! Every Friday evening from 6:00pm-midnight, the Rainbow Center (SU 403) offers free coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and treats! Great conversation, board games, poetry, music, relaxation, and a great place to meet new people or visit with old friends!! For more information, please visit: www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu.
- ♦ **Rwanda Human Rights Delegation for Young Leaders: Dec 28, 2009 - Jan 11, 2010.** Global Youth Connect, an international human rights organization, is accepting applications from young leaders (ages 18-30) for their Winter international human rights delegation to Rwanda. Each delegation weaves together three core sets of activities: site visits to local organizations, hands-on fieldwork projects, and a human rights training workshop with local youth activists. **The application Deadline: September 25, 2009.** For detailed information on program activities, costs, fundraising/financial aid, and application information, please visit: www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate, or contact GYC Rwanda Program Director Jesse Hawkes directly at jesse@globalyouthconnect.org. Also, Valerie Love, curator for Human Rights Archives at the Dodd Center, was a participant in the Summer 2009 delegation of the GYC Rwanda program and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program. Please feel free to contact her at valerie.love@uconn.edu.



Living Broke in Boom Times
HR in the USA Film Series
at the Konover Auditorium, Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00pm.

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- ♦ On Oct 13th, the HRI will be hosting a Human Rights Reception to bring together various human rights groups and people on campus. If you have a human rights organization that you would like represented at this event, please contact Janna with your group details.



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- ♦ **Want to make a difference with a graduate degree?** Brown University will be hosting the Idealist.org Graduate Degree Fair for the Public Good where you can meet representatives from over 75 international social impact graduate programs, explore different graduate degrees to develop career and leadership opportunities and attend a panel of graduate admissions professionals to gain insight about admissions and financial aid programs. The fair will take place on **Monday, Sept 14th from 5-8pm** at Brown University's, Alumni Hall Main Auditorium, 1st Floor 194 Meeting Street, Providence, RI 02912. For more info, to register and see the list of schools coming, visit: <http://bit.ly/provgf>.

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Author Dahr Jamail to Speak at Dodd Center:** Through the efforts of WHUS, the UConn Free Press and the Daily Campus, journalist and author Dahr Jamail will be speaking on our campus **Sunday, September 20th** from **7:30-9:00pm** in the **Konover Auditorium** at the Dodd Center. Mr. Jamail was one of the few non-embedded journalists in Iraq at the beginning of the war, travelling there to report in late 2003. He wrote a book about the experience called "Beyond the Green Zone." He is on tour right now promoting a new book, entitled "The Will to Resist: Soldiers Who Refuse to Fight in Iraq and Afghanistan," which chronicles the various efforts of individuals and groups of soldiers who have resisted their orders to report to the Middle East. For more information visit <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=148842590488&index=1>



- ♦ **Human Rights Lecture:** Please join us for a lecture by Glenn Mitoma, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Foundations of Humanitarianism Program at UConn. His talk "**Charles H. Malik and Human Rights: Notes on a Biography**", will take place **Tuesday, September 22nd** at **12:30pm** in the **Dodd Research Center., Rm 162**. Charles H. Malik was a Lebanese philosopher and diplomat who was instrumental in the creation of the UDHR.
- ♦ **Journalism & Human Rights: The Litchfield County Writers Project** at UConn, Torrington examines the definitions, protection and abuse of human rights in the fall 2009 series: Justice, Injustice and Human Rights. The series kicks off on **Wednesday, September 23** from **6:30-9:00pm** at the **Torrington Campus** in the M. Adela Eads, Francis W. Hogan Lecture Hall with a roundtable discussion of the role journalism has in human rights. Guests will be author Michael Maren, Emmy-nominated correspondent, Amy Costello, and veteran journalist and editor, George Krinsky. Costello's acclaimed Darfur documentary, *The Quick and the Terrible*, will be shown as part of the event.

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- ♦ **The Reproductive Rights Committee** will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 16th in the Women's Center from 7:00-8:00pm. The Reproductive Rights Committee is a group dedicated to disseminating comprehensive sex education, contraceptive use, all women's reproductive choices, and maternal rights and leave.
- ♦ **ONE UConn** will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 16th in SU 221 at 8:00pm. ONE UConn is a student group on campus that focuses on raising awareness about extreme poverty and preventable disease.



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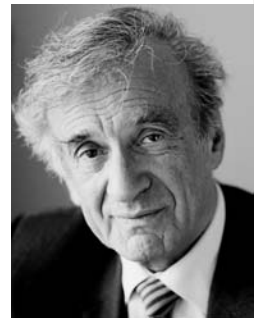
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Lecture by Nobel Laureate Professor Elie Wiesel:** On Tuesday, September 29th, a special lecture will be given by Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University Professor Elie Wiesel, "Building a Moral Society," in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life and the establishment of the Doris and Simon Koverman Chair in Judaic Studies. The lecture will take place from **4:00-5:30pm** in the **von der Mehden Recital Hall**. This event is oversubscribed, but they are working on an overflow location. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to rsvp@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-1038 for additional information.



**Nobel Prize Winner
and Boston University
Professor, Elie
Wiesel**

- ◆ **Community Outreach is now accepting applications for their Fall weekends, Winter & Spring Alternative Break Trips!** Interested in traveling? Want to meet new people and learn about a new city and pressing societal issues? Want to do something meaningful and educational? The UConn Alternative Break Program organizes service-learning experiences designed to heighten participants' awareness of critical social issues, enhance their individual growth, and prepare them for lifelong social action. Each weekend or weeklong trip integrates service, reflection and education. For more information about upcoming trips, please visit: http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_alternative_breaks.html
- ◆ **Free T-Shirts for HR Minors!** Come pick up a free t-shirt and register for our upcoming **Human Rights in the USA conference**, which will take place **October 22nd-24th** at the Storrs and Hartford campuses! To pick up a t-shirt and register, please stop by the HRI during Janna's office hours or email her for more information. For more information about the conference, please visit: <http://humanrightthere.org/>

Announcements

- ◆ **Love146** will have their first meeting tomorrow, Thursday, September 24th at 7:00pm in CUE 134. The purpose of LOVE146 is to raise awareness and resources to support LOVE146's mission of abolishing child sex trafficking and exploitation.
- ◆ **Idealists United** meets on Thursdays in SU 318 from 7:30-8:30pm. Idealists United is a human rights and social justice organization that is dedicated to the promotion of human rights awareness and social change on campus.
- ◆ **Ecohuskies** meets on Tuesdays in SU 303 at 6:00pm. Ecohuskies is a UConn student group that organizes projects and events in coordination with the Office of Environmental Policy and other environmentally-oriented groups on campus and in the local community.
- ◆ **Queers United Against Discrimination (QUAD)** meets on Tuesdays in the Rainbow Center (SU 403) from 8:00-9:00pm. QUAD is a politically conscious queer and allied student organization at UConn. Their mission is to increase the visibility, awareness, and acceptance of diversity, including diversity based on sexual identity and gender expression.



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **"Democracy's Challenge- Reclaiming the Public Role":** On **Tuesday, October 20th**, activist/scholar **Vijay Prashad** will be speaking on the topic of reclaiming the public's role in democracy and the government. Mr. Prashad has written several books including *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*, *The Karma of Brown Folk*, and *Everybody Was Kung Fu Fighting: Afro-Asian Connections and the Myth of Cultural Purity*. There will be small group deliberative dialogs and a large group discussion following the keynote address. This event includes a full dinner and begins at **6pm** in the **SU Ballroom**. **Seating for the dinner and talk are first come, first serve**. To register for this event, please **RSVP** to Rachel.jackson@uconn.edu by **Tuesday, October 6th**.
- ◆ **Foreign Policy Lecture:** The Human Rights Institute, Department of History, and the Humanities Institute would like to invite you to attend the lecture "Global Good Samaritans: Human Rights as Foreign Policy" by Alison Brysk, professor of Political Science and International Studies at the University of California, Irvine. The lecture will be held on **Friday, October 2nd** in the **Wood Hall Basement** at **4:30PM**. For further details, please contact emma.gilligan@uconn.edu.
- ◆ **Metanoia: Preventing Violence Against Women:** On October 4th, 1979, UConn students observed a day of metanoia, or a "change in attitude" on the theme "Violence in the Community", which was prompted by both the brutal sexual assault of a graduate student and incidents of racist violence on campus. Exactly thirty years later, UConn is coming together again to "create opportunities for a 'change in attitude' — not to recreate the 1979 Metanoia, but to build on it." To this aim, UConn will be hosting a series of events during the week of **October 4th-9th, 2009**. For more information and to see a full schedule of events, please visit <http://www.metanoia.uconn.edu/> and click on "View Full Calendar" in the bottom left hand corner.
- ◆ **Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights:** The 4th Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights will be awarded to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) for their work on behalf of press freedom around the world.
 - ◆ The **Dodd Prize Ceremony** will be held on **Monday, October 5th** from **11:00am-12:00pm** at the **Dodd Center Plaza** (rain location Student Union Theater).
 - ◆ Following the prize ceremony, a **panel discussion**, "The Faces in the Struggle for Press Freedom", will be held at **2:00pm** in the **Konover Auditorium**.
 - ◆ Also as part of this event, **special screenings of "A Mighty Heart"** starring Angelina Jolie will be shown at the **SU Theater** at **3:00pm** on both **Thursday, October 1st** and **Sunday, October 3rd**. This film tells the true story of the 2002 kidnapping and murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, as told by his wife, Mariane Pearl. (Mariane Pearl will also be speaking at the Dodd Prize Ceremony.)For more information about these events and the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human rights, please visit <http://doddprize.uconn.edu/2009.htm>
- ◆ **2009 Visiting Gladstein Lecture:** On **October 6, 2009** at **4:00pm** in the **Konover Auditorium**, David Lewis Morrill-Richards, will be speaking on, "If You Want a Higher Score, Then Treat Your Citizens Better": *The Practice & Politics of Rating Government Respect for Human Rights*. Dr. Morrill-Richards is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Memphis and the 2009 Marsha Lilien Gladstein Professor in Human Rights.





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- ◆ **Free pizza, ice cream and human rights information!** If you are a Human Rights Minor, would like to sign up for the Human Rights Minor, or are interested in human rights issues, please consider joining us for a human rights reception on **Tuesday, October 13th at 3:00pm in the Dodd Center Lounge**. Free pizza, ice cream and human rights opportunities on campus will be served! (This event will be followed by a showing of the film *The Least of These*, as part of the Human Rights Film Series, at 4:00pm in the Konover Auditorium.)
- ◆ **Human Rights Film Series: *The Least of These*:** Following the Human Rights Reception, on **Tuesday, October 13**, the Human Rights in the USA Film Series continues with *The Least of These* (2009). The film will be shown from **4:00-6:00pm** in the **Konover Auditorium**. *The Least of These* explores one of the most controversial aspects of American immigration policy: family detention. As part of the Bush administration policy opened a former prison turned immigration facility to house children and their parents from all over the world who are awaiting asylum hearings or deportation proceedings.
- ◆ **2009 Guatemala Symposium!** During the summer of 2009, nine UConn students participated in a study abroad program to Guatemala, where they received an in-depth, crash-course in Social Entrepreneurship. On **Wednesday, October 14th**, from **6:30-8:00pm** in **Business Room 127**, these students hope to give you a taste of what they experienced - the projects they worked on and the impact that the country and its people had on their lives. Come learn how you could be a part of this study abroad program in 2010! For more information contact sarah.steers@business.uconn.edu.
- ◆ **"Conviction and Innocence":** On **Wednesday, October 14th** from **6:30-9:00pm**, a roundtable discussion on the rights of individuals and the criminal justice system will take place on the **Torrington Campus in the M. Adela Eads, Francis W. Hogan Lecture Hall**. Taking part will be Andrew Schneider, Executive Director of ACLU CT; Peter Reilly, who was wrongfully convicted of murdering his mother in 1973; and Donald Connery, journalist and author who followed Reilly's case closely. More information is available at: <http://www.lcwp.uconn.edu/events.htm>





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♦ **HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA CONFERENCE**

(next week!): The Human Rights Institute and the UConn Law School will host the "Human Rights in the USA" Conference from **October 22-24, 2009**. This conference will explore a number of different human rights issues, with panel topics such as: Environmental Justice, Economic Rights, Health Care, Children's Rights, Women's rights, and many more! If you would like to attend the conference, please complete and drop off your Conference Registration Form to the Human Rights Institute. **Free for UConn Students!** For more information about the conference, including the Registration Form and details about panels and speakers, please visit: <http://web2.uconn.edu/hri/conferences/2009.php> or contact us at humanrights@uconn.edu.



- ♦ **Ethics in Government Lawyering: Detainee Interrogation and the "Torture Memos":** A panel discussing the ethical dimensions of the lawyering that contributed to the Bush administration's detainee interrogation policy will be held on **Thursday, October 15th** from **12:00-2:00pm** in the Hosmer Hall - Janet M. Blumberg Hall at the **UConn Law School campus** in Hartford. Lunch and Refreshments Will Be Served.
- ♦ **CRT presents The Exonerated:** This is the last weekend to see Connecticut Repertory Theater's production of The Exonerated! Wrongly convicted, these six people were condemned to death row for years. Their nightmarish stories are told here through interwoven scenes and monologues derived from actual court transcripts, interviews and letters. Although eventually freed by DNA and other evidence, these gripping stories depict the personal devastation that occurs when our justice system misfires. The survival stories of these six brave individuals are extraordinary, and provide a promise of hope and redemption. For more information about tickets and show times, please visit <http://www.crt.uconn.edu>
- ♦ **UNESCO Chair Health and Human Rights Conference:** On **Tuesday, October 20th**, UNESCO will be hosting their Health and Human Rights Conference in the **Student Union Theatre** from **9:00am-3:00pm**. Please visit <http://www.unescochair.uconn.edu> for more information.
- ♦ **Art and Human Rights:** Alfredo Jaar will be giving a presentation about his art and career at the Dodd Research Center in **Konover Auditorium** at **1:00pm** on **Wednesday, October 21st**. Jaar, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Awardee, will be creating a new human rights installation in March at the Contemporary Art Galleries. His UConn piece will relate to human rights issues important to Connecticut and our campus community.
- ♦ **UConn Political Science Student Journal:** Submissions are due on **Nov. 20th** for the first printing of the student journal in the field of **political science** and **international relations**. Please see attached flyer for details about the journal and contact info.



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OCTOBER 21ST, 2009

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Upcoming Events

♦ HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA CONFERENCE

(starts tomorrow!): The Human Rights Institute and the UConn Law School will host the "Human Rights in the USA" Conference from **October 22-24, 2009**. This conference will explore a number of different human rights issues, with panel topics such as: Environmental Justice, Economic Rights, Health Care, Children's Rights, Women's rights, and many more! Not registered yet? No problem! You can register at the conference and it is **free for UConn Students!** For more information about the conference, including details about panels and speakers, please visit: <http://web2.uconn.edu/hri/conferences/2009.php> or contact us at human-rights@uconn.edu.



- ♦ **EcoHusky Green Week:** This week the EcoHusky student group is hosting a series of events, culminating with a **350.org Day of Action** on **Saturday, October 24th**. (For a full schedule of the week's events, please visit <http://ecohusky.uconn.edu/greenweek.html>) The 350.org Day of Action is an international day of action to raise awareness about reducing carbon emissions. The "350" campaign stresses that 350 ppm is the maximum sustainable carbon concentration in the atmosphere -- but the earth is approaching 390 ppm! EcoHuskies invites everyone to participate in this day of action as they march around campus raising awareness of climate issues. Free t-shirts for the first 350 people! The check-in starts at noon and the walk will begin at **1:00pm** on **Fairfield Way**. If your student group would like to be involved, please e-mail ecohusky@gmail.com!

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- ♦ **New Course Offering!** Next semester, Professor Glenn Mitoma will offer a new human rights course, **HIST3998 Special Topics: Human Rights and Personal Biography!** This course uses the historical and literary form of biography to explore the history of human rights in the modern period. The course will be offered on **MWF 11:00-11:50** during the Spring 2010 semester. For more information, please see the attached flyer. (Note: As a new course, this course does NOT count towards the Human Rights Minor. Nevertheless, it promises to be a fascinating course for those interested in learning about human rights through this unique lens.)
- ♦ **Change in office hours:** The HRI will be closed this Thursday and Friday (October 22-23) as we will be attending the Human Rights in the USA conference. Also next week, October 26th-30th, Janna will NOT be available during her usual office hours. If you need to meet with her next week, please email Janna at janna.mahfoud@uconn.edu to set up an appointment.
- ♦ **UConn Political Science Student Journal:** A reminder that submissions for the newly formed UConn Political Science Student Journal are due on **November 20th**. Submissions within the fields of **political science** and **international relations** will be considered. To submit a paper or to request more information, please email Teddy Burger at Edward.burger@uconn.edu.



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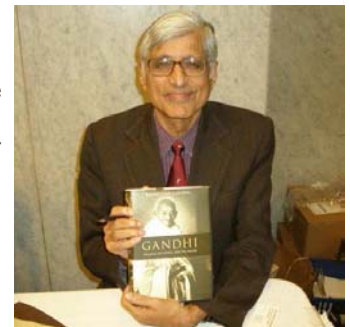
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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Careers for the Common Good Internship Workshop:** Need help finding an internship in human services or the nonprofit sector? Career Services has put together a workshop to help you locate and acquire an internship position! The workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 28th, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Student Union, room 317. Contact janet.stephens@uconn.edu for more information.

- ♦ **Radha Devi Joshi Foundation Lecture:** On Friday, October 30th from 4:00-6:00pm in the Konover Auditorium, a lecture will be given by Rajmohan Gandhi, a grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, President of Initiatives of Change International, and a research professor of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Illinois. He will be presenting on his most recent book, *Gandhi: The Man, His People, and the Empire*. Rajmohan Gandhi has also served as a member of the Upper House of India's Parliament, leader of the Indian delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission, and editor of the Indian Express (Madras).



Professor Rajmohan Gandhi

- ♦ **Coalition for Political Empowerment:** On Monday, November 2nd from 7:00- 8:00pm, the Coalition for Political Empowerment group will meet in the Student Union, room 421. They are a volunteer group dedicated to increasing civic involvement and the group is open to all! For more information, please contact Kathy.fischer@uconn.edu.

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- ♦ **Community Service Opportunity:** HOLDUP! (Husky Outreach for Leadership Development, Understanding and Pride) provides UConn students with the opportunity to work directly with area high school students to enhance their leadership skills and self-awareness. HOLDUP! members gain valuable experience working together to develop and present workshop material and mentor high school students while preparing them for a life of leadership beyond high school. HOLDUP! is currently seeking new members! For more information: contact UConnHOLDUP@gmail.com or go to http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/leadership_holdup.html. Applications are due by November 3rd at 5 pm!
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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Human Rights Film: "Ask Not" (2008) on the Military & LGBT issues:** *The Human Rights in the USA Film Series* continues on **Tuesday, November 10th** from **4:00-5:30pm** in the **Konover Auditorium** (Dodd Center). **"ASK NOT"** is a rare and compelling documentary film that explores the effects of the US military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay and lesbian soldiers and service members. The film exposes the tangled political battles that led to the discriminatory law and examines the societal shifts that have occurred since its passage in 1993. Current and veteran gay soldiers reveal how "don't ask, don't tell" affects them during their tours of duty, as they struggle to maintain a double life, uncertain of whom they can trust. From a national speaking tour of conservative universities to protests at military recruitment offices, activists question how the U.S. military can claim to represent democracy and freedom while denying one segment of the population the right to serve. Please visit <http://asknotfilm.com/> for more information on the film.
- ♦ **Women's Studies Spotlight:** On **Wednesday, November 11th**, Dr. David Richards will be giving a talk titled, ***Stealth Pandemic: Violence Against Women 2007/2008***, from **12:00-1:00pm** in **Asian American Cultural Center**, SU Room 428. Dr. Richards will discuss how, despite much progress by the United Nations' Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as national and local organizations worldwide, violence against women still remains a "stealth pandemic". Dr. David Richards is the Co-Director of the CIRI Human Rights Data Project, Associate Professor of Political Science, and the Graduate Program Coordinator at the University of Memphis. Dr. Richards is also the UConn Gladstein Visiting Professor of Human Rights for Fall 2009.



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- ◆ **Invisible Children Documentary:** On **Thursday, November 12th**, there will be a showing of the documentary, *Invisible Children*, from **7:00-8:30pm** in **SU 304C**. In the spring of 2003, three young filmmakers traveled to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a filmmaking adventure transformed into much more when these boys from Southern California discovered a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them, a tragedy where children are both the weapons and the victims. After returning to the US, they created the documentary "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," a film that exposes the tragic realities of northern Uganda's night commuters and child soldiers. The documentary is about an hour long and it will be followed by a brief discussion with Invisible Children reps to talk about what's currently happening and how individuals can help. For more information, please visit: <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/home.php>



- ◆ **"From Ideas to Action" Lunchtime Talk:** You are invited to join faculty, staff, and students for a lively lunch-time event on **Friday, November 13th, 12:00-1:30pm** at the **UConn School of Social Work, Rm 203**. This lunchtime talk will feature social worker Amany Michael Ebye, currently the Middle East Regional Director of the International Rescue Committee. Mr. Ebye's talk is entitled "Community-Based Approaches to Forced Displacement: Iraqi Refugees in Jordan and Syria." In his talk, Mr. Ebye will focus on the challenges of working with urban refugees, many of whom are undocumented and pose unique challenges for outreach and service provision. For those who wish to see a short clip with an interview with Mr. Ebye on the Rwandan genocide, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F60WWaDpRGo>. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP Kathryn Libal at kathryn.libal@uconn.edu if you are planning to attend. This event is sponsored by the Center for International Social Work Studies and Human Rights Institute's From Ideas to Action program.
- ◆ **"The Greatest Silence" Event with Director Lisa Jackson:** On **Monday, November 16th**, from **4:00 - 6:30pm** there will be a showing of *The Greatest Silence* in the **Student Union Theatre**. "Hundreds of thousands of women have been systematically raped in the Congolese 'war on women'." Lisa F Jackson's essential documentary gives them a voice." – Natalie Hanman, The Guardian. More information available at: <http://thegreatestsilence.org/about>.

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- ◆ **Live, Learn, Intern in Hartford!:** The Urban Semester program offers students a tremendous opportunity for service learning and public service in Hartford. While living in an apartment in Hartford, student interns learn and work in the heart of the city's human services, government agencies, community and non-profit organizations and take two weekly classes on urban issues. You can visit the Study Abroad Office in CUE Room 303 to learn how to apply or you may contact the Program Director, Louise Simmons, at the School of Social Work on the Hartford Regional Campus. Email: louise.simmons@uconn.edu or phone number 860-570-9181.



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DECEMBER 4TH, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **GLOBAL EVENT : SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN STUDENTS:** On **Monday, December 7th** from **12:00-1:30pm** on **Fairfield Way, in front of Babbidge Library**, UConn students will join other university students worldwide to show our solidarity and support for Iranian student's non-violent "GREEN" movement, their struggle for achieving basic constitutional rights, and their brave resistance against violence. During the aftermath of the June Election, tens of Iranian students were killed by the governmental forces, either in the streets or in prisons, and many are still imprisoned for supporting the cause of the "Green Movement" of Iran. Meanwhile, officials have denied the right of many students to continue their studies in the universities, on the basis of their involvement with the protests that have been going on. On December 7th (16 Azar), National Student Day in Iran, please rally with us, wearing something green. For more information, please visit: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?id=180023727797&ref=mf>



- ♦ **"Be the Change: Community Organizing Wants You!":** This forum on **Wednesday, December 9th, 2:00-3:30 pm** in the **Student Union Building, Room 304B** will discuss community organizing as a profession and practice to achieve social justice goals. Dr. Robert Fisher, Dr. Scott Harding, and graduate students from the community organization concentration at the UConn School of Social Work will give brief, interactive talks about what drew them to community organizing and ways in which undergraduate students and recent graduates can develop careers that are based on community organizing. The event is co-sponsored by the UConn School of Social Work and Office of Community Outreach. Contact Kathryn Libal at kathryn.libal@uconn.edu for more information.
- ♦ **LGBT Lecture:** On **Wednesday, December 9th** from **12:00-1:30pm** in the **Rainbow Center (SU 403)**, the Rainbow Center's Out to Lunch Lecture Series continues with a presentation by Valerie Love. **"Invisible Under the Law, but Criminalized by Culture: Advocating for LGBT rights in Post-conflict Societies"** will probe the issues faced by LGBT Africans. In many conflict and post-conflict societies, the issues and difficulties facing LGBT people are often ignored amidst so many other societal problems. LGBT people in Africa are currently working to fight discrimination and invisibility, but face many challenges in the process. During the presentation, Love will discuss her experiences in Africa working with members of the LGBT community there, as well as the efforts and obstacles for Africans working to build positive change in their communities. Valerie Love is Curator for Human Rights and Alternative Press Collections at the Dodd Research Center, and Library Liaison to the Human Rights programs on campus. *Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunches.* More information available at: <http://www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu>

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- ♦ **Volunteer Opportunities:** United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut has online volunteer opportunities available 24/7 at Volunteer Solutions. New volunteer opportunities are posted daily by nonprofit agencies throughout our 40-town area in central and northeastern Connecticut. From tutoring children to serving meals to the homeless, there is a volunteer opportunity that is made for you! More than 250 agencies have posted volunteer opportunities, and over 21,000 volunteers have already responded to the call. Check it out! Volunteer Solutions is available on United Way's web site at www.unitedwayinc.org.

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