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HR News & Events

JANUARY 24TH, 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Welcome Back!

- ♦ The Human Rights Institute is happy to welcome its newest Graduate Assistant, **Cathy Buerger**. Make sure to say hi to Cathy if you stop by!
- ♦ **Internship Information Session.** The Department of Children and Families Internship Information Session Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, January 25th** from 5:30-6:30 pm in the SU Room 322. Please consider attending if you are interested in completing the internship component of the Human Rights minor. For more information, please visit <http://www.career.uconn.edu>.
- ♦ **Invisible Children Challenge.** The Invisible Children Movement is an international movement that aims to create awareness about child soldiers in Uganda. The Invisible Children Challenge at UConn encourages students to form teams, which will compete to see who can raise the most awareness and funds for Invisible Children. Teams will get points for their awareness and fundraising campaigns as well as for involvement in other Invisible Children initiatives.

February 1st: Event Kick-off, teams can now start earning points

April 1st: Benefits Concerts and Announcement of the Winners of the Invisible Children Challenge



For more information and to register your team, go to <http://invisiblechildrenchallenge.blogspot.com>, call (860)486-3801 or e-mail invisiblechildrenchallenge@gmail.com.

Announcements

- ♦ **Internship Opportunity.** The American Civil Liberties Union of CT is offering an internship position for an undergraduate for the Spring 2011 semester. Please see the attachment for more information on how to apply.
- ♦ **Enrolling in HRTS 3245?** If you plan to complete a human rights internship this semester and would like to receive HR minor credit for it, please set up an appointment with Archana Krishnan ASAP! All students interested in receiving internship credit must be enrolled in HRTS 3245 by **Monday, January 31st**.
- ♦ **Bard Human Rights Study Abroad Opportunity: DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1st.** The International Human Rights Exchange (IHRE), gives students the chance to study abroad in South Africa though the world's only full-semester, multidisciplinary program in human rights. By participating in this program, you not only have the opportunity to fulfill most of the HR minor course requirements, but also complete an internship that can count towards HR internship credits. For more information, please visit <http://www.humanrights.uconn.edu>.
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JANUARY 31ST, 2011

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- ♦ **Students United for Reproductive Justice Weekly Meeting** will meet on **Thursday**, February 3rd in the Women's Center Program Room from 6:00-7:00 pm. This is a student group dedicated to ensuring reproductive justice for all, while focusing on issues of safer sex, affordable birth control and childcare, safe abortion, choices in childbirth, and gender identity and expression. For more information, please visit the organization's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/>.
- ♦ The **Rainbow Center Coffee House** continues this semester on Fridays! Every Friday evening from **5:00-9:00 pm**, there will be free coffee, tea, cocoa and treats at the Rainbow Center (SU 403). This will be a good place for conversations, board games, poetry, music, relaxation, and to meet new people or visit with old friends. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, please visit www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu.
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FEBRUARY 7TH, 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Upcoming Events

- ♦ A Careers for the Common Good resume writing workshop will be held on **Tuesday, February 8th, 2011** from 12:00-1:00 PM in SU 324. For more information about the workshop and the Career for the Common Good, please visit <http://www.career.uconn.edu>.
- ♦ **The 2010-2011 Human Rights in the Americas Film Series** continues this **Wednesday, February 9th** at **4:00 pm** with the film *Sipakapa is Not for Sale* (2005) in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. Montana Exploradora, subsidiary of the Canadian/US transnational company Glamis Gold, received 45 million US dollars in financing from the World Bank to exploit an open-pit gold mine in Sipakapa, Guatemala. In accordance with ILO Convention 169, a Community Consultation was held in this Maya region to establish whether the population would accept or reject mining exploitation in its territory. The result was a resounding "NO" to mining. *Sipakapa is Not for Sale* analyses the debate on mining exploitation and demonstrates the dignity of the Sipakapan People as they fight to defend their autonomy in the face of encroaching neoliberal megaprojects. For more information, please visit http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/hr_film_series_2010_2011.htm.
- ♦ **Day of Remembrance Film.** The Day of Remembrance is an annual examination of the legacy of Executive Order 9066 that led to the violation of the constitutional and human rights of Japanese people in the Americas during World War Two. The 2011 Day of Remembrance will feature a public screening of the independent film *Aoki* (2009) on **Thursday, February 10th** from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Student Union Theatre. The film chronicles the fight for access to education that paved the way for establishing ethnic studies on college campuses, the lessons of solidarity and commitment to social justice, and a crucial link between redressing historical injustice and the reparations movement. A discussion will follow by AASI's Cathy Schlund-Vials. For more information, please visit <http://asianamerican.uconn.edu>.
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FEBRUARY 14TH, 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Upcoming Events

- ◆ C. David Thomas, a Vietnam War veteran turned artist, and winner of the Vietnam Art Medal, Vietnam's highest art award, will give a talk on **Tuesday, February 15th** from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Dodd Konover Auditorium about his experiences serving in the Vietnam War, and the art that he has been creating since. The talk is in conjunction with the exhibit: "Aftermath: The Impact of the War in Viet Nam," which will be on display at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Gallery from January 3 - March 11, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/index.htm>.
- ◆ The **Careers for the Common Good Fair** scheduled to take place on **Thursday, February 24th** is for students looking for jobs, internships, or volunteer work with organizations that strive to make a positive impact on society. Please consider attending if you are a Human Rights Minor looking to fulfill your internship requirement. To help prepare for the event, students are encouraged to attend the following orientation sessions to receive tips and suggestions about how to make the most of the fair.

Monday, February 14th

12:00-1:00 pm

Student Union, Room 304A

Tuesday, February 15th

5:30-6:30 pm

Center for Undergraduate Education, Room 134

For more information about this event, please visit www.commongoodcareers.uconn.edu.

- ◆ **Roundtable Discussion.** On **Thursday, February 17th**, a roundtable discussion will be held on *Protests in the Arab World: Egypt, Tunisia, and Beyond* from 3:30-5:00 pm in SU 304B. This event is being co-sponsored by Global Citizenship Curriculum Committee, Middle East Studies, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Office. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact Katharina von Hammerstein at von.Hammerstein@uconn.edu.



- ◆ UConn VDay proudly presents Eve Ensler's *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, A Prayer* on **Saturday February 19th** in the Student Union Theatre from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For further information regarding this event, please contact Gibson Starzynski at Gibson.Starzynski@uconn.edu.
- ◆ UConn is proud to host "**Elect Her: Campus Women Win**", a unique campus-based program that teaches women how to run for campus-based elective office. This experience aims to prepare young women for future political service and other leadership positions in their communities and in their professional lives. This training at UConn will bring together a diverse pool of female students and leading elected officials for a day of education and inspiration. The "Elect Her: Campus Women Win" Training is scheduled for 10:30a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on **February 26th** in the Student Union Ballroom. There is a limited amount of spaces available on a first come, first served basis. Students interested in participating can register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UConnElectHer2011>. The deadline for registration is February 18.



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HR News & Events

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Rainbow Center Lecture Series.** The Rainbow Center's Out to Lunch Lecture Series continues this semester with a presentation by Genny Beemyn, entitled, "Transgender History: Absent, Appropriated, or Obscured?" on **Wednesday, February 23rd** from 12:00-1:30 pm at the Student Union (SU 403). To what extent can transsexual and transgender people be said to have a history before the development of these identities? Can historical figures who crossdressed, such as Joan of Arc and Radclyffe Hall, be claimed as trans predecessors? How has what it means to be gender nonconforming or gender different changed over time and developed differently in different cultures? This presentation will seek to address these questions through an examination of the experiences of individuals who lived as a gender different than the gender assigned to them at birth in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. For more information, please visit <http://www.rainbowcenter.uconn.edu/Programs/otl.html>.
- ♦ **Shujaa Graham: From Death Row to Freedom.** On **Wednesday, February 23rd**, Shujaa Graham will lecture on the death penalty at the Student Union Ballroom (Room 331) from 7:00-9:00 pm. Shujaa Graham was sent to death row for a crime he did not commit. After four trials he was found innocent. He now travels around the country and lectures on "the death penalty, the criminal justice system, racism, incarceration and innocence in America." A Q&A session will follow the lecture. For more information, please visit http://www.witnesstoinnocence.org/view_stories.php?Shujaa-Graham-27.
- ♦ **The Careers for the Common Good Fair** will take place this **Thursday, February 24th** from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Student Union Ballroom. This career fair is for students looking for jobs, internships, or volunteer work with organizations that strive to make a positive impact on society. Please consider attending if you are a Human Rights Minor looking to fulfill your internship requirement. For a list of organizations scheduled to attend, please visit http://www.career.uconn.edu/career_fairs_common_good.php.
- ♦ **Foreign Policy Seminar.** On **Friday, February 25th**, Sheyda Jahanbani of the University of Kansas and Harvard University's Warren Center will speak on "The Poverty of the World: Rediscovering the Poor at Home and Abroad" as part of UConn's Foreign Policy Seminar. The lecture will take place in Wood Hall, Basement Lounge from 4:30-6:00 pm. For more information regarding this event, please contact Frank Costigliola at frank.costigliola@uconn.edu.



Announcements

- ♦ **Community Outreach Information Session.** Want to learn more about becoming a Community Outreach student leader? An information session will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd from 5:00-6:00 pm at the SU Asian American CC, Conference Room. Applications for student leader positions are available online starting Monday, February 21st and are due Friday, March 18th. For more information, please visit www.communityoutreach.uconn.edu.



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FEBRUARY 28TH, 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Information Session.** The Office of Community Outreach will be holding an information session for undergraduate students wishing to learn more about student leadership positions on **Monday, February 28th** from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Asian American Cultural Center. Current leaders and staff will be present to answer questions and discuss the application process. For more information, please visit www.communityoutreach.uconn.edu or email CO.Selection@uconn.edu.

- ◆ **Idealists United** will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, March 1st** from 6:30-8:00 pm in Arjona 136. Idealists United is a human rights/social justice organization that promotes awareness, builds community, and educates locally and globally by organizing talks, events and concerts. Idealists United is known on campus for bringing together a diverse group of people to advocate for positive social change. Topics for this semester include Food Justice, Environmental Reform, Homelessness and much more. For more information, please visit <http://www.idealistsunited.net>.



- ◆ On **Wednesday, March 2nd**, UConn will celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps** at the Dodd Research Center from 4:00-6:00 pm. Former US Senator Christopher S. Dodd, Interim University President Philip E. Austin, and Deputy Director of the U.S. Peace Corps, Carrie Hessler-Radelet, will be among the speakers scheduled to address the gathering. The program is open to the general public and will feature an exhibit of posters documenting the Peace Corps 50th anniversary by students in UConn's School of Fine Arts and Department of Art and Art History. A reception will follow this event.
- ◆ **Human Rights Lecture.** Jack Snyder of Columbia University will present his lecture "Pragmatic Approaches to Promoting Human Rights" on **Thursday, March 3rd** from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Class of '47 Room at the Babbidge Library. For more information, please contact Rachel Jackson at Rachel.jackson@uconn.edu.

Announcements

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- ◆ **Community Outreach Student Leader Applications.** Applications are available for 40 leadership positions available through the Office of Community Outreach. If you are a Human Rights minor and are looking to fulfill your internship requirement, please consider applying at http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_stu_selection.html.



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MARCH 14TH, 2011

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ On the occasion of International Women's Day, the International Center is hosting **World Café: Focus on Women's Issues** on **Monday (today!), March 14th** at 5:30 pm in SU 307. If you are interested in international women's issues, World Café is the event for you. For more information, please visit <http://www.disp.uconn.edu>.
- ◆ **Women's Studies Speaker Spotlight.** On **Tuesday, March 15th**, at 11:30 am in Babbidge Library's Class of 1947 room, Dr. Grace Kyungwon Hong will present her talk "Citizenship and Bio-power" as part of the UConn Women's Studies Program Spring 2011 Globalization and Its Discontents Series. In Dr. Hong's talk, she asks what happens to the state under globalization. Using Foucauldian theories of biopower, Dr. Hong's presentation argues for a contextualization within a history of gendered racial capital. She situates the decolonization / liberation movements in Asia and Africa and the new social movements in the U.S. as turning points. For more information, please visit <http://www.womens.studies.uconn.edu>.
- ◆ **Book Discussion.** Dr. Richard Wilson, Director of the UConn Human Rights Institute will discuss his new book *Writing History in International Criminal Trials* on **Tuesday, March 15th** at 4:00 pm at the UConn Co-op. The book is a result of Dr. Wilson's empirical research with judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and expert witnesses in three international criminal tribunals to understand how law and history are combined in the courtroom.
- ◆ The **2010-2011 Human Rights in the Americas Film Series** continues this **Wednesday, March 16th** at 4:00 pm with the film *Machuca* (2004) in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. *Machuca* is a 2004 Chilean narrative film written and directed by Andrés Wood. Set in 1973 Santiago during Salvador Allende's socialist government and shortly before General Augusto Pinochet's military coup in 1973, the film tells the story of two friends, one of them the very poor Pedro Machuca who is integrated into the elite school of his friend Gonzalo Infante. For more information, please visit http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/hr_film_series_2010_2011.htm.



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- ♦ **Women and International Policy Seminar.** The Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) presents the Women and International Policy Seminar from **May 23-27 in Washington D.C.** This is an opportunity to explore foreign policy issues with women decision makers in world affairs and learn about public policy career opportunities in international relations. These women are members of Congress, major judicial figures, presidential advisors, senior government leaders, veteran non-profit advocates and corporate lobbyists. The last date for registering is April 29th. For more information and to register, please visit <http://plen.org/programs/seminars/international/>.
- ♦ **Performance Lecture.** Prof. James Thompson presents a performance lecture "An Incident of Cutting and Chopping" on the Bindunuwewa child soldier massacre in Sri Lanka on **Monday, March 28th** from 4:00-8:00 pm in the Nafe Katter Theatre. The lecture asks questions about the relationship between theatre practitioners and the contexts in which they work, and where responsibilities lie when things go wrong. "An Incident of Cutting and Chopping" is linked to a commemorative project about the massacre that has been developed in Sri Lanka in the years since the event and draws on material in the opening chapter of Prof. Thompson's new book, "Performance Affects". For more information regarding this event, please contact Gary English at gary.english@uconn.edu.



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MARCH 28TH, 2011

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Performance Lecture.** Prof. James Thompson presents a performance lecture "An Incident of Cutting and Chopping" on the Bindunuwewa child soldier massacre in Sri Lanka **on Monday, March 28th** from 4:00-8:00 pm in the Nafe Katter Theatre. The lecture asks questions about the relationship between theatre practitioners and the contexts in which they work, and where responsibilities lie when things go wrong. "An Incident of Cutting and Chopping" is linked to a commemorative project about the massacre that has been developed in Sri Lanka in the years since the event and draws on material in the opening chapter of Prof. Thompson's new book, "Performance Affects". For more information regarding this event, please contact Gary English at gary.english@uconn.edu.
- ◆ The UConn Torrington LCWP spring 2011 series begins on **Monday, March 28th** at 6:30 pm in the M. Adela Eads, Francis W. Hogan Lecture Hall (Torrington campus) with a special reading with a selection chosen by PEN American Center's "Freedom to Write" Director, Larry Siems. PEN American Center is the U.S. branch of the world's oldest international literary and human rights organization. PEN's **Freedom to Write Program**, directed by Larry Siems, coordinates PEN's global advocacy efforts to defend writers who are imprisoned, endangered, or persecuted for their work. The program mobilizes PEN Members and supporters to confront local, national, and regional threats to freedom of expression. For more information, please visit <http://www.lcwp.uconn.edu>.
- ◆ **Innocence Project.** On **Thursday, March 31st**, at 7:00 pm in CUE 122, Karen A. Goodrow Director of the CT Innocence Project will speak on the exoneration of incarcerated individuals who have been convicted of crimes for which they are innocent. She will be joined by Fernando Bermudez, Thomas Daniels, and Kenneth Ireland who will provide testimonials on their real-life experiences of being exonerated. For further information, please contact 860-486-3997 or prladm02@uconn.edu.



Announcements

- ◆ The Human Rights Institute is pleased to announce that beginning Fall 2011, Dr. David Richards and Dr. Kathryn Libal will take over from Dr. Shareen Hertel and Dr. Lanse Minkler as the Co-Directors of the **Economic and Social Rights Group** of the Human Rights Institute. Congratulations!
- ◆ **HRI Undergraduate Funding Opportunity: DEADLINE MARCH 30th.** Funding is available through the Human Rights Institute for students pursuing a Minor in Human Rights through three separate internship awards - (1) Victor Schachter '64 Rule of Law Award, (2) UConn Human Rights Internship Award, and (3) Human Rights Internship Travel Grants. The deadline for applying is **Wednesday, March 30th**. For more information, please visit <http://www.humanrights.uconn.edu/awards/undergraduatefunding.php>.
- ◆ Archana Krishnan will not be holding office hours this **Wednesday, March 30th**. If you wish to meet Archana, please email her at archana.krishnan@uconn.edu to set up an appointment.



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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **The Global Citizenship Curriculum Committee** will be holding a student panel on **Tuesday, April 5th** from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the ITE Building Room 336. Please see the attached flyer for more details.
- ♦ **"No Witness"** is an interactive play which is designed to challenge viewers perceptions on date and acquaintance rape. Actors will portray the trial of a defendant accused of rape, and after hearing all the testimony, 12 audience members will be chosen to be jurors and will decide the fate of the accused. The play will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th** at 6:00pm in the Student Union Theater. For further information regarding this event, please contact Theresa Govert at theresa.govert@uconn.edu
- ♦ The **UConn Humanities Institute 10th Anniversary Conference** titled "Understanding the Past, Transforming the Future" will take place on **April 7th -8th** whole day at the Storrs campus. Events include a dramatic play reading, scholarly panel discussions, and events that invite student participation. The conference proceedings will culminate with a special keynote speech by Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Toni Morrison on *The Importance of the Humanities in the 21st Century*. For more information, please visit <http://www.humanities.uconn.edu>.
- ♦ **Women and International Policy Seminar.** The Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) presents the Women and International Policy Seminar from **May 23-27 in Washington D.C.** This is an opportunity to explore foreign policy issues with women decision makers in world affairs and learn about public policy career opportunities in international relations. These women are members of Congress, major judicial figures, presidential advisors, senior government leaders, veteran non-profit advocates and corporate lobbyists. The last date for registering is May 6th. For more information and to register, please visit <http://plen.org/programs/seminars/international/>. PLEN will also be offering a need-based scholarship to cover the program costs and registration fee of this program. Learn more and find out how to apply at <http://plen.org/programs/seminars/international/register/scholarship/>



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **2010-2011 Human Rights in the Americas Film Series** concludes this year with the film *Fresa y Chocolate* (Strawberry and Chocolate) on **Wednesday, April 13th** at 4:00 pm in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. *Fresa y Chocolate* opened in Cuba in the year 1993 and within the space of a few months became one of the biggest box-office successes for Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, one of Latin America's celebrated and Cuba's most revered filmmakers. The story is set in 1979, a year before the upheaval of the Mariel boatlift. The film centers around Diego, a flamboyant, gay man who spots the beautiful young David at an ice cream shop and sets out to woo him. For more information, please visit http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/hr_film_series_2010_2011.htm.



Fresa y Chocolate (1993)

- ◆ Please join a roundtable discussion about Afghanistan and humanitarianism on **Thursday, April 14th** at 4:00 pm in the Dodd Konover Auditorium. Participants will include Tatsushi Arai, a "de-Talibanization" negotiator and professor at SIT Graduate School in Vermont, Vanessa Gezari, an independent journalist whose new book "Human Terrain" examines the question of embedding journalists and social scientists with the military, Edward Giradet, journalist and producer, Director of the Institute for Media and Governance, and Charles Norchi, international lawyer and professor at University of Maine. A reception will follow the discussion.
- ◆ Please join us for our first lecture in the **Graduate Seminar Series in Human Rights** on **Friday, April 15th** at 2:00pm in the Class of 1947 Meeting Room in Homer Babbidge Library. Evelyne Schmid will be presenting her research titled "Can Violations of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights be International Crimes?" For more information about this event,, please contact Archana Krishnan at archana.krishnan@uconn.edu.
- ◆ **Save the Date!** As part of the Sackler Lecture in Human Rights, **Dr. Diane Orentlicher** will present her lecture on "International Justice, Transitional Justice: What Have We Learned About What Works?" on **Thursday, April 21st** from 4:00:00 pm in the Dodd Konover Auditorium.

Announcements

- ◆ **Career Opportunity.** Amnesty International is recruiting for the Country Specialist Program, one of the most important sections of the organization. The Country Specialist will monitor the human rights situation, campaign for a positive change, and help coordinate action strategies to stop and prevent human rights abuses in their assigned countries. Please see the attached flyer for more information about this position.



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Idealists United cordially invites you to participate in **“Be Hope to Her” (BH2O)**, brought to you by Nuru International. BH2O is an event where women and men on college campuses get together to carry buckets of water on their heads to raise money for and awareness of women and girls in the developing world who have to walk miles everyday to access clean water. Join the BH2O walk on **Wednesday, April 20th** from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Fairfield Way and help raise money for BH2O sponsor Nuru International to drill wells in Kenya. For more information about this event and to register, please visit www.idealistsunited.net/#lbh2o.



- ◆ Professor Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago, will present a talk titled “History and Memory in the Korean War: Apocalypse, Absence, Amnesia” on **Thursday, April 21st** from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Benton Museum. A reception will follow the talk. For more information about this event, please contact Rachel Jackson at rachel.jackson@uconn.edu.
- ◆ **Sackler Lecture in Human Rights.** As part of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture in Human Rights Series, Dr. Diane Orentlicher will present her lecture on “International Justice, Transitional Justice: What Have We Learned About What “Works?” on **Thursday, April 21st** from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Dodd Konover Auditorium. Diane F. Orentlicher is currently serving as Deputy, Office of War Crimes Issues, in the Department of State. Described by the Washington Diplomat as “one of the world’s leading authorities on human rights law and war crimes tribunals,” Ms. Orentlicher has previously served in various public positions, including as United Nations Independent Expert on Combating Impunity and as Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. For more information, please visit <http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/sackler/index.htm>.
- ◆ **India Studies Film and Discussion.** On **Thursday, April 21st**, from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Class of 1947 Room at the Homer Babbidge Library, filmmaker Ranjan Kamath will present his feature film dealing with three decades of the Naxalite (extreme-left) movement in the state of Bihar in eastern India. The film portrays the change over 30 years in social and political status of the Scheduled Castes. It is an exploration of caste dynamics in Bihar and raises the question as to whether any benefit has accrued to the Scheduled Castes, or are they mere pawns on the political chessboard? For more information about this event, please visit <http://www.oia.uconn.edu>.

Announcements

- ◆ **May Intersession HRTS Course.** If you are interested in pursuing a Human Rights Minor, please consider taking HRTS 1007 – Introduction to Human Rights during May Intersession (May 9-27). The class will meet Mon-Fri from 1:00-4:00 pm at Information Technology Center, 104, Greater Hartford Campus. Please note that while this course is recommended for Human Rights Minors, it does not count towards the Minor. For more information, please contact Kathryn Libal at kathryn.libal@uconn.edu or at 860-570-9078.



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Health and Human Rights Conference.** On **Thursday, April 28th** the UConn School of Social Work will host a conference on "Health and Human Rights in Connecticut: Building and Equitable Health Care System" from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in Zachs Community Room, 1798 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford CT. The conference will be an all day event and include a diverse array of speakers presenting on issues related to understanding access to health care as a human right. Topics include understanding the human rights framework for health equity, challenges and current health disparities in Connecticut, Sustinet, case studies from the field, and building local support. For more information, please visit <http://www.ssw.uconn.edu>.
- ◆ On **Friday, May 13th**, the **19th Annual UConn Women's Advance Conference** will take place in the Student Union Ballroom from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The goal of this year's conference is to build a community of women supporting women by expanding the scope of this important conversation about respectful and responsible behavior in the UConn community and beyond. Participants will have opportunities to learn about the causes of, and damaging effects of negative workplace behaviors and actions; enhance our awareness of how women's voices can improve the quality of the community and their lives; and plan for and build a respectful, safe and accountable culture at work. Faith Middleton, host and executive producer of "The Faith Middleton Show" on National Public Radio, will moderate the keynote panel. For more information and **conference registration**, please visit http://womenscenter.uconn.edu/advance_reg/.



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MAY 2ND, 2011

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Announcements

- ◆ **Thank you for a wonderful semester and for hosting, participating, and attending the numerous human rights events throughout the semester. Good luck on final exams and we hope that you have a fantastic summer!**

- ◆ **Graduating with a Minor in Human Rights?** Congratulations to all those graduating with a minor in Human Rights and best wishes in your future endeavors! The Human Rights Institute would like to invite all new Human Rights Minor alumni to join the **UConn Human Rights Alumni** Facebook group and share with us your post-graduation ideas, experiences, and work to champion human rights in your local communities and around the globe!



- ◆ **May Intersession Courses.** If you are interested in pursuing a Human Rights Minor, please consider taking the following courses during May Intersession:

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ECON 3473 – Economic Development

May 9-27; Mon-Fri from 6:00-9:00 pm

Please note that this course fulfills requirements for the Human Rights Minor. Also, the pre-requisite for this course ECON 2201 will be waived for the May term. For more information, please contact Dr. Susan Randolph at susan.randolph@uconn.edu.

- ◆ **Attention HR Minors.** If you are looking to take HRTS courses in the fall 2011 semester to fulfill your HR minor, there are still reserved seats (for HR minors) available for the following courses:

HRTS 3028: Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia (F. Dussart)

HRTS 3263 – Women and Violence (M. Gill)

HRTS 3298: Variable Topics (D. Richards)

HRTS 3421: Class, Power and Inequality (M. Fischer)

HRTS 3429 – Social Perspectives on Poverty (R. Ray)

HRTS 3505: White Racism (N. Cazenave)

HRTS 3571 – Social Perspectives on Asian-American Women (T. Tiamzon)

HRTS 3807 – Constitutional Rights and Liberties (K. Bergendahl)

HRTS 3831: Human Rights in the United States (B. Purkayastha)

- ◆ Please note that during the summer, if you have any questions or comments about the Human Rights Minor, or any issues about classes; you can contact us at HumanRights@uconn.edu.