**HUMAN RIGHTS SENIOR THESIS DECLARATION FORM**

Completing a senior thesis gives students firsthand experience developing and executing innovative research projects with the oversight of a research mentor. Writing a senior thesis will deepen students’ knowledge and understanding of contemporary challenges to the protection and realization of human rights, and of the unique challenges in conducting human rights research. This experience will help students develop strong professional relationships with faculty members learn how to execute a multi-phase research project, and is a great way to prepare for graduate level coursework and training.

**Expectations**

Students are expected to produce a research paper of publishable quality. The research project should center on a human rights issue, and explicitly adopt a human rights framework. The project should be supervised by a faculty member that has experience doing human rights research.

The thesis project will necessarily reflect the dominant norms and research style of the discipline you have trained in. Accordingly, the Human Rights Institute believes that your research supervisor should determine the expectations for your project. The student and supervisor should set expectations for the length of the thesis, the mode of analysis, the timeline for completion, and the assessment of the students’ progress in advance.

Lastly, HRTS 4996W the W course requirement for the major. Thesis supervisors should observe university standards for W courses when structuring and assessing students’ written work.

**Instructions**

Complete and submit this form to Elizabeth Holzer at [elizabeth.holzer@uconn.edu](mailto:elizabeth.holzer@uconn.edu) by the end of the Spring semester before senior year.

Student Name:

Student Major(s):

Faculty Advisor:

Research Question:

Please attach:

Annotated Bibliography

Statement of Problem

Faculty Supervisor Signature:

Student Signature: