Welcome back to Stanford!

Our quarterly newsletter has taken on this new two-page format which we hope you will enjoy. This issue gives you a brief look at the year ahead as well as describing key aspects of our inaugural 2009-2010 events and activities.

Leadership of the Program on Human Rights

First, I am pleased to announce that I will be serving as a full time Senior Fellow at FSI. The appointment allows me to devote more time and attention to furthering the Program’s agenda and I could not be more delighted to expand the opportunity to further PHR as part of the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at FSI.

Activities in 2010-11

We have some wonderful things planned for the 2010-11 academic year. We will be continuing our partnership with the Center for African studies in a 3-quarter workshop series; we are hosting a wonderfully expanded speaker series in the Winter quarter which will be a cross-listed as a 1-unit undergrad/grad course; and we are branching out into several new initiatives around the humanities and human rights, corporate social responsibility, and human rights pedagogy. You can find more details below and also on the web at the blue hyperlinks:

- **Second and Third Generation Rights in Africa.** This is a continuation of PHR’s partnership with the Center on African Studies. An interdisciplinary faculty and graduate student workshop will extend the examination of human rights discourse and institutions in Africa to analyze second and third generation rights such as women and children’s rights.

  - **Sanela Diana Jenkins International Human Rights Speakers Series** will comprise 10 high profile international and domestic human rights scholars, judges and activists who have made significant contributions to international justice, women and children’s rights, environmental rights and indigenous rights.

  - **Human Well-Being and Human Rights.** Funded by the Humanities Center, the program will discuss ideas of human well-being that underlie definitions of, and responses to, human rights.

- **Corporate Social Responsibility Conferences.** We will be collaborating with University of
Vienna’s Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights on a Corporate Social Responsibility research project, which will culminate in two conferences this year, one at Stanford and one in Vienna. Details will be posted closer to the time.

- **Teaching Human Rights.** Funded by the Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning, it will be the first graduate student TA/teaching preparation activity at Stanford devoted specifically to teaching human rights.

**Activities in 2009-10**

Last year’s inaugural activities were a rich mixture of talks, workshops, student activities and much planning for the Program’s coming years. Highlights from our speaker series include: the “Human Rights at Stanford” launch event; a presentation on the “Prospects for a Regional Human Rights Court in Southeast Asia”; a discussion about Stanford student involvement in international law and human rights; and hearing former South African Justice Albie Sach’s describe how he mixes humor and human rights. We also began an ongoing collaboration with the Center for Africa Studies with Legalizing Human Rights in Africa, a joint faculty/graduate student workshop. Finally, PHR co-sponsored History, Memory and Reconciliation, an event series which examined scholarly and institutional efforts to create new national narratives that walk the fine line between before and after, memory and truth, compensation and reconciliation, justice and peace.

This summer, 3 human rights fellows went as emissaries of the Program and the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society to Cairo, Hong Kong and Washington D.C. This first crop of fellows were rising sophomores, juniors and seniors whose projects contributed to human rights organizations, government agencies, NGOs, or international organizations. They will be describing their experience at an event in the Fall.

Here on Stanford’s campus we held two events to promote awareness of human rights opportunities at CDDRL, Stanford and beyond, one with undergraduates at a human rights summit; and another with professional students at a Law School symposium.

**Thankyou’s**

Many people and departments have contributed to the success of PHR’s first year: Larry Diamond, the CDDRL director, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, CDDRL deputy director, gave unstintingly of themselves; the Center on African Studies through their partnership in putting together Legalizing Human Rights in Africa, assisted by JSD and now Assistant Professor at Golden Gate Law school, Benedetta Faedi; and Departments of English, French and the Forum on Contemporary Europe for a very successful History, Memory and Reconciliation series. And as always, it’s those who do the day-to-day work that have been at the heart of our work: Michael Lopez, the Simpson Thacher & Bartlett Public Service Fellow, has been at the center of all our activities, assisted by interns Yoon-Sun Kim, Aparna Surendra, Anna Hershlag, Cami Pease, and Alex Wittenberg. Thank you all!

2010-11 is going to be a wonderful year! I look forward to seeing you at this year’s symposia and events.

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