In January, Barbara Lau's new class on LGBTQ History & Activism: Duke, Durham and Beyond visited the exhibit Pauli Murray: Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest at the Levine Museum of the New South.

Human Rights in a Digital Age

Leo Lou attends NUCHR's Annual Conference

Leo Lou, Duke Sophomore and Co-Chair of DHRC@FHI's Student Advisory Board attended the Northwestern University Community for Human Rights (NUCHR)'s 11th annual conference. This year, the theme of the conference was Human Rights in a Digital Age.

"We explored a variety of issues, including activism (and slacktivism) through social media, cyber security, and mass surveillance. The panel discussions drew a group of prominent lawyers, government officials, scholars, and professors to present their research, work, and opinions. I was able to interact with them on a personal basis in and outside of the conference." Read more.
To participate in the series *Israel/Palestine: Comparative Perspectives*
Jessica Montell presented a talk on February 25th entitled "Politics Aside: Promoting Human Rights and Accountability in Israel-Palestine." Montell, who served as director of B’Tselem: the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, acknowledged this title is a pretty provocative one because separating politics from these conversations is no simple task. Montell started by describing how politics can obscure conversations about the reality of the human rights situation.

Israel has upcoming elections and there are 2.5 million people in the West Bank and 1.5 million residents of the Gaza Strip who will undoubtedly be impacted by the outcome but won’t have voting rights. Montell believes discussion of Israeli development in the occupied territories is not a prominent topic in the election dialogue. [Read more.](#)

The Pauli Murray Project

Film and Discussion Series

The Pauli Murray project will host a film and community dialogue series called *"Bridging the Gap: Generations of Human Rights Activism."* The film and conversation series will feature four films, on Sundays from 3-5pm at Smith Warehouse Garage, beginning on March 15th.

Pauli Murray in the News

Pauli Murray: A Great American Hero by Cornell William Brooks, President and CEO of the NAACP written for Marriage Equality USA.

Black, queer, feminist, erased from history: Meet the most important legal scholar you’ve likely never heard of by Brittany Cooper for Salon.

The 'Black, Queer, Feminist' Legal Trailblazer You've Never Heard Of by Kenya Downs for NPR's CodeSwitch: Frontiers of Race, Culture and Ethnicity.

Rights! Camera! Action! Film Series

*Granito* Director Pamela Yates visited the DHRC for Q&A with students

Director Pamela Yates and Producer Paco de Onis visited the DHRC@FHI to discuss the process of using *When the Mountains Tremble*, another film Yates directed as evidence to indict Guatemalan dictator Efrain Rios Montt,
Q: What are the advantages of using film as a medium for demanding justice? How can filmmakers work to create documentaries that are upheld as evidence in the courtroom?

A: The advantage is that the viewer has an immediate and engaged reaction to the people and situations in documentary films. Film moves and convinces unlike print...Read more.

The Human Rights Archive

NC ACLU 50th Anniversary Exhibit and Radio Haiti

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of its founding in Greensboro in 1965 the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina presented an exhibit entitled "ACLU of North Carolina: 50 Years of Protecting Liberty". The exhibit included highlights of the union's work on eight key issues including free speech, voting rights, privacy rights, criminal justice reform, LGBT rights, women's rights, racial justice, and religious liberty.

The Forum for Scholars and Publics has designed a Radio Haiti online archive in collaboration with the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The documents preserve the comprehensive archives from Radio Haïti-Inter, the voice of Haitian democracy. All of the recordings will soon be available to the public, but in the interim, the Forum for Scholars and Publics has created this website to showcase a small selection of the recordings.

Student Opportunities

Koonz Human Rights Prize and Emerging Leaders Fellows Program
Next month the DHRC@FHI will award the 2015 Oliver Koonz Human Rights Prize for the best essay and alternative project that focuses on human rights. Submit your paper or project by April 1.

The Institute for Emerging Issues at NC State is looking for upcoming graduates in Public Policy for its Emerging Leaders Fellows program. Applicants should be interested in leadership opportunities in North Carolina in the areas of education, health, natural and built environments, and the economy. For more information about how to apply, click here.