



Duke Human Rights Center

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Meeting with Senator Cory Booker

In December, FHI Practitioner-in-Residence Catherine Coleman Flowers along with representatives of the Duke Human Rights Center@FHI met with Senator Cory Booker to discuss ways to address the lack of wastewater infrastructure in rural America. This spring, ACRE and the DHRC@FHI will host a meeting to bring together representatives from organizations across the US interested in working on this issue.

This partnership is in fourth year and will become a Bass Connections project team starting in the fall. Learn more below.

Opportunities in Human Rights

Apply for the ACRE-Duke Partnership to Improve Sanitation Access in Lowndes County Bass Connections Project

Applications due February 16!

Lowndes County is illustrative of a host of social and environmental inequalities facing rural communities of color in the American South, including endemic poverty, lack of economic opportunity, hazardous health



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UPCOMING EVENTS

[The Logic of Sanctuary Conference: Religious Movements in Non-Sovereign Spaces](#)

Public Forum: February 8 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Goodson Chapel

Conference: February 9 (All Day), Ahmadih Family Lecture Hall, Smith Warehouse Bay 4

[Rights!Camera!Action! Film Screening - Vita Activa: The Life of Hannah Arendt](#)

February 8 @ 7:00 PM, Ahmadih Family Lecture Hall, Smith Warehouse Bay 4

FEATURED VIDEO
The Truth About Rendition and Torture: An Inquiry in North Carolina

conditions and inadequate infrastructure.

This Bass Connections project aims to understand the reasons for the lack of proper sanitation in Lowndes County, improve sanitation access in the county and explore racial and economic justice in rural America. The team will work with ACRE to develop solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable economy, as access to water and sanitation are necessary for community members to be able to have viable economic livelihoods.

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Other Opportunities in Human Rights

- [Human Rights Summer Research Grant](#) Applications due March 1
- Call for Papers and Projects: [The Oliver Koonz Human Rights Prize](#) Deadline is April 1
- The National Museum of African American History & Culture now accepting applications for the [Robert Frederick Smith Summer Internship Program](#)
- Volunteer and Internship Opportunities at the [Iracambi Research Center in Brazil](#)
- Apply by February 5 for the [Breakthrough Action Lab](#) and learn skills to fight gender-based violence through direct action
- [Story+](#) is now accepting Undergraduate and Graduate applicants for their Summer Session humanities research program with an emphasis on storytelling for public audiences.

Student Conference on Collective Memory and Human Rights

Human Rights Certificate student Hannah Collins ('19) joined a cohort of 45 undergraduate and graduate delegates this January at the Northwestern University Community for Human Rights Conference and reflected on her experience.

"How many of you would agree that 9/11 was the first act of terrorism in the US?"

There was silence as a room full of over 45 undergraduate students nervously looked around before confidently keeping their hands lowered. The question was posed by Dr. Lee Bitsoi, the Chief Diversity Officer at Stony Brook University. He was asking delegates from all around the country, who had gathered for Northwestern University Community for Human Rights' conference. I had the



On January 22, Dr. Christina Cowger, Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT), Profs. Jim Coleman and Robin Kirk (both NCCIT Commissioners), and Prof. Jayne Huckerby (an expert witness for, and advisor to, the NCCIT), discussed the citizen-led efforts that led to the creation of the Commission, North Carolina's involvement, how the NCCIT aims to seek accountability, and next steps as Commissioners work towards issuing findings and recommendations.

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ANNOUNCEMENT Matt Eisenbrandt Wins the 2017 Méndez Book Award



Duke University has named Matt Eisenbrandt's *Assassination of a Saint: The Plot to Murder Óscar Romero and the Quest to Bring His Killers to Justice* (University of California Press, 2017) winner of the 2017 Méndez Book Award.

Assassination of a Saint traces the thrilling story of how an international team of lawyers, private investigators and human-rights experts fought to bring justice for the slain archbishop.

pleasure of attending the 15th annual conference, the largest student-run and student-attended human rights conference in the country. It posed one question: "Do you remember?"

Over the course of three days, which included three panels, two keynote addresses, site visits, and student research presentations, we tackled the issue of collective memory as it relates to human rights.

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Human Rights @Duke: A New Annual Lecture

The Annual Human Rights @Duke Lecture kicks off this February 22 at 5:00 PM in the Jameson Gallery, 225 Friedl on Duke's East Campus. Author Margaret Regan will give the talk "Detention, Deportation and Death: America's Undocumented Immigrants Under Fire."



Regan is the author of two prizewinning books on immigration. Her work has been published in the Washington Post, Al Jazeera English, Utne Reader, Sojourners, Newsday, Black + White, Photovision and in many regional and local publications. Her books have been adopted in many university classrooms, including the University of California Davis, Loyola University Chicago, Franklin Marshall College, James Madison University, Butler University, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University and the University of Arizona.

This event is co-sponsored by: The Duke Human Rights Center at FHI, The Duke Human Rights Center at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, Latino Studies, International Comparative Studies, History, Cultural Anthropology, The Human Rights Archive at the Rubenstein Library, The International Human Rights Clinic, and The Center for International and Comparative Law

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IN THE NEWS



The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is opening the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the New Legacy Museum in April

The Equal Justice Initiative has announced the scheduled opening of the much-anticipated National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the New Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, to be held on April 26 at the Montgomery Convention Center.

Catherine Coleman-Flowers, founder of the Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise (ACRE), and FHI Practitioner-In-Residence, also serves as the Rural Development Manager for EJI. Flowers will be attending the opening with Duke students, faculty and staff.

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