



Duke Human Rights Center

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Human Rights Certificate Information

For students thinking about receiving the Human Rights Certificate, check out the interview below with Robin Kirk, director of the Human Rights Department at Duke University.

If I am unsure about the certificate but want to learn about Human Rights, where do I begin?

Definitely start with the Introduction to Human Rights class we offer in the spring. It's designed to not only give students a grounding in the history and theory of human rights. We also want them to engage with the practice of human rights abroad and at home. In addition to lectures and events, we bring in speakers who are either practitioners or scholars who've dug into thorny human rights issues. We also look for human rights beyond the law -- in film, art and stories.

What tools does the certificate give me? How can it complement my major at Duke?

Any undergrad with any major could benefit from pursuing the human rights certificate. The skills we cultivate include critical thinking about history and current events; writing, especially persuasively in an oped or debate format; and a knowledge base that will prove important in understanding how national and global politics around rights work.

Where can I find what classes count towards the certificate requirements? What kinds of classes are they?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Choice 2016: the Candidates, the Campaign, and the State of American Politics

October 17 @ 7:30pm - 9:00pm

R!C!A! Film Screening: The Look of Silence

September 27 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Pauli Murray Birthday Celebration

November 20 @ 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Click on event name for more details!

FEATURED VIDEO



Cosplay with Duke Story Lab!

Cosplay is a unique form of embodied storytelling that showcases the passion that fans have while celebrating their favorite storyworlds! What happens when cosplaying allows for breaking away from the body norms that are celebrated in

We have a great resource on our [web site](#) that lists all of the classes that count as electives towards the certificate. They cover the spectrum of classes offered at Duke and come from every discipline. We also allow students to petition to include classes with human rights themes taken off campus, including through study abroad.

How do I decide what my Capstone will be? Do I need an internship or a research grant to complete it?

We would work with you to choose a research question for the Capstone. Ideally, it's something you've studied or experienced while doing an internship or a DukeEngage or DukeImmerse project. Students can do papers or something more for public consumption, like an exhibit, web site or film. You'll have an adviser who will help you refine your project and complete the research for either a capstone or a thesis project. You don't need to have done internships or done original research before hand, but both of those things would certainly contribute to a great project.

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Student Advisory Board Update

On Oct. 6, Symonne Singleton, the 2016 Koonz Prize Winner, presented to the Student Advisory Board of the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute (SAB) on her paper, "Bring About Some Change: Radical Politics' Influence on the Attica Liberation Faction Manifesto of demands and Anti-Depression Platform."



Symonne analyzed Attica prisoner-activists' fight for human rights and then compared it to current prison strikes in the United States. We learned that on September 9, 1971, the Attica Liberation Faction, consisting of over 1000 diverse prisoners, overtook control of the Attica Correction Facility in New York State and held 40 guards hostage to demand reforms for their labor conditions. Four days later, Governor Rockefeller authorized the open fire on the prison resulting in "the bloodiest one-day encounter...since the Civil War."

Symonne advocates for higher wages to enable prisoners to purchase basic necessities, such as toilet paper and tooth brushes and better working conditions, elements she considers human rights.

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Commissioning Truths

The Duke Human Rights center has released its first-ever ebook to commemorate the anniversary of Argentina's "Nunca Más" report. The collection of essays are

entertainment, namely media-generated beauty standards with usually Caucasian skin? Students at Duke University gather together to make their own costumes as Prof. Eileen Chow facilitates a conversation to ask those very questions.

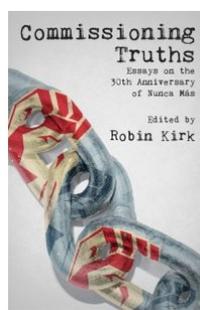
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PHOTOS



The Pauli Murray house was recently named a National Treasure!

researched and written by the government-sanctioned National Commission on the Disappearance of Persons and edited by the head of the Human Rights department, Robin Kirk.



The report brings to light eye-witness testimonies of the killings and torture that largely took place in secret, and is available for free on smashmouth and the DHR website.

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