



# Duke Human Rights Center

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*Faculty, students and staff visiting Catherine Flowers and community partners in Lowndes County, AL.*

## New Study Finds Hookworm in Lowndes County, AL.

Tropical diseases such as hookworm exist in the rural South according to a recently released [Baylor University study](#). The findings highlight health risks from lack of wastewater infrastructure.

"Hookworm is a 19th century disease that should by now have been addressed, yet we are still struggling with it in the United States in the 21st century." Says Catherine Coleman Flowers, the founder and director of the Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise (ACRE). "Our billionaire philanthropists like Bill Gates fund water treatment around the world, but they don't fund it here in the US because no one acknowledges that this level of poverty exists in the richest nation in the world."

Since 2014 The Duke Human Rights Center@FHI has partnered with ACRE to protect the rights of Lowndes County citizens and work towards environmental improvements that ensure access to wastewater infrastructure. Flowers is working with faculty, students and staff to address the interlaced physical, financial, legal, and political barriers to sanitation access and evaluate potential solutions to improve wastewater treatment in Lowndes

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Rights!Camera!Action! Film Screening](#)  
[Still Life: Experiences of Palestinian Exile](#)

October 2 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

[Film Screening: Finding Oscar at the Carolina Theater](#)

October 3 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

### FEATURED VIDEO RightsWatch



RightsWatch seeks to bring Duke scholars and activists in conversation about the rights debates that will shape the future. On Sept. 7, 2017 panelists from around the Triangle discussed education.

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County, Alabama.

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## Highlight on Student Research

This past summer the Duke Human Rights Center awarded Human Rights Research Grants to five undergraduate students and four graduate students. The projects ranged from investigating gender-based violence in fisheries in Tanzania to studying the history of sexual politics in the Mexican Left. Students kept the DHRC updated over the summer, and you can now read their blog posts.



[Read more](#) →

## Upcoming Opportunities

As fall application season gets into full swing we want to bring to your attention to several opportunities in human rights related work and research open to undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni.

**The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center** will hold an online information session on Tuesday, October 17 at 7 pm to discuss careers in community organizing with Duke students and alumni interested in uniting congregations and working for social, economic and racial justice. RSVP for the October 17 session [here](#).

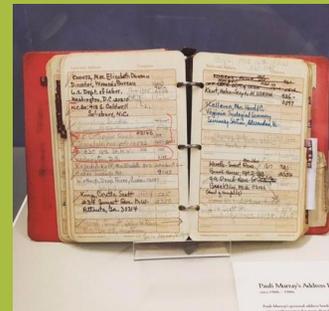
**The Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University** is now accepting applications for their Policy and Governance Intensive Course Program in Geneva. Their *Humanitarian Action: Human Rights and Crisis Response* track is open to undergraduate and graduate students. The 2018 course will take place in late June and early July of 2018, and allow students to earn academic credit for participation. More information and an application form can be found [here](#).

**The Enough Project**, an NGO located in Washington DC working to counter genocide and mass atrocities in Central and East Africa, is launching a new [Student Upstanders program](#). The program includes opportunities for students to:

- work on a variety of campaigns and issues around human rights in the region
- learn directly from policy experts
- understand organizing tools
- gain experience working within this industry

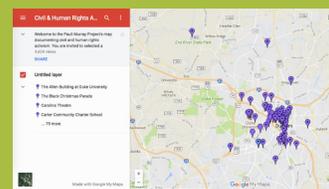
Stipends are included. More information and an application can be found [here](#).

## Exhibit on Pauli Murray's Social Network



Pauli Murray's address book is now on display at FHI as part of the exhibit on the power of social networks. Smith Warehouse is open to the public Monday thru Friday from 9-5. Please feel free to stop by!

## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



### Civil & Human Rights Activism in Durham, North Carolina (Interactive Map)

This interactive map made by the Pauli Murray Project documents civil and human rights activism in Durham, North Carolina, and includes archival photos and sound.

[See more](#) →

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