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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

We entered 2025 facing new challenges in researching, studying, and working on behalf of human rights as both the language of rights and the institutions that sustain them have come under regular attack. These threats to rights have made us all the more committed to what we can do as an institute. We've been fortunate over the last year for the continued support of our university administration and for the insights from our extraordinary external board of advisors and from a network of human rights centers around the country as we develop and share strategies for advancing our work in the current moment.

The external challenges notwithstanding, 2025 was a year of both stability and growth for the Human Rights Institute. With support from the Provost, we were able to welcome Kate Austin to our team as HRI's new, full-time administrative assistant. That title does little justice to the skills Kate has brought, and we've been able to expand course offerings and programming and launch new research projects with the support she provides. We also hosted our first hybrid external board meeting, with many members convening on campus for the first time. With their expertise in both state-wide and international human rights issues, the board helped us to better articulate ways of pursuing academic and public facing work, and one of our takeaways was the need to revise our mission given the change in the landscape of higher education and human rights more broadly.

Those insights have shaped our work throughout 2025 and into the present. On the research front, and in addition to the publications cited later in this annual report, we have launched the Language Lab, in which a team of students led by our graduate assistant Nimisha Sinha is coding cancelled federal grants to better understand how various executive orders and policy directives are shaping the way we talk about human rights. We have also just launched a new project on states of exception which aims to produce academic scholarship on new approaches to theories of exception and emergency and to track how declarations of emergency are wielded worldwide and their impact on human rights. Both projects continue in 2026.

Earlier in 2025, we completed the third phase of the funded Women Peacebuilders in Exile Project. After a literature review and semi-structured interviews, faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates hosted many of the interviewees for an all-day workshop on campus. We currently have a set of three articles in preparation regarding the insights from the project. One of the undergraduate student participants also published her research for the project in the peer-reviewed *Binghamton University Undergraduate Journal*. Also with undergraduate research support, we completed "Desert Dumps" project on EU complicity with the deportation and abandonment of Black migrants in North Africa

(publication forthcoming). We have multiple book projects in various stages of development, including edited collections and co-authored works that feature HRI directors and affiliates.

The success of our winter and summer courses speaks to and sustains our minor. In the last year, we have almost doubled our minor, and have our largest graduating class this spring. One of our strengths in this area is fostering student research. Last spring every single student in the Human Rights Source Project stream had a peer-reviewed publication in the *Binghamton Law Quarterly*, and eight of the students further developed their work for publication in the *BUJ* (the issue appeared in Feb. 2026). We hear repeatedly from alumni/ae that these experiences and the internships we facilitate have been foundational to their professional development. Additional funds have also allowed us to offer our own in-house courses (as opposed to primarily crosslisting with other departments): Human Rights in post-1945 History in the spring and Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the fall.

As we continue into 2026, we are focused on our three main areas of work: growing our human rights minor and the experiential opportunities we create for students; promoting both faculty and student research (through research assistantships, manuscript review workshops, conference organizing, and peer-reviewed publications); and being a strong institutional partner to other human rights centers and institutes and to the other social justice initiatives on campus.



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# WORKING GROUPS

## **Advanced Data Analytics and Global Patterns in Human Rights**

**David Cingranelli and Mikhail Filippov**

In 2025, we submitted our inaugural research proposal to the National Science Foundation. Additionally, we applied for a networking grant intended to facilitate travel for doctoral students and junior faculty from Binghamton and Nottingham Universities to attend workshops on human trafficking. Although the grants were not funded, we held a day-long workshop on human trafficking and welcomed Todd Landman of the Rights Lab at the University of Nottingham to campus.

We are currently focused on developing research papers for presentation at professional conferences and eventual publication. We have successfully presented several papers, including "Implementation of Large Language Models for Human Rights Classification" (co-authored by Michael Magid, Zeynep Ertem, Jeremy Blackburn, David Cingranelli, Skip Mark, and Todd Landman) at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Vancouver, Canada. Additionally, we are in the process of writing several journal articles, including: "Grouping Countries Based on Their Human Rights Trajectories: Insights from Supervised Machine Learning" (by J. David Shaffer, Mikhail Filippov, David Cingranelli, Roberta Marques Villaca Mnezes, and James Sears) and "Implementation of Large Language Models for Human Rights Classification" (by Michael Magid, Zeynep Ertem, Jeremy Blackburn, David Cingranelli, Skip Mark, and Todd Landman).

## **Capitalism and Human Rights**

**Suzy Lee and Jakob Feinig**

With the publication of some of its research, the Capitalism working group is reconfiguring its focus to be a monthly reading/discussion group to address the changes in global capitalism as the Western-dominated period of free trade seems to be coming to a close. The group aims eventually to generate new research collaborations exploring the impact of these changes on human rights.

## CIRIGHTS and Measuring Human Rights Data Project

David Cingranelli and Mikhail Filippov

The CIRIGHTS Data Project (2013-present) is co-directed by Skip Mark from the University of Rhode Island, David Cingranelli and Mikhail Filippov from Binghamton University, and David Richards from the University of Connecticut. The primary objective of the CIRIGHTS project is to build upon the methodology of its predecessor, the CIRI Data Project, by annually updating the CIRI human rights scores. The project aims to expand the original list of scored rights to better encompass the comprehensive range of rights outlined in the International Bill of Human Rights while supplementing human coding with machine coding to generate more scores in a shorter time frame. The project released its latest scores and the 2024 Global Rights Project (GRIP) Report in December 2025.

The project directors collaborated with students from their respective institutions to update the human rights scores for 2023 based on reports issued in 2024. Their forthcoming book, *Science and the Study of Human Rights*, is expected to be published in 2026 as part of SUNY Press's Human Rights Series. Additionally, a journal article utilizing the CIRIGHTS data, co-authored by Skip Mark and David Cingranelli, was published in 2025: "The Human Rights Sequence Theory of Atrocity: A Comparative Analysis" in the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* (2025), pages 1-17.

They also have several articles underway that provide comparative, cross-national analyses of human trafficking, indigenous rights, prisoners' rights, and group-based discrimination. Together with Rod Abouharb from University College London, they are working to broaden the scope of the Data Project to include additional indicators of comparative national achievements in economic and social rights.

## Cultural Representations of Human Rights

Alexandra Moore

This working group engages faculty and graduate students from both national and international colleges and universities on multifaceted research projects. Its goal is to promote excellent scholarship in the growing, transdisciplinary field of human rights in literary and cultural studies as well as to promote intellectual community. Activities include symposia, conference panels, and manuscript reviews for group members as

## Cultural Representations of Human Rights (cont.)

Alexandra Moore

well as various publication projects. The group also convenes for in-person manuscript review workshops to prepare chapter and articles for publication.

## Food Justice Working Group

Barrett Brenton and Valerie Imbruce

After the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity became a major issue in Broome County. In response, Binghamton University faculty and students formed the COVID-19 Food Justice Working Group (FJWG) to study and address food system challenges. At the same time, the Broome County Food Council (BCFC) emerged as a key resource for coordinating food access across the county.

Working together, FJWG and BCFC demonstrated how universities and communities can partner to address local social issues through research, education, and collaboration. Their work combines academic expertise with community knowledge to promote food justice.

FJWG members published their applied research in *Practicing Anthropology*, highlighting inequities in the local food system. Through workshops, surveys, and community-engaged research, the group helped inform *The Story of Food Insecurity* in Broome County and the 2024 Broome County Food Access Plan, which outlines strategies to improve food access in underserved communities. See the partial list of publications in this annual report for more of the group's recent work.

The FJWG continues to support existing organizations through research, outreach, and student engagement, with a focus on sustainable, community-driven solutions.

URL: <https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/5964/binghamton-university-consortium-leverages-academic-interests-to-examine-local-food-systems>

## Human Trafficking Data Project (HTDP)

Suzy Lee

The HTDP brings together a coalition of researchers, trafficked persons, students, service providers, advocates, and government representatives to understand the

## Human Trafficking Data Project (cont.)

Suzy Lee

conditions that contribute to human trafficking and to address existing gaps in anti-trafficking policy. A primary focus of the group is on sex trafficking from a human rights-centered perspective and in relation to other forms of human trafficking. The HTDP has multifaceted objectives: promoting historical, sociological and cultural research on trafficking; identifying the human rights needs of trafficked persons in specific locations; developing training materials for service providers that promote survivor and human rights-centered approaches (as opposed to punitive or rescue-oriented approaches); and developing policies to prevent and address both domestic and international trafficking. As the project continues, the HTDP will share research, promote the interdisciplinary study of trafficking, and identify strategies that pertain to anti-trafficking initiatives in diverse locations. The current focus of the group is on data-gathering from U.S. Department of State T Visas.

The Human Trafficking Working Group is currently processing a tranche of data received from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service on the T Visa. The first papers based on this data should be completed and submitted for publication in 2026.

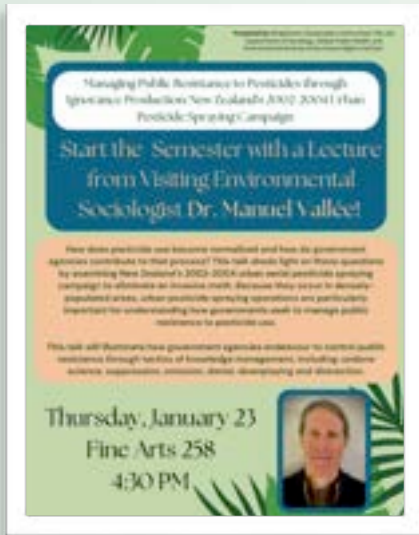
## Upstate New York Policing Research Consortium

Laura Warren Hill

Over the past year, the Upstate New York Policing Research Consortium continued to grow as a regional hub for justice-oriented, community-engaged scholarship on policing and the carceral state. In 2025, UNY-PRC supported multiple writing retreats and workshops that brought together faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, and community researchers to advance articles, book chapters, grant proposals, and public-facing research. Consortium members and interns presented original research at national conferences, including the Association for Humanist Sociology, the National Women's Studies Association, and the American Studies Association, contributing scholarship on police violence, wrongful convictions, racialized media narratives, mental health crisis response, and the gendered dimensions of state violence. Several peer-reviewed publications emerged from this work, reflecting UNY-PRC's commitment to rigorous analysis grounded in local and regional histories of policing.

# PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

Spring 2025



## A talk by Visiting Environmental Sociologist Dr. Manuel Vallée

Co-sponsored by HRI | January 23, 2025

In his lecture, Dr. Manuel Vallée shed light on how pesticide use has become normalized and how government agencies contribute to that. He examined New Zealand’s 2002-2004 urban aerial pesticide spraying campaign to eliminate an invasive moth to illuminate how government agencies endeavor to control public resistance through tactics of knowledge management.



## Confronting Fascism: A Talk by Dr. Florian Wenninger

February 13, 2025

This lecture by Florian Wenninger (Institute for Historical Social Research in Vienna) focused on the organizational history of the military association and placed it in the context of recent research on politically motivated violence in the European interwar period.



## Book Launch: *A Minimally Good Life* by Nicole Hassoun

February 21, 2025

Hassoun’s book, *A Minimally Good Life* (Oxford UP, 2024), considers what we owe to each other, and what we can claim, out of respect for our common humanity. In a panel discussion, Hassoun was joined by George Sher (Rice University), Liam Murphy (NYU School of Law), Johann Go (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) and Carol C. Gould (CUNY Graduate Center).



## Decolonizing Higher Education: Engaging Haudenosaunee Partners at Binghamton University

Co-sponsored by HRI | February 21, 2025

Students joined a panel of local Haudenosaunee leaders in discussing possibilities like new courses, a major/minor, hiring Indigenous faculty, and community-driven research initiatives.

## Human Rights Writing Workshop

March 3, 2025

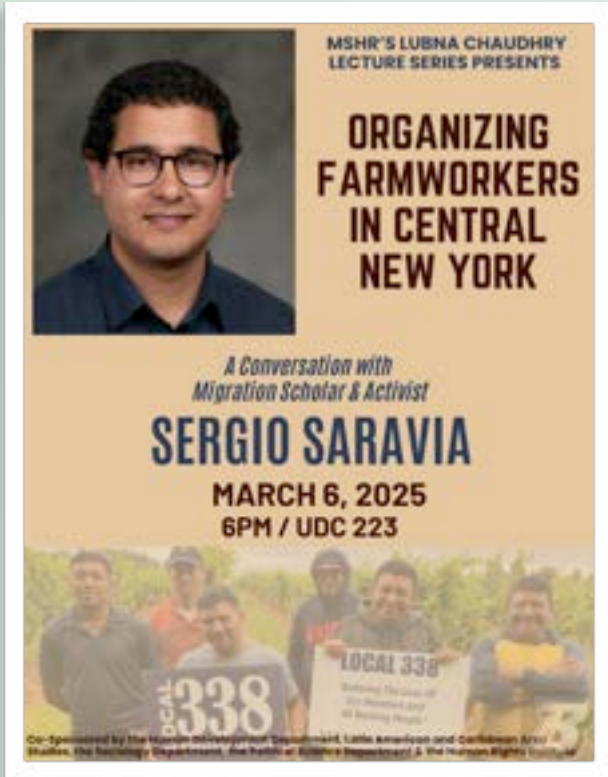


This workshop invited students and scholars working within human rights literary studies to share current and new work in the field and to gain valuable feedback and insights from peer reviewers prior to publication. Participants read each other's papers in advance of the workshop and then spent time together on the short presentations followed by generative discussions of each project.

## China's Human Rights Revisionism: "No More Universal?"

March 4, 2025

*Magnus Fiskesjö* was educated in his native Sweden, and at the University of Chicago where he received a joint PhD in Anthropology and in East Asian Languages and Civilizations in 2000. He previously worked at Sweden's embassies in Beijing and Tokyo and as director of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, in Stockholm. Since 2005, he has been teaching in Anthropology and Asian Studies at Cornell University. His research involves political anthropology, genocide and ethnic relations, as well as archaeology, museums, heritage and repatriation issues, mostly in East and Southeast Asia.

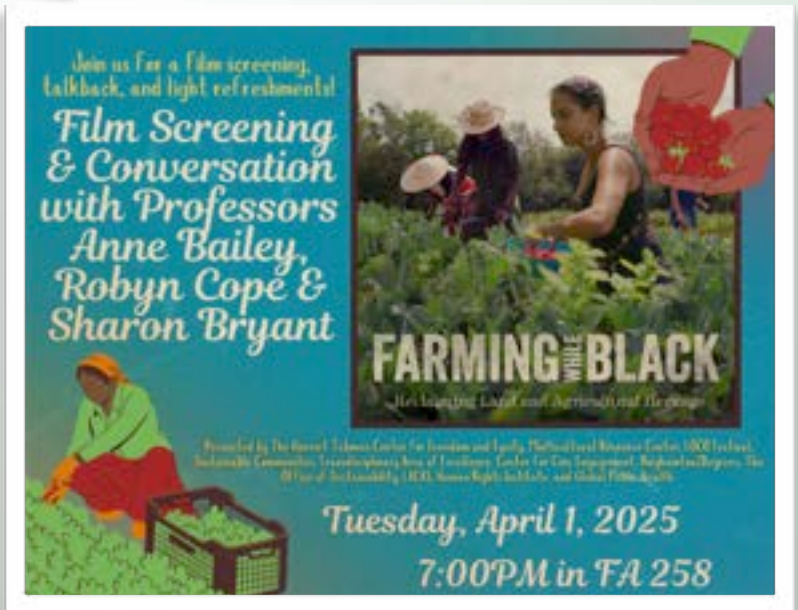


**MSHR's Lubna Chaudry  
Lecture Series:  
"Organizing Farmworkers  
in Central New York" - A  
Conversation with Sergio  
Saravia**

Co-sponsored by HRI  
March 6, 2025

**Film Screening &  
Conversation with  
Professors Anne  
Bailey, Robyn Cope  
& Sharon Bryant**

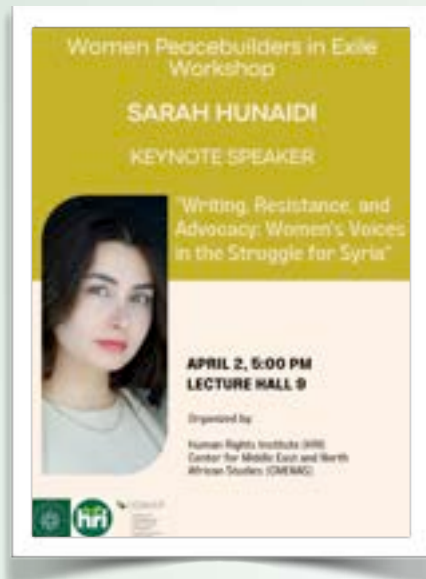
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April 1, 2025



# Women Peacebuilders in Exile: Writing, Resistance, and Advocacy: Women's Voices in the Struggle for Syria

Keynote Address by Sarah Hunaidi

Co-sponsored by HRI, CMENAS and I-GMAP | April 2, 2025



Sarah Hunaidi is a Syrian writer, advocate, and a member of the Syrian Women's Political Movement. She writes in both English and Arabic, with her work appearing in *Foreign Policy*, *The Independent*, *Chatham House*, *BuzzFeed News*, *The New Arab*, and other publications. She provides expert commentary on broader human rights, as well as refugee and gender issues, and has been featured on NPR, BBC, and Al Jazeera.

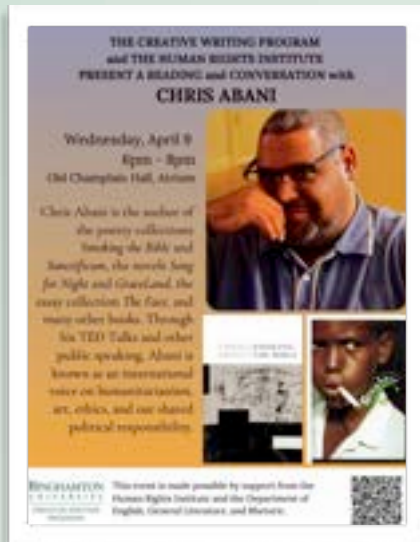
She is the founder of Sarah Hunaidi Consulting & Professional Services, where she collaborates with local and international organizations on communications and advocacy strategies. She holds a Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University and a Bachelor's in International Studies from DePaul University.

Exiled from Syria in 2014 due to her opposition to the Assad regime, she has since been working on her first book, which explores the life and disappearance of activist Samir al-Khalil, delving into themes of exile, siege, and survival.

## Women Peacebuilders in Exile Coding Seminar

March 20, 2025

The research group met for a coding seminar to compare *NVivo* computer coding to manual coding of our dataset. The participants examined how *NVivo* analyzes themes, relationships, and resonances, and discussed comparative coding frameworks for ethnographic data. The seminar underscored the value of manual coding for its attention to the nuances of ethnographic research across different contexts.



## A Reading and Conversation with Chris Abani

April 9, 2025

In a special collaboration with the Human Rights Institute, the Creative Writing Program welcomed novelist, poet, essayist, playwright and screenwriter Chris Abani. Abani is the author of poetry collections including *Smoking the Bible* and *Sanctificum*, the novels *Song for Night* and *Graceland*, and the essay collection *The Face*, among many other books.

Abani’s work has been translated into French, Italian, Spanish, German, Swedish, Romanian, Hebrew, Macedonian, Ukrainian, Portuguese, Dutch, Bosnian and Serbian. Through his TED Talks and other speaking engagements Abani is known as an international voice on humanitarianism, art, ethics, and our shared political responsibility.



## Insurgent Ethnography Conference

April 24-25, 2025

Co-sponsored by HRI

The 4th iteration of the *Insurgent Ethnography Conference* consisted of six panels over two days, covering topics like territory and land, diasporic Blackness, and university-community engagement.

## Something is in the Air: Environmental Defense in Troubling Times

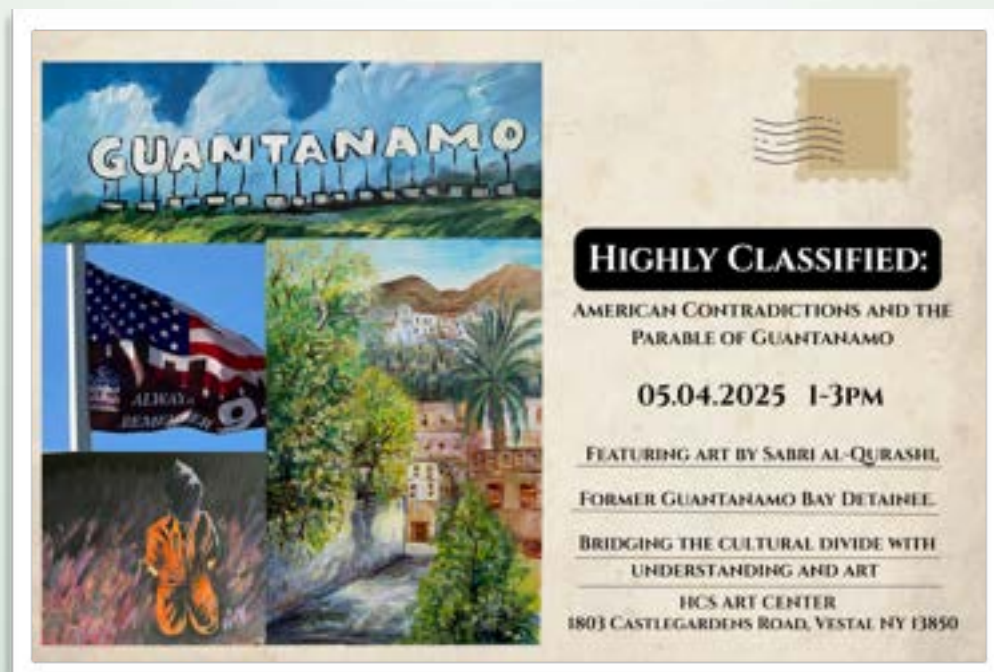
A Talk by Patricia Rodriguez

April 24, 2025

Patricia Rodriguez is a former college professor who is now working for the environmental NGO *Earthworks*. She leads the *International Optical Gas Imaging (OGI)* program in Latin America, supporting grassroots organizations and communities impacted by emissions and contamination from the oil and gas industry to visible otherwise invisible gases, and advocating for substantive change. Throughout the past years, she has witnessed the hopes and difficulties faced particularly by several indigenous and rural small farmers as they defend their territories, rivers, livelihoods and their health from the impacts of mega-development energy projects. Through organizing, communities present strong challenges to these major enterprises, at great risk to their lives.

## Human Rights Source Project: Highly Classified: American Contradictions and the Parable of Guantánamo

May 4, 2025



## Human Rights Source Project (cont.)

The exhibition and event, held at the *HCS Art Center* in Vestal, NY, aimed to bridge cultural divides within and across communities through conversation, and art. The exhibition was designed and installed by students and HCS staff and volunteers, featuring art by *Sabri Al Qurashi* a former Guantánamo Bay detainee, as well as documentation of the Source Project Human Rights students' research on local human rights concerns, the multi-media exhibit also included a public video-link conversation with several former detainees.

## Fall 2025

During the fall semester, the Binghamton University Human Rights Institute (HRI) celebrated the work of several distinguished guests and scholars on human rights issues, ranging from genocide to labor rights. HRI hosted several events, including a book launch, a film series, and public talks that featured work about human rights violations in the Caribbean, Africa, and Eastern Europe.



## Screenings with Stephanie Black: *Life and Debt* & *H-2 Worker*

October 20-21, 2025

BU alum and filmmaker, Stephanie Black, joined students for a screening of her films, *Life and Debt* and *H-2 Worker*. She also met with graduate students in the Cinema department to talk about filmmaking.

## Book Launch: *The Banyamulenge Soldier: Genocide Between Congo and Rwanda* by Chris Davey

November 12, 2025



Dr. Chris Davey celebrated the launch of his new book, *The Banyamulenge Soldier: Genocide Between Congo and Rwanda* (University of Michigan Press), this November. Davey is a lecturer in Political Science and the Human Rights Institute. His new book explores Congolese Tutsi combatant identities and perceptions of genocide. It is the first of its kind, telling stories of Congolese Tutsi soldiers who come from across the African Great Lakes region and the diaspora. Dr. Davey was joined by Aurore Vermylen (UCLouvain and University of California Santa Cruz), Nicolas Habarugira (Binghamton University), and Sellah Martens (Binghamton University) in a panel discussion about the book.



From left to right: Sellah Martens, Charles Sebuharara, Aurore Vermylen, Paul Macharia, Chris Davey, Chloe Cairncross, Amethyst Rodriguez, Nicolas Habarugira, Frank Okyere

## Movie Screening with Maple Razsa: *The Maribor Uprisings*

November 16, 2025



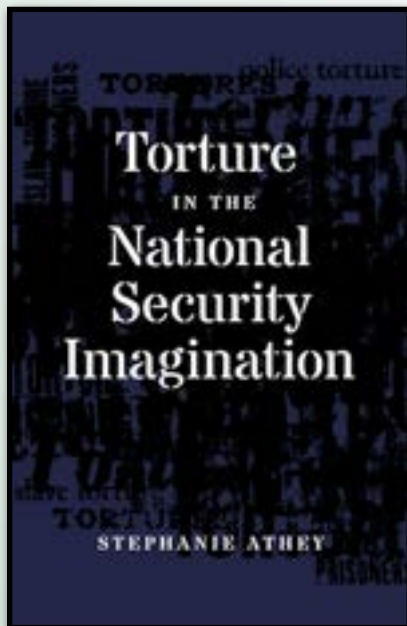
Filmmaker and Prof. Maple Razsa

Maple Razsa, filmmaker and associate professor of global studies at Colby College, presented a facilitated, participatory screening of his film, *The Maribor Uprisings*, followed by discussion. Razsa uses texts, images, and sound to showcase the lived experiences and political imaginations of social movements today. *The Maribor Uprisings* was awarded the Best Feature Film of 2017 by The Society for Visual Anthropology. Razsa's films have been shown at festivals around the world. He trained as a filmmaker and anthropologist at Harvard University, and has held fellowships from Stockholm University, Harvard University and Amherst College. He has received funding from the IREX, NSF, Wenner-Gren and Fulbright and Truman Foundations.

# HUMAN RIGHTS LABS

## Human Rights Language Lab

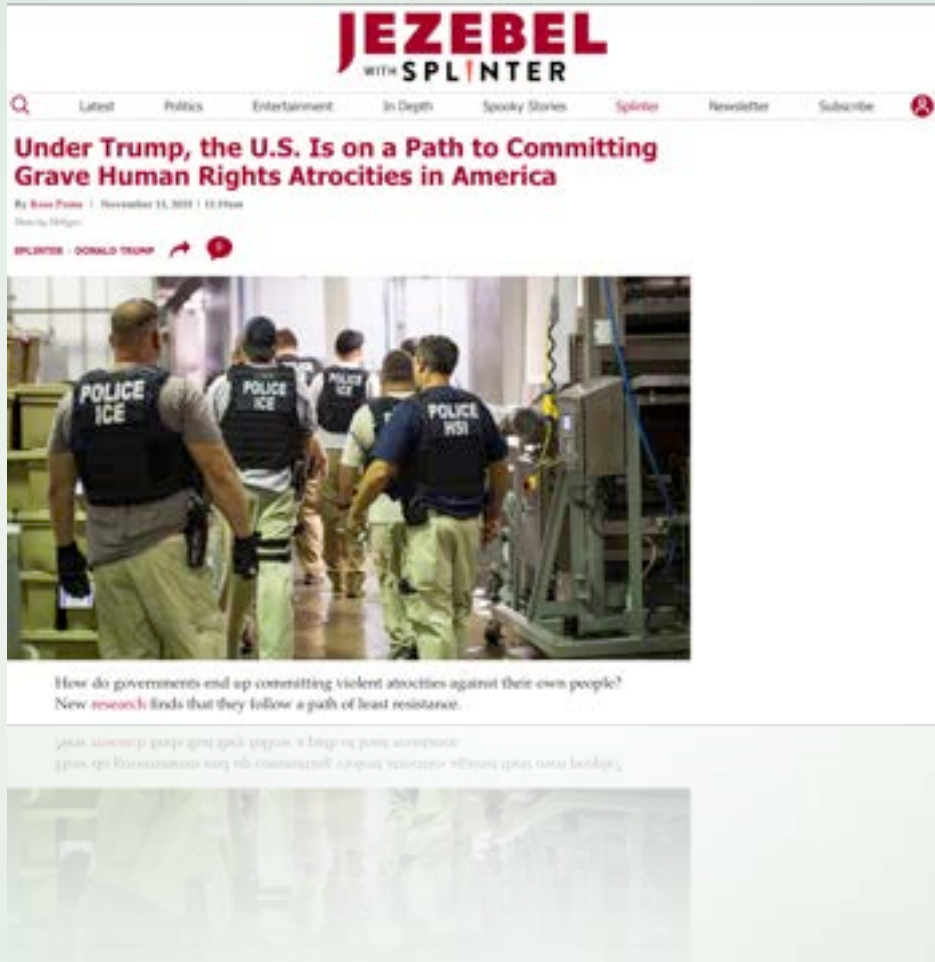
This new project researches the changing trends of grant writing and academic language in the U.S. in light of recent Executive Orders from the current administration. Participants in this project, including our student research assistants, analyze recent orders regarding acceptable topics and processes for oversight of projects receiving federal funding. The group examines the impact of the orders on scholarly production and funding. Its aims are three-fold: to document changes as they are occurring, to consider the impact of the orders on knowledge production, and to consider how language and epistemology may be fruitfully coordinated in the current context. More broadly, the group is interested in exploring how knowledge is shared, framed, and legitimized in federally supported research initiatives, and will share its findings with our research community.



### *Torture in the National Security Imagination* Reading Group

In Fall 2025, a reading group consisting of graduate students and faculty met over several weeks to read and discuss the Human Rights Institute's Visiting Scholar Stephanie Athey's book, *Torture in the National Security Imagination* (2024).

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NEWS



**Under Trump, the U.S. is on a path to committing grave Human Rights atrocities in America by Ross Pome – November 13, 2025:** Political scientists Dr. Skip Mark at the University of Rhode Island and Dr. David Cingranelli at Binghamton University systematically analyzed the human rights abuses that preceded atrocities. Both Mark and Cingranelli are investigators at the CIRIGHTS project, which tracks human rights data from across the world.

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## **First Year Student Excellence Award for Research in Human Rights**

KEVIN O'CONNELL & LIAM RUPPRECHT

"Food Councils and Federal Committees: Community  
Responses to Inaction on Food Insecurity by Government"

<https://orb.binghamton.edu/alpenglowjournal/vol11/iss1/9/>

## **"Waging War on Peacebuilders: Digital Sexual Violence as a Barrier to Peace"**

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*Binghamton University Undergraduate Journal  
(BUUJ)*

<https://orb.binghamton.edu/alpenglowjournal/vol10/iss2/9/>

# STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

The Human Rights Institute connects students with internships with many of our partners. Through their internships, students gain first hand experience with careers in law, policymaking, social services, human rights research and writing, and advocacy. We are grateful to our partners for making these opportunities available.



*Throughout my internship at the Broome County Public Defender's Office this semester, I have gained so many new experiences and insights about the field of criminal law. I had the opportunity to observe dozens of court proceedings, including custody, drug possession, weapons possession, sexual assault, child abuse, and arson—all of which were very new to me. I got to speak with some judges from both county and city courts to hear about their career paths, and got advice about law school and early career development from them and some of the more senior attorneys. I also further refined my legal research skills and became proficient in Westlaw, which I know will be useful in law school and my future career.*



*Having been able to intern with the Crime Victims Assistance Center, I now have a deeper and more sensitive understanding of crime prevention, advocacy for victims, and the many, many resources victims need to rebuild after a crime.*



*Professionally, this internship has proven to be an invaluable experience; I have never worked in an office setting before. Learning to work effectively in a more professional environment has enabled me to feel comfortable in future internships and jobs. I have also learned so much within the field of immigration law... Perhaps most importantly, I firmly believe that I have developed on a personal level from working with the ACA. There were many moments I recall that have affected me deeply and reestablished my resolve to work in the field of law.*



*As my internship comes to a close, I am genuinely grateful for the experiences I gained. Working with Release Wellness strengthened my research skills, expanded my understanding of nonprofit fundraising, and gave me a richer appreciation for the behind-the-scenes labor that makes community wellness initiatives possible.*

# CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

HRI offered a range of classes over the Summer and Winter in addition to the regular semester.



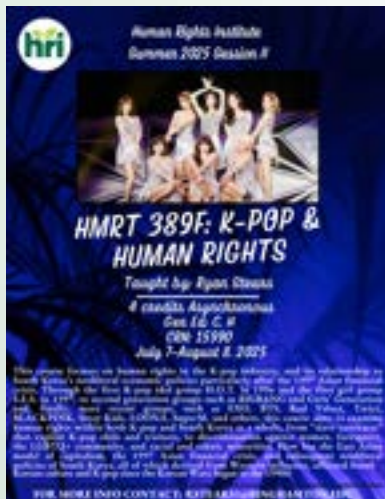
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