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FRAMES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES



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WELCOME

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE 2023 PROMISE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM, WHERE TOGETHER WITH OUR CO-HOSTS, CO-SPONSORS, KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS, WE WILL EXPLORE THE INTERSECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK WITH THE DOMESTIC LEGAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONVERSATIONS WILL EMPHASIZE CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FRAMES, WITH A FOCUS ON THE STRUGGLES OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

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SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS LISTED IN PACIFIC TIME

- 8:30 AM LIGHT BREAKFAST, COFFEE + CHECK IN
- 9:00 AM WELCOME
- 9:15 AM OPENING KEYNOTE: THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF STATES
Julissa Mantilla | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights President
- 9:45 AM PANEL ONE: THE UNITED STATES AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT WRIT LARGE
This panel will explore the real and perceived gaps between U.S. civil and constitutional law and international human rights protections, including those arising from the Inter-American System. The panel will consider the reasons for these gaps, including how U.S. exceptionalism has created obstacles to greater U.S. accountability within the international human rights framework.
The panel will also unpack whether the human rights frame can be wielded to liberatory and emancipatory ends, engaging with fundamental critiques of human rights including: that it is reinscribed into structural hierarchies of power and inequality; bound up with liberal democracy and neo-liberalism; and rooted in structural legacies of colonialism, settler-colonialism, the slave trade and empire.
PANELISTS
Aslı Ü. Bâli | Yale Law
James Cavallaro | University Human Rights Network, former IACHR President
Jamil Dakwar | ACLU
Elisa Massimino | Georgetown Law
MODERATOR
S. Priya Morley | Promise Institute
- 11:00 AM BREAK
- 11:15 AM PANEL TWO: THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES
The human rights practitioners and advocates on this panel will discuss the rights-based social movements they work with and how those movements for social

justice intersect with the human rights frame. They will discuss the benefits of human rights discourse and using international human rights mechanisms.

In the process, we hope to answer the following questions: what are the short and long-term strategies for using international human rights mechanisms to achieve social change? Which international human rights mechanisms have proven effective in these struggles? How has the use of the Inter-American System for Human Rights served as a tool in this struggle?

PANELISTS

Andrea Guerrero | Alliance San Diego

Priscilla Ocen | Loyola Law

Lauren Van Schilfgaarde | UCLA Law

Pete White | LACAN

DISCUSSANT

Soledad García Muñoz | REDESCA

MODERATOR

Cathy Sweetser | Promise Institute

12:30 PM

BOXED LUNCH BREAK

Boxed lunch provided for those registered to attend in person.

12:55 PM

STUDENT PAPER WORKSHOP: STEPHANIE COLAO ON ILLEGAL, INEFFECTIVE, AND UNJUSTIFIABLE: HOW AIRBORNE STRIKES AGAINST AL- SHABAAB ONLY FURTHER U.S. IMPERIALIST INTERESTS

This presentation focuses on U.S. Human Rights violations abroad. Student Steffi Colao combines legal, empirical, and historical viewpoints to critique the U.S. airborne strike campaign against al-Shabaab. She argues that present U.S. intervention in Somalia reiterates longstanding imperialist strategies. As legal critique of airborne strikes has become an insufficient constraint on the U.S. government's use of the tactic, Colao offers a historical critique to supplement advocacy for ending the policy.

Room 1420

STUDENT

Steffi Colao | J.D. Candidate, UCLA School of Law

DISCUSSANT

Ahilan Arulanantham | UCLA Law

1:30 PM

MID-DAY KEYNOTE: STRATEGIES AND LIMITS FOR THE IACHR IN THE FACE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES IN THE US: THE CASE OF POLICE VIOLENCE

This keynote will focus on the findings of the 2019 IACHR Report on Police Violence in the US and its possible follow-up approaches to catalyze civil society, human rights defenders, and other relevant actors in the US to advance rights protections and prevent backlashes.

Margarette May Macaulay | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Commissioner

2:00 PM

PANEL THREE: THE UNITED STATES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY

This panel will explore different mechanisms for holding rights violators accountable within the US, including government entities and private actors, and the myriad challenges to ensuring accountability. In particular, the panel will examine how a transitional justice framework might be utilized to address racialized and other inequalities within the U.S., what options exist to address the rights violations of migrants in U.S. custody, and how corporate actors can be held accountable for human rights abuses committed abroad.

PANELISTS

Katherine Gallagher | Center for Constitutional Rights

Máximo Langer | UCLA Law

Zinaida Miller | Northeastern Law

Sarah Paoletti | Penn Law

MODERATOR

Jess Peake | Promise Institute

3:15 PM

BREAK

3:30 PM

CLOSING KEYNOTE: LEVERAGING US CIVIL SOCIETY AND ACADEMIA TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AMERICAS: THE ROLE OF THE IACHR

This speech will examine the role of US civil society and academia in promoting human rights in the Americas, as well as the current mechanisms and potential strategies of the IACHR to support these efforts. Topics to be discussed may include funding, technical assistance, and dialogue with US foreign policy, diasporas, and civil society. The speech will aim to align the IACHR's efforts with its mandate and competencies.

Roberta Clarke | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Commissioner

4:00 PM

POETRY READING

Karen McCarthy Woolf's Fulbright research *Un/Safe* is a poetry-photo-lyric, travelogue and meditation on the US as a settler nation. She will read poems written while in residence at the Promise Institute that explore barbed wire, gentrification and carceral economics as state violence against black, brown and working-class bodies.

Karen McCarthy Woolf | Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar and
Promise Writer in Residence

4:20 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

4:30 PM

LIGHT RECEPTION

OPENING KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

JULISSA MANTILLA FALCÓN



Commissioner Julissa Mantilla Falcón was elected President by the General Assembly of the OAS during its 49th Regular Period of Sessions, on June 28, 2019, for a four-year term from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. As a lawyer, she specializes in human rights and has a degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), a diploma in Gender from the PUCP, and an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) at the University of London. She worked in the Peruvian Ombudspersons Office and was in charge of gender issues in the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation in Peru. She has served as an international justice consultant on transitional justice for UN Women. She is a professor at the Law School and the master's degree in Human Rights at the PUCP and at the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the American University's Washington College of Law. She has lectured internationally and authored several academic publications. She is a citizen of Peru.

MIDDAY KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

MARGARETTE MAY MACAULAY



Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay was re-elected by the General Assembly of the OAS during its 49th Regular Period of Sessions, on June 28, 2019, for a further four-year term from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. She had previously been elected by the General Assembly of the OAS for a first term as a commissioner that also ran for four years, January 2016–December 2019. President Macaulay holds a bachelor of laws degree from the University of London and is currently an attorney in private practice. She serves as Mediator in the Supreme Court of Jamaica and as Associate Arbitrator, as well as serving as Notary Public. She served as a Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights from 2007 to 2012, contributing to the formulation of the Court's Rules of Procedure. She is an honored member of the Gender Justice Legacy Wall of notable women's rights advocates who have brought about important changes, which was launched in December 2017 at the United Nations in New York, during the Assembly of Ministers. She took part in the reform and drafting of laws in Jamaica and is well known as a strong proponent of and authority on women's rights. She is a citizen of Jamaica.

CLOSING KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

ROBERTA CLARKE



Commissioner Roberta Clarke was elected by the General Assembly of the OAS during its Regular Period of Sessions, on November 12, 2021, for a period of four-year term, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. An activist for social justice and gender equality, Roberta Clarke has led UN Women Regional Offices in East and Southern Africa, Asia Pacific, the Caribbean and Libya. Prior to her career at the United Nations, she practiced as a lawyer in Trinidad and Tobago. She has been engaged in civil society and the national and international levels including as the Chair, Executive Committee, International Commission of Jurists and President of the Coalition against Domestic Violence, Trinidad and Tobago. She is the Chair, Harassment Committee of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

BIOGRAPHIES



ASLI BALI

Aslı Bâli is Professor of Law at Yale Law School where she teaches International Law, International Human Rights Law and Third World Approaches to International Law. Previously she was a professor at the UCLA School of Law where she was the Founding Faculty Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights and Director of the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies. She is also President-Elect of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). Her research focuses on two broad areas: public international law—including human rights and humanitarian law—and comparative constitutional law, with a focus on the Middle East.

Her scholarship has appeared in numerous law and peer-reviewed social science journals including the American Journal of International Law Unbound, Chicago Journal of International Law, Cornell International Law Journal, International Journal of Constitutional Law, University of Chicago Law Review, Geopolitics, Law & Social Inquiry, Theory & Event, UCLA Law Review, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Virginia Journal of International Law and Yale Journal of International Law, among others, and she is co-editor of two volumes addressing different facets of institutional design and comparative constitutional law from Cambridge University Press. She co-chairs the Advisory Council for the Middle East and North Africa Division of Human Rights Watch and chairs the MESA Global Academy.



JAMES CAVALLARO

James (Jim) Cavallaro is a visiting professor at the Law Schools at Columbia, UCLA and Yale and a professor of the practice at Wesleyan University. He is also the Executive Director of the University Network for Human Rights. He has taught human rights law and practice for nearly a quarter century, most recently at Yale Law School (Spring 2020), Stanford Law School (2011-2019), and Harvard Law School (2002-2011). At both Harvard and Stanford, he established and directed human rights clinics and ran human rights centers. Cavallaro has overseen dozens of projects with scores of students in over twenty countries. In June 2013, Cavallaro was elected to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. He served as President of that body from 2016-2017.

Professor Cavallaro has worked in human rights for more than three decades. He received his BA from Harvard University and his JD from Berkeley Law School. He also holds a doctorate in human rights and development (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain). In 1994, he opened a joint office for Human Rights Watch and the Center for Justice and International Law in Rio de Janeiro and served as director, overseeing research, reporting, and litigation before the Inter-American system's human rights bodies. In 1999, he founded the Global Justice Center, a leading Brazilian human rights NGO. Cavallaro has authored or co-authored dozens of books, reports, and articles on human rights issues, a list of which is available below. He is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese and also speaks Italian and French.



JAMIL DAKWAR

Jamil Dakwar is international human rights lawyer and expert. He is currently the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Program. Jamil's current research interests and legal advocacy are focused on racial and economic justice, mass incarceration, police violence, and extreme sentencing. Jamil frequently conducts advocacy before the U.S. government on human rights issues, with a particular focus on the domestic implementation of U.S. human rights obligations. His expertise frequently appears in domestic and international media, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Public Radio International, Business Insider, The Intercept, and Al Jazeera English.

He serves as the ACLU's main representative to the United Nations and leads the ACLU's advocacy before other regional and international bodies, including the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Jamil was one of ACLU's first legal observers to the military commission system at Guantanamo Bay in 2004. In 2020, he was appointed as a member of the New York State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Prior to joining the ACLU in 2004, Jamil worked at Human Rights Watch, where he conducted research, advocated, and published reports on issues of torture and detention in Egypt, Morocco, Israel, and the occupied Palestinian territory.

Before coming to the United States, he was a senior attorney with Adalah, a leading human rights group in Israel, where he filed and argued human rights cases before Israeli courts and advocated before international forums. He has taught human rights courses at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), Bard College, and Hunter College. This semester he teaches at New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study. He is graduate of Tel-Aviv University and NYU Law School. He is trilingual and speaks Arabic (mother tongue), English, and Hebrew.



KATHERINE GALLAGHER

Katherine Gallagher is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights. She works on universal jurisdiction and international criminal law cases involving U.S. and foreign officials and torture and other war crimes, and civil actions involving private military corporations and torture at Abu Ghraib. Her major cases include Situation of Afghanistan at the International Criminal Court, pressing to open a criminal investigation of U.S. torture in Afghanistan and at CIA blacksites; *Al Shimari v. CACI*, brought by Iraqis detainees tortured at Abu Ghraib; and *Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) v. Vatican*, seeking accountability for the crimes against humanity of sexual violence by clergy and cover-up.

She was a vice president on the International Board of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) from 2010 to 2016, is a member of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal for International Criminal Justice*, and is a visiting professor of law at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law.

Prior to coming to the Center for Constitutional Rights, she worked at the United Nations International

Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia from 2001–2006; as a legal advisor for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Kosovo; and with the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown. She graduated from New York University with a joint M.A. in Journalism and Middle East Studies and from the CUNY School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the New York City Law Review.



ANDREA GUERRERO

Andrea Guerrero is the executive director of Alliance San Diego, a community organization that is building collective power to create an inclusive democracy. Alliance does this work by developing leaders, engaging the community, advocating for policy, communicating strategically, and protecting human rights. She is one of the lawyers representing the family of Anastasio Hernández Rojas in a landmark case of excessive force against the United States before the Inter American Commission on Human Rights. She is an expert in border policy and has accompanied Anastasio's family in their fight for dignity and justice since he was killed by border agents in 2010.

Guerrero has led and helped lead coalitions at the local, state, and national level to catalyze policy change. She also works with her colleagues at Alliance San Diego to conduct large-scale voter mobilization efforts to ensure electoral outcomes are representative of and responsive to diverse community interests. Originally from Mexico City, Guerrero grew up in the United States and studied at Stanford University (B.A.), the University of Texas (M.A.), and the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (J.D.).



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He obtained his abogado degree at the University of Buenos Aires School of Law and his Doctor of Juridical Science degree at Harvard Law School. He has authored many publications on criminal law and criminal procedure—including various works on universal jurisdiction over international crimes—and his work has been translated to and published in multiple languages and has received awards from several professional associations.



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Massimino has a distinguished record of human rights advocacy in Washington. She has testified before Congress dozens of times; writes frequently for mainstream publications and specialized journals; appears in major media outlets; and speaks to audiences around the country. During her leadership at Human Rights First, the influential Washington publication *The Hill* consistently named her one of the most effective public advocates in the country.

Massimino is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. She holds a law degree from the University of Michigan, a Master's in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity University where she was recently recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award.



ZINAIDA MILLER

Zinaida Miller is Professor of Law and International Affairs at Northeastern University, where she is a faculty co-director of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy. She has published widely in the areas of transitional justice, human rights, and international criminal law in books and journals including the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *International Criminal Law Review*, *Transnational Legal Theory*, *Cornell International Law Journal*, and *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. She is co-editor of *Anti-Impunity and the Human Rights Agenda* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), which explores the emphasis on punishment and prosecution in the human rights movement, particularly in states emerging from conflict.

Prior to her appointment at Northeastern, Miller was Associate Professor of International Law and Human Rights at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations, where she taught courses in public international law, international criminal law, race and international law, and human rights. Miller was formerly co-chair of the American Society of International Law's Transitional Justice and Rule of Law Interest Group and currently serves on the Advisory Council of Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy. She received her AB from Brown University, JD from Harvard Law School, and her MALD and Ph.D. in International Relations from The Fletcher School at Tufts University.



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Priya joined the Promise Institute from NYU Law, where she was an Arthur Helton Global Human Rights Fellow doing collaborative research on discrimination against Black African and Haitian migrant women in Mexico. Alongside this role, she was advising NYU's Global Justice Clinic's Caribbean Climate Justice Initiative, with whom she continues to collaborate since joining UCLA Law. Priya holds an LLM in International Legal Studies from NYU Law, law degrees from McGill University's Faculty of Law, and a BA from the University of British Columbia.



SOLEDAD GARCÍA MUÑOZ

Soledad García Muñoz: Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA), from the IACHR, OAS. Lawyer, specialized in fundamental rights by University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain. She is a renowned academic and activist with a long career trajectory of regional and global work on human rights, gender and women's human rights. She has provided professional and voluntary services to different agencies of the United Nations, to Amnesty International, the Ibero-American Youth Organization, among other prestigious organizations.

Before starting her tenure as Special Rapporteur, she was the regional representative for South America of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights based in Montevideo, Uruguay. She is the first holder of REDESCA's mandate, after being elected by the IACHR in an Inter-American public competition.



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and Refugee Children,” in *The Oxford Handbook on Children’s Rights Law* (2020). Prof. Paoletti has also written in the area of legal education and practice in the field of human rights and immigration, including: *Relentless Pursuits: Reflections of an Immigration and Human Rights Clinician on the Past Four Years*, 27 *WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L.* 121 (2020), *Finding the Pearls When the World is Your Oyster: Case and Project Selection in Clinic Design*, 5 *DREXEL L. REV.* 305 (Spring 2013), and *Redefining Human Rights Lawyering Through the Lens of Critical Theory: Lessons for Pedagogy and Practice*, 18 *Georgetown Journal of Poverty Law & Policy* 337 (2011) (co-author with Caroline Bettinger-Lopez, Davida Finger, Meetali Jain, JoNel Newman, and Deborah M. Weismann).

Prior to entering academia, Paoletti was a staff attorney at Friends of Farmworkers, Inc. (now, Justice at Work), a statewide legal services program serving migrant workers in Pennsylvania, and later served on their Board from 2007–2016. Prof. Paoletti is a founding member of the Board of Directors of Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc., a binational migrant worker rights organization with offices in the U.S. and Mexico, and she serves on the Executive Committee of Migration that Works. She was a law clerk for the Hon. Judge Anthony J. Scirica, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit. She received her JD from the Washington College of Law American University summa cum laude, and her B.A. from Yale University.



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Peake teaches courses on Human Rights and War Crimes Digital Investigations and the Law of War and the War on Terror. In 2021, Peake received a grant from the University of California Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives to establish the UC Network on Human Rights and Digital Factfinding, with collaborators at the UC Berkeley Human Rights Center and the UC Santa Cruz Dolores Huerta Research Center.

Peake serves on the Board of Directors of the International Law Students Association, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict, and on the Public Engagement Committee of the American Society of International Law. Peake earned her LL.B. in European, International and Comparative Law from the University of Sheffield, UK, and an LL.M. in Public International Law from the University of Leiden, the Netherlands. She also gained an LL.M. with a concentration in Human Rights from the University of Pennsylvania as a Thouron Scholar.



CATHERINE SWEETSER

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Sweetser earned her B.A. magna cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Yale University, her J.D. magna cum laude (Order of the Coif) and her LL.M. from New York University School of Law. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Sweetser's publications have appeared in the *European Journal of International Law*, and *New York University Law Review*.



LAUREN VAN SCHILFGAARDE

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Prior to academia, van Schilfgaarde served as the Tribal Law Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) in West Hollywood, CA. At TLPI, van Schilfgaarde coordinated training and technical assistance to tribal courts, focusing primarily on Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, restorative justice, tribal court infrastructure, and federal Indian law. van Schilfgaarde currently serves as vice-chair for the Native American Concerns Committee of the American Bar Association, as a board member for the Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation, as a commissioner for the Lawyers Network Commission of the Center for Reproductive Rights, and as a board member of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Child Well-being Program.



KAREN MCCARTHY WOOLF

Karen McCarthy Woolf is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and the author of two poetry collections and the editor of seven literary anthologies spotlighting many new talents who are now critically acclaimed in their own right. Shortlisted for the Forward Felix Dennis and Jerwood Prizes, her debut *An Aviary of Small Birds* tells the story of losing a son in childbirth and was an Observer Book of the Year. Her latest, *Seasonal Disturbances*, explores gentrification, the city and the sacred, and was a winner in the inaugural Laurel Prize for ecological poetry.

In 2019 she moved to Los Angeles as a Fulbright postdoctoral scholar and Writer in Residence at the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA exploring the relationship between poetry, law and the impacts of capitalism on black, brown and indigenous bodies.

Published everywhere from *Granta* to the *Financial Times* and *Guardian* her poetry has been translated into Turkish, Swedish, Italian, Dutch and Spanish, produced as a choreographed short film, exhibited by Poems on the Underground and dropped from a helicopter over the Houses of Parliament. Karen also writes for radio and recent highlights include a multi-authored version of Virginia Woolf's *Orlando*

which was nominated for a BBC Audio Award in 2020 and a re-versioning of Homer's Book of the Dead for BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week in which *Odysseus* is reimagined as a London cab driver.

She has served as Chair of the Brunel International African Poetry Prize several times and as a judge of the National Poetry Competition in 2021 when the panel made literary history in awarding the prize to a black writer for the first time in 40 years. In 2023 she is on the judging panel for the Gingko Prize which is the world's largest ecological poetry award.

After returning to the UK, 2021 took her to Brazil as an artist in residence at the Sacatar Institute in Bahia where she was researching new work that explores sugar and its cultural and material legacies.