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The Promise Institute for Human Rights

UCLA School of Law



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It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Reimagining Rights in the Americas Conference, ten days of activities arranged around a historic first for UCLA: hosting the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' Period of Sessions. You'll find the Conference theme of "New Horizons at the Intersection of Race, Indigeneity, Migration and the Environment" embodied across our many official and side events.

The United States plays an oversized and sometimes contradictory role with respect to the promotion and protection of human rights in the region. Los Angeles itself is a microcosm of contradictions: a dynamic city whose economy and population reflects the diversity of the Americas, but one where inequalities are visible and social justice movements are vital and generative. It seemed only natural that a world-class institution like UCLA should host the Commission and bring the human rights frame to bear honestly on our reality, with the hope of illuminating and reimagining the human rights horizon of the Americas.

We are proud to offer this opportunity to engage students, local activists and scholars with the IACHR's important work.

Kate Mackintosh & Joseph Berra

Promise Institute Executive Director & Human Rights in the Americas Director

V E N U E S

All events take place at the Luskin Conference Center except:

- UCLA School of Law:
 - March 4th Symposium
 - March 11th Closed Workshop
 - Gloria Kaufman Dance Theater:
 - *Ferguson Rises* Film Screening & Panel
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SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 1 - 3

Rights of Unhoused People in the Western United States, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm IACHR Site Visit

Soledad García Muñoz, the IACHR Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, will hear from people who have experienced homelessness firsthand, advocates working on issues of the unhoused, and government officials.

*This event is not open to the general public.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Promise Institute 2023 Symposium: Bringing Human Rights Home 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This year's symposium will explore the intersection of the international human rights framework with the domestic legal, political and social landscapes in the United States. We'll offer a particular emphasis on critical perspectives, as well as the struggles of impacted communities advocating for social justice and their human rights.

- Opening Keynote: The Inter-American System and the Obligations of States
 - Julissa Mantilla, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Panel 1: The United States and the Human Rights Project Writ Large
- Panel 2: The Struggle for Human Rights in the United States
- Midday Keynote: Strategies and Limits for the IACHR in the Face of Human Rights Challenges in the US: The Case of Police Violence
 - Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Panel 3: The United States and Human Rights Accountability
- Closing Keynote: Leveraging US Civil Society and Academia to Promote Human Rights in the Americas: The Role of the IACHR
 - Roberta Clarke, Commissioner, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Poetry Reading: Un/Safe, a poetry-photo-lyric, travelogue and mediation on the US as a settler nation
 - Karen McCarthy Woolf

Register to Attend: tinyurl.com/bringinghumanrightshome

This event takes place at UCLA School of Law

MONDAY, MARCH 6

IACHR Hearing: Fiscal policy and guarantee of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in the region 2:15 - 3:30 pm

Visit the Official IACHR 186th Period of Sessions at tinyurl.com/186thperiodofsessions for more information.

IAHCR Hearing: Follow-up of precautionary measures of beneficiaries deprived of their liberty in Venezuela 4:00 - 5:15 pm

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7

IACHR Hearing: Right to information of family members of victims of forced disappearance in the region 8:45 - 10:00 am

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IAHCR Hearing: Human rights of indigenous Taino and Maroon peoples in Jamaica 10:30 - 11:45 am

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IACHR Hearing: IACHR Case 11.888 - Alfredo Acero Aranda and others (Red de la Armada) vs Colombia 12:15 - 1:30 pm

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IACHR Hearing: Situation of human mobility from an ethnic-racial approach 3:00 - 4:15 pm

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

IACHR Hearing: Sexual violence against women and girls in Haiti 8:45 - 10:00 am

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IAHCR Hearing: Reproductive rights and violence against women and girls in Brazil 10:30 - 11:45 am

Visit the Official IACHR 186th Period of Sessions at tinyurl.com/186thperiodofsessions for more information.

IACHR Hearing: Case 12.781 - Indigenous peoples of Raposa Serra do Sol vs Brazil 12:15 - 1:30 pm

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IACHR Hearing: Protection of human rights defenders and journalists in the region 3:00 - 4:15 pm

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KEYNOTE: Marion Buller on The Future of Justice and Reparations for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls 4:45 - 6:15pm

Marion Buller is a judge and human rights advocate who helped form the First Nations Courts in British Columbia and is the first woman Indigenous judge in Canada. She was the Chief Commissioner for the Canadian National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. She is currently Chancellor of the University of Victoria, BC. Julissa Mantilla, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will follow Judge Buller's remarks with a perspective from the IACHR. Introduction and moderation by Shannon Speed, Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center.

Register to Attend: tinyurl.com/bullerkeynote

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

IACHR Hearing: Rights of Haitians in mobility in the United States

8:45 - 10:00 am

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IAHCR Hearing: Right to movement of persons in Cuba

10:30 - 11:45 am

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Special IACHR Event: Trends and patterns of labor and union rights violations in Cuba

12:00 - 1:30 pm

In the Legacy Room at the Luskin Conference Center.

IACHR Hearing: Threat to judicial independence in Central and South America

12:15 - 1:30 pm

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SPECIAL EVENT: Ambassador Francisco Mora on the U.S. and Human Rights

2:00 - 3:00pm

The U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, Francisco Mora will speak on U.S. Commitment to Democracy and Human Rights in the Inter-American System. Ambassador Mora will be accompanied by IACHR Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Rapporteur for the United States.

Register to Attend: tinyurl.com/ambassadormoraevent

This event takes place in the Laureate Room at the Luskin Conference Center

IACHR Hearing: Advances and challenges in forensic search in Mexico

3:00 - 4:15 pm

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IACHR Hearing: Case 13.097 - Dead in Magdalena Prison vs Argentina 4:45 - 6:00 pm

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FILM SCREENING & Panel Discussion: *Ferguson Rises* 6:15 - 9:00pm

A Father's Love. A Son's Legacy. A Nation's Awakening. How does a father find purpose in pain? In 2014, Michael Brown Sr.'s son was killed by white police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, an event that fueled the global Black Lives Matter movement. But his personal story seeking justice and healing has not been told until now. A landmark film by documentary film maker Mobolaji Olambiwonnu.

Light meal provided prior to the screening at 5:30pm for those who register

This event takes place at the Glorja Kaufman Dance Theater

Register to Attend: tinyurl.com/fergusonrisesscreening

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

IACHR Hearing: Right to identity of trans persons in El Salvador 8:45 - 10:00am

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Special IACHR Event: LGBTI rights 10:30 - 11:30am
In the Legacy Room at the Luskin Conference Center.

IACHR Hearing: Human rights situation of the Garifuna people in Honduras 10:30 - 11:45am

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Civil Society Forum 12:15 - 2:00pm
At this time, no information is available online about this forum.

KEYNOTE: E. Tendayi Achiume on Climate Justice and Climate Reparations from a Racial Justice Perspective, followed by Closing Reception.

4:00 - 6:45pm

E. Tendayi Achiume is the Alicia Miñana Chair in Law at UCLA School of Law and former faculty director of the Promise Institute. She recently finished her period as UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. A human rights scholar and influential leader at the intersection of human rights and racial justice, Professor Achiume will speak on Climate Justice and Climate Reparations from a Racial Justice Perspective. She will be joined by IACHR Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay for a perspective from the Inter-American Commission. Introduction by UCLA Law Dean Russell Korobkin, moderation by Promise Institute Racial Justice Policy Counsel and Co-Director of the International Human Rights Clinic S. Priya Morley.

The Closing Reception will begin at 5:45pm and in Luskin Courtyard South.

Register to Attend: tinyurl.com/achumekeynoteclosing

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

CLOSED WORKSHOP: Setting Institutional Priorities on Climate Reparations and Racial Justice: Learning from Social Movements

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

The uneven allocation of the burdens of climate change maps on to systemic racial discrimination, inequality, and marginalization within and between countries, all of which are the persistent impacts of global histories of colonialism, enslavement, and extractivism.

This convening will bring together experts from the United Nations, Inter-American system, and social movements to discuss the disproportionate impacts of the global climate crisis on racially marginalized peoples in North America, Central America, and the Caribbean—particularly people of African and Indigenous descent.

The convening will build on the work being done by social movements, including those working at the intersections of racial, Indigenous, migrant, and climate justice. It will also draw on a series of recent reports on the human rights impacts of climate change, including its intersection with racial injustice, by experts from the UN and Inter-American systems. In particular, the convening will respond to growing claims for climate reparations arising from social movements and Global South nations.

It will explore whether and how international law, the international human rights frame, and the institutional mechanisms of the UN and IACHR may be reimagined and wielded to meet social movements' demands for climate justice and transformative social change.

This event is not open to the general public.

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