



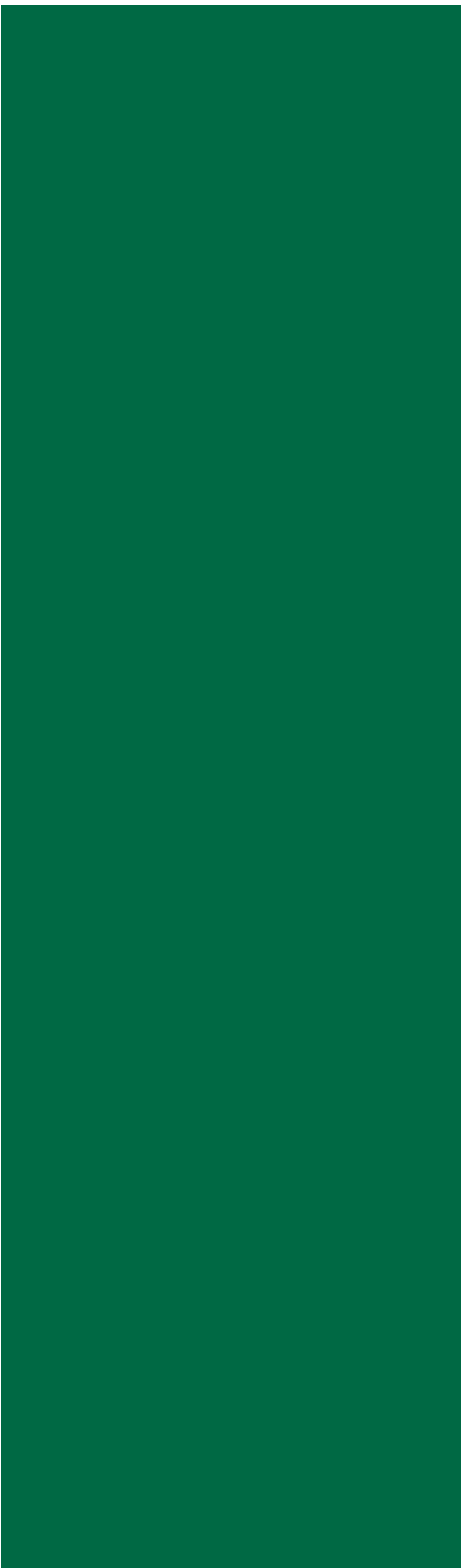
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The conference focus was on human rights defenders, and we've been building on the conversation at A H R I with a follow-up research project this fall on academic-defender partnerships with the help of our terrific research assistant Johanna Seppala. This research will inform many of our lab projects moving forward.

In spring 2023, Cingranelli launched a new course to introduce undergraduates to human rights as a subject to study from various disciplinary perspectives. The popular course included a human rights simulation of a scenario concerning the collapse of the rule of law and protection of human rights in Venezuela. Students evaluated the intertwining issues of human rights, national and region security, and oil and trade, assuming assigned roles to consider different responses. Meanwhile, first-year students in the Source Project stream on human rights presented their research at University Research Days and published in the *Binghamton Law Quarterly*.

Also on the pedagogical front, we had a record fourteen students graduate with the human rights minor (with another thirteen due to graduate in spring 2024). Our minors take diverse paths after graduation, including enrolling in Binghamton's Master's of Science in Human Rights program, law or other graduate schools, or embarking on private and public sector careers.

We were fortunate to have Hanna Musiol, Professor of Modern and Contemporary Literature at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, with us as a visiting scholar in the 2022-2023 academic year. Dr. Musiol is an extraordinary scholar-activist, who publishes widely on the environmental humanities, political ecology, and migration and refugee aesthetics and rights. Her work is rooted in place- and community-centered theory and storytelling.

While in residence, Musiol kicked off a public humanities methodologies series organized by and directed toward graduate students where she showcased several of her projects in the U.S. and Europe. In the spring of 2023, she and Moore organized a public seminar series, Landscapes of Injustice, Landscapes of Repair, co-sponsored by





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Associate Professor of History;



Marta Agüero Guerra, Romance Languages  
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Amir Ahmadi Arian, English

Anne Bailey, History

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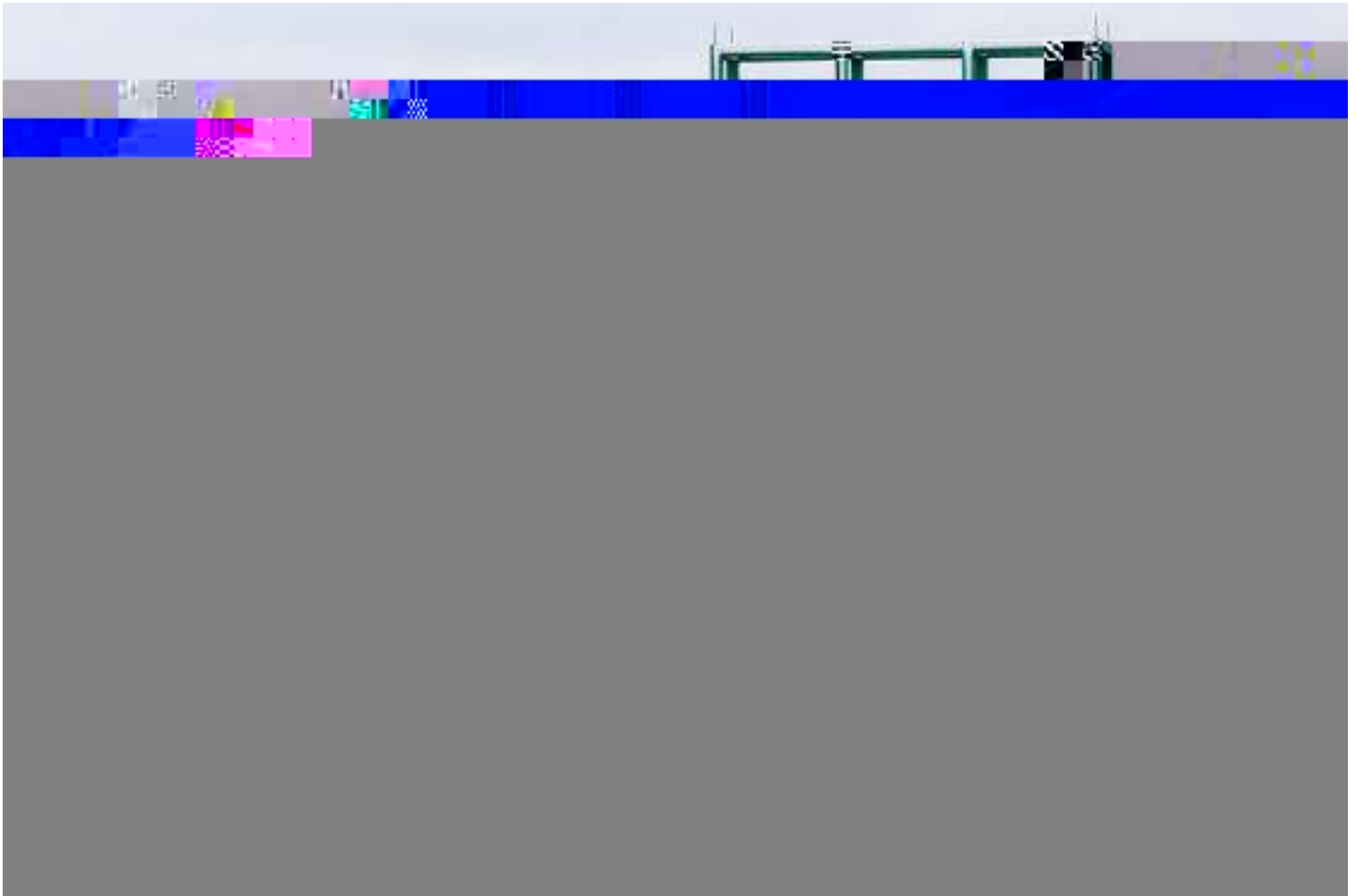
## External Affiliates

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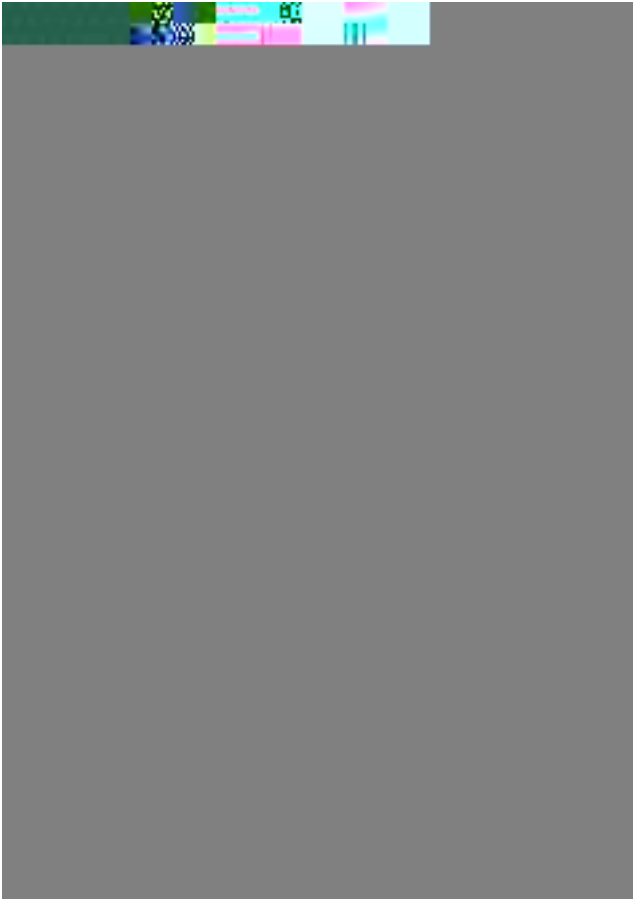
Hanna Musiol, Modern and Contemporary Literature, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Belinda Walzer, English and Rhetoric, Appalachian State University





# EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS



Futures of Democracy Lecture Series  
(cont. from 2022)

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Participatory Disinformation and Its  
Threat to Democracy

Kate Starbird, Univ Washington

Additional Guest Lectures


My Life in Guantánamo

Mansoor Adayfi

My Guantánamo Writing Seminar

Mohamedou Ould Slahi Houbeni

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# EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS

Lubna Chaudhry Human Rights Lecture Series

# HRI PUBLICATIONS

The Human Rights Institute fosters academic and public facing scholarship that often cuts across traditional academic boundaries. Our working groups and lab projects address diverse audiences. With both scholarly and applied projects, these groups recognize the necessity of bringing multiple methodologies and theoretical frameworks to bear on pressing human rights concerns. The HRI also mentors graduate student research and publications related to our projects. Here is a snapshot of some of our major publications.

In addition to affiliates' individual work, in 2023 we celebrated publications of a scholarly monograph, write-ups of our workshop series, and student-authored reports for our campus community as well as for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

*The Guantánamo Artwork and Testimony of Moath al-AIwi: Deaf Walls Speak*, edited by co-director Moore and Elizabeth Swanson, centers on an extraordinary chapter by Moath al-AIwi on his artwork and what it means to him to create it in prison. Moath has been imprisoned without charge at the U.S. naval base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba since 2002. The book features essays by Binghamton University professor of anthropology Joshua Reno, HRI affiliate Belinda Walzer, former BU undergraduates Olivia Vinson and Maya G. Amer, among others.

# HRI PUBLICATIONS

# REPORTS

The University of Rhode Island's Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies published its 2023 Global Human Rights Report based on the data of CIRIGHTS, the world's largest human rights data set. CIRIGHTS' principal investigators are Skip Mark (Binghamton PhD and Director of URI's Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies), HRI Co-Director David Cingranelli, HRI affiliate Mikhail Filippov, and University of Connecticut's David Richards

Students in the human rights minor capstone course, assisted by graduate student Meegs Longacre, authored two public reports on the rights of persons with disabilities for a representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Students began with a deep dive into the Convention and to theories of disability rights before doing a deep dive into the rights of persons with disabilities.



# HRI IN THE NEWS

6 ways to gain academic and professional experience in human rights

Alexandra Moore

Fleishman Career Center blog post, October 31, 2023

"David Cingranelli Profile"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=200Aii1BVI4>

"Interns boost immigration services at local nonprofit"

Andi Stack

<https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/4135/interns-boost-immigration-services-at-local-nonprofit>

"The power of partnership: Interdisciplinary Human Rights Institute changes lives"

Jennifer Micale

<https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/4110/the-power-of-partnership-interdisciplinary-human-rights-institute-changes-lives>

"Empathy and law. Public law interns tackle issues ranging from refugees to rental rules"

Jennifer Micale

<https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/4075/empathy-and-law-public-law-interns-tackle-issues-ranging-from-refugees-to-rental-rules>

"Ukraine has a mixed record of treating its citizens fairly – that could make it harder for it to maintain peace, once the war ends"

David Cingranelli and Brendan Skip Mark

<https://theconversation.com/ukraine-has-a-mixed-record-of-treating-its-citizens-fairly-that-could-make-it-harder-for-it-to-maintain-peace-once-the-war-ends-197503>

"Data project ranks how well countries around the globe protect human rights"

Jennifer Micale

<https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/4059/data-project-ranks-how-well-countries-around-the-globe-protect-human-rights>



# PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

In addition to our partnerships with organizations hosting human rights student interns, the HRI initiated two new international partnerships

Binghamton University and the University of Brescia (Italy) signed a memorandum of understanding to launch a comparative carceral studies research and pedagogy project which will bring students and faculty in both cohorts together. Part of the project will include visits to the Brescia prison.

Co-Director David Cingranelli and research partners Mikhail Filippov (Binghamton University) and Skip Mark (University of Rhode Island)



## AFFILIATE, BOARD, & DIRECTOR RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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Hassoun, Nicole. (2023) "Pandemic Preparedness and Response: Advancing Research, Development, and Ethical Distribution of New Treatments and Vaccines Law and Economic Development" Forthcoming *Law and Economic Development*, eds Ajit Mishra and Kaushik Basu. Palgrave Macmillan.

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Yu, Wan, and John Frazier. (2023) "Evolution in the Foci of Academic Disciplines: Geography at Binghamton University as an Exemplar?" In *Higher Education in a Changing World*, edited by Orlando Taylor, Nicole Retland, and Katherine McGraw Fielding University Press. 440-463.

# WORKING GROUPS

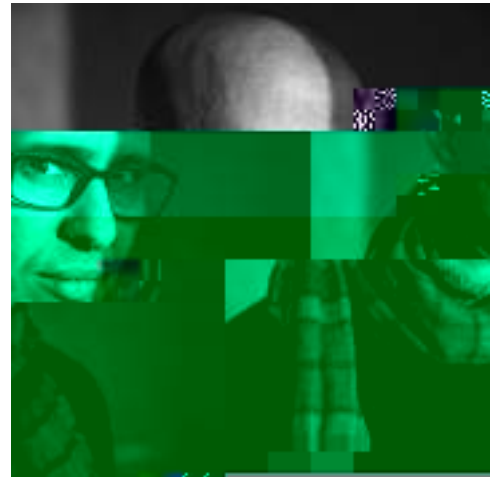


## Capitalism and Human Rights Suzy Lee and Jakob Feinig

Jakob Feinig spent the last year presenting his book, *The Moral Economies of Money*, at national and international conferences. Suzy Lee, with co-PI Rene Rojas, has been working on a research project on the impact of deindustrialization on political identity formation. The working group meets as needed.

## Carceral States Joshua Price (Toronto Metropolitan University) and Alexandra Moore

This working group is in the process of launching a new prison writing project led by formerly incarcerated authors based in Europe. We're delighted to be partnering with Luisa Ravnigan at the University of Brescia (Italy) and with author Mohamedou Ould Slahi Houbeni on this initiative.



## CIRIGHTS and Measuring Human Rights Data Project David Cingranelli and Mikhail Filippov

The goal of the CIRIGHTS project is to use the predecessor CIRI Data Project methodology to annually update the CIRI human rights scores, to expand upon the original list of rights scored so that it is more representative of the full set of rights in the International Bill of Human Rights, and to supplement human coding with machine coding to produce more scores in a shorter period. The CIRIGHTS project released its latest scores and released its 2023 Global Rights Project (GRIP) Report in December 2023.

The project directors worked with students at their respective institutions to update human rights scores for 2022 based on human rights reports issued in 2023. Both Cingranelli and Filippov teach seminars at Binghamton University where undergraduate and graduate students contribute to the project's development.





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# STUDENT RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

First-year students in the human rights stream of the University's Source Project (a year-long program devoted to cultivating research skills and passions in the humanities and social sciences) published their work at the conclusion of the course in our campus student-run law journal. Congratulations to all of the students on their academic publications:

*Binghamton Law Quarterly* (May 2023)

Abby Rothleder, "The Importance of Triage and Holistic Defense for Public Defenders"

Ethan Moskowitz, "Racism within the United States' Death Penalty"

Harper Sanders, "Restricting the Practice of Solitary Confinement"

Julianna Raimonda, "Healthcare in Correctional Facilities: The Lack of Practicing Law"

Michel Nocera, "The Influence of Youth on False Confessions"

Emma DeOliveira, "The Legality of 'Enhanced Interrogation Techniques' at Guantánamo"

Emma Quenneville, "The U.S. Government and the Denial of Torture at Guantánamo Bay"

Isabela Fraguada, "Guantánamo Bay Hunger Strikers"

Riya Mohan, "Post Executive Order 13491 Treatment of Detainees at Guantánamo Bay"

Emily King, "Social Media Giants and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act"

Lili Pitkowsky, "Human Rights Granted to Children of Incarcerated Parents"

Robert Rose, "'House of Cards' – The Precarious Relationship Between Human Rights Recognized in the Constitution and the Laws Put in Place to Protect Them"

Olivia Caldwell, "Government Propaganda in Military Films"

Alex Moon, "Proud Boys Commit Conspiracy in the Name of Patriotism at the January 6 Capitol Riot"

Rui Zheng, "Should the Capitol Hill Rioters Receive Harsher Sentences?"

Sara Parkhurst, "The Shift from Legal to Illegal on January 6th, 2021"

Abigail Connors, "Abortion Rights Beyond the U.S. Constitution"

Heera Narang, "Islamic Law and Women's Rights in Iran"

Michael LoBiondo, "Extradition in New York State in the Wake of *Dobbs v. Jackson*"

Emma DeOliveira and Abigail Connors also have forthcoming work in the *Binghamton Undergraduate Research Journal*.

This fall Source Project students Michael LoBiondo, Abigail Connors, Robert Rose, and Abigail Rothleder were invited to a resentencing hearing for a client whose case they worked on related to New York State's Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act. As the Broome County Public Defender wrote in



# RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

The Upstate New York Police Research Consortium (UNY-PRC)

Laura Warren Hill, Human Development and Andrew Pragacz, Sociology

The Upstate New York Police Research Consortium (UNY-PRC) under Binghamton University's Human Rights Institute aims to locate current policing practices into a historical and structural context. The UNY-PRC comprises an interdisciplinary team of scholars who embrace "the study and [debates regarding] abolition of prisons, criminalization, policing, and other carceral mechanisms of state power," in order to advance the academic and public understanding of policing in Upstate New York and to increase citizen engagement and oversight of criminal justice administration. Founding members of UNY-PRC span four disciplines (criminal justice, sociology, computer science, and history) and three institutions in Rochester and Binghamton and will add research units from Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse during 2024. Thus, the goal of this project is to make scholarly research about policing and its impact available to the public to improve the administration of justice and the impact of justice processes on society. UNY-PRC will partner with community stakeholders engaged in activism in these communities. <https://www.binghamton.edu/hri/ohc/holdersenc/hu/twc/gO>

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