Master of Ceremonies, Aaron Thieme, Research Assistant, Human Rights Institute, IPFW

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014

I. HUMAN RIGHTS TODAY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LAW

8:30 am: One World
Invited Address by Mark Gibney, Carol G. Belk Distinguished Professor of International Relations
University of North Carolina – Asheville

Human Rights: Towards an Historical Analysis of a Concept

9:45 am: The Development of Subjective Rights as Natural Rights: A Ground of Contemporary Human Rights
Craig Iffland, Doctoral Candidate in Moral Theology, University of Notre Dame

11:00 am: Standard Threats: How to Violate Basic Human Rights
Anthony Reeves, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Binghamton University (SUNY)

12:15 pm: Lunch offered on-site

1:00 pm: The United Nations’ Engagement in Rule of Law Reform in Post-conflict and Fragile States

Human Rights and Democracy in the Era of Globalization

2:15 pm: The Dialectic of Human Rights and Democracy under Conditions of Globalization
Andrew Buchwalter, John A. Delaney Presidential Professor of Philosophy
University of North Florida

3:30 pm: On the Dialectical Contradiction of Human Rights and Its Overcoming
Alberto L. Siani, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey

4:45 pm: Refugee Human Rights: Against the Unilateral Right to Exclude
Max Cherem, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Kalamazoo College, Michigan

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Faculty, students, and interested members of the community are invited to request tickets take part. See the long program for a prior idea of each presentation. Tickets including lunch will be distributed with the goal of having the widest diversity of voices in the large conversation of human rights as a global moral standard and its implementation.

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SESSION II
HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHICS

8:30 am: How to Justify Human Rights
Invited Address by James Sterba,
Professor, Department of Philosophy
University of Notre Dame

Response: The Cognitive Limits of
Ethical Judgment. Abraham Schwab,
Associate Professor of Philosophy,
Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Campus
(IPFW); Research Associate, Applied
Ethics Center

Human Rights Critiqued

2:15 pm: Capabilities and Care Ethics:
The Role of Care and Counter
Narratives in Human Rights Theory
Jennifer Caseldine-Bracht, Instructor
Department of Philosophy
Michigan State University

Response: andré douglas pond
cummings, Associate Dean of the Law
School, Indiana Institute of Technology

2:30 pm: UN Human Rights as
Conceptually Confused: A Better Way
Forward
Marcus Arvan, Assistant Professor,
Department of Philosophy, University of
Tampa

4:45 pm: Amartya Sen’s Idea of
Justice: Human Rights, and the
Challenge of Bentham
Don Habibi, Professor of Philosophy
University of North Carolina–Wilmington

The Human Rights Institute in its eleventh
year is now incorporated into the IPFW
campus Center for Applied Ethics. For ten
years the Institute has organized five
national or international conferences,
produced three book publications with
Purdue University Press, and offered a four-
week July study abroad program now in its
tenth year in conjunction with the
International Institute of Human Rights in
Strasbourg, France—founded by René
Cassin, 1968 Nobel Prize winner for his
work in drafting the UN Universal
Declaration of Human Rights. The Institute
is committed to research and human rights
education. In a philosophy department rather
than a law school, its focus is research into
the justification of human rights. We seek a
convincing, persuasive, and globally
embraceable case for human rights as the
common global ethical standard. A universal
ethical minimum that is accessible to non-
academics and academics alike across all
national, racial, linguistic, religious, and
other frontiers. René Cassin said there will
be no peace in the world until human rights
are universally implemented. We believe
there will be no universal implementation of
human rights until there is a single global
culture sharing one rationale for human
rights, reinforcing the different rationales of
difficult cultures, and easily understandable
throughout the multi-cultural diversity of
our world.