

Trinity College

Human Rights Program Events

Spring 2009

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 18

Film Series~ *Our Disappeared* (Q&A with Director Juan Mandelbaum)

New critically acclaimed film about a personal journey to search for a disappeared former girlfriend in Buenos Aires, revealing a history of abuse and political oppression.

Co-sponsored with the Latin American and Iberian Film Series (with the support of Latin American and Caribbean Studies/INTS, Hispanic Studies, Center for Urban and Global Studies, and Political Science)

Life Sciences Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 3

Careers in Human Rights: Trinity Alum Patrick McGrann '98

Come hear the co-founder of Kitegang offer insights about a career in human rights. Kitegang is a unique organization that manufactures and distributes kites within impoverished areas around the world, including in refugee camps, with the aim of promoting economic development and children's rights.

Informational materials for graduate study and careers in human rights will be provided.

Co-sponsored with Career Services.

Terrace Room B, Mather Hall, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Refreshments served.

Monday, March 9

Human Rights Advocacy Fellow-in-Residence ~ Sonia Pierre

"Migrants, Race, and Rights: Forgotten Haitians in the Dominican Republic"

A panel discussion, featuring Sonia Pierre, whose work directing the Movement for Dominican Women of Haitian Descent (MUDHA) earned her the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 2006. Come learn about the plight of Haitian sugarcane workers in the Dominican Republic and see how you might become involved.

Co-sponsored with Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Hispanic Studies/PRESHCO, Multicultural Affairs, the History Department, and the Bert Gastmann Fund in Political Science.

Rittenberg Lounge, Mather Hall, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Reception immediately following.

Thursday, March 12

Film Series ~ *The Price of Sugar* (2007)

An eye-opening film about human rights abuses against Haitian sugarcane workers in the Dominican Republic.

Life Sciences Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 24

Film Series ~ *Up the Yangtze* (2007)

Part of the 2008-2009 Human Rights Watch Traveling Film Festival, this powerful film depicts a Chinese family's displacement as a result of the Three Gorges Dam project.

Co-sponsored by International Studies.

McCook Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 8

Film Series ~ *Promise to the Dead* (2007)

This award-winning film, part of the 2008-2009 Human Rights Watch Traveling Film Festival, follows internationally renowned writer and human rights activist Ariel Dorfman to Chile, confronting issues of exile, memory, and the quest for justice.

Co-sponsored with the Latin American and Iberian Film Series.

McCook Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Local-Global Conversations: Human Rights and Urban Justice

Ejim Dike, Director, Human Rights Project, Urban Justice Center (NYC)

How would a human rights framework apply to Hartford? Join us in a conversation with the director of one of the leading initiatives in the United States working to apply international human rights standards to a local context.

Fred Pfeil Memorial Event. Co-sponsored with the Center for Urban and Global Studies.

70 Vernon Street, 4:30 p.m. Refreshments served.

Tuesday, April 14

Who Should and Shouldn't Be in Connecticut's Prisons?

A Better Way Foundation

Hartford-based A Better Way Foundation leads this session, critically examining Connecticut's prison system and how it might be reformed.

Co-sponsored with Trinity's chapter of Amnesty International.

Terrace Room B, Mather Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

Jack Healey ~ Human Rights Activism, Music, and Burma

An informal discussion with a leading human rights activist, exploring how music and technology can be used to promote social justice.

Terrace Room B, Mather Hall, 7:00 p.m.

~ All events are free and open to the public~

Please direct any questions to hrp@trincoll.edu.

To learn more about Human Rights at Trinity, visit <http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/humanrights>.