

2017 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

THEME: "Women's Rights."

March 29 & 30, 2017

College of Business and Social Studies | National Center for Human Relations | Southern Christian Leadership Foundation

West Virginia State University's College of Business and Social Sciences, in collaboration with the National Center for Human Relations and Southern Christian Leadership Foundation presents 2017 International Human Rights Conference.

THEME: The conference theme is "Women's Rights." Interdisciplinary abstracts, papers, presentations, posters, roundtables, workshops, panels, photos, and video that directly or indirectly address the conference theme or the Human Rights Topics are eligible for submission. Academicians, practitioners, government employees, and students are welcomed to participate.

All other human rights topics are also invited and welcomed in the following areas (but not limited to):

HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS

Race Relations
Interfaith relations
Poverty: Rights of the poor
International relations
Violence against women and children
Immigration
Human rights legislation
Energy, environment and climate change
Women's rights
Children's rights: prostitution, pornography, and armed conflict
Elder's rights
LGBT Rights
Human Rights in the Administration of Justice
Social Welfare
Child Bride
Human Rights education
Human Rights and the environment
Right to Privacy in the Digital Age
Discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
Business and Human Rights
Human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
Other related topics of human rights



For inquiries and submission, please contact Dr. David Bejou, conference chairperson at dbejou@wvstate.edu

SUBMISSION

All submission due on February 20, 2017. Submit abstracts of no more than 300 words to dbejou@wvstate.edu

REGISTRATION FEES



WEST VIRGINIA STATE

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 29TH

10:45 – 11:00 AM

Dean David Bejou
Opening Remarks

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Julie Palas / Interim Executive Director of West Virginia Women's Commission
Women's Rights
Introduced by Sharon Banks

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Shirley Barnes Gore / Founder of Go Back and Get Your Sisters
Women's Social Welfare
Introduced by Michael Pennington

12:00 – 12:30 PM

Csilla Droppova / Center of Community Organizing, NGO
Civil Community as a Local Leader in Human Rights Protection
Introduced by Sonya Armstrong

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Nationfest
Fund-Raiser Lunch / West Virginia State University International Students / Student Union
Sponsored by West Virginia State University SGA

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Roundtable & Refreshments
Human Rights Documentary

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Christine Weiss Daugherty / Rural Strategies
Gender Analysis of Economic Development Planning
Introduced by Sonya Armstrong

4:00 – 5:00 PM

LGBT Student Panel
James Jesmer / SGA President, Fairmont State University
Rosemary Ketchum / SGA President, West Virginia Northern Community College
Matt Jarvis / SGA President, Marshall University
Moderated by Elijah Roberts / SGA President, West Virginia State University

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Sunnetta "Sunny" Slaughter / CEO Sunny Slaughter, LLC
Human Trafficking
Introduced by Becky Francis

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Human Rights Documentaries

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Roundtable & Refreshments
Student Poster/Photo Competition

THURSDAY – MARCH 30TH

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Panel Discussion: Literary Perspectives on Human Rights

Dr. Jeffrey Pietruszynski / Associate Professor of English

Mountainish Inhumanity' – Shakespeare's Case for Immigrants... What Lessons can be Learned

Dr. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski / Associate Professor of English

Pheu pheu, ti prosderkesthe m ommasin, tekna: Elizabeth Barret Browning's "Cry of the Children" and a Call to Arms for Innocence.

Dr. Thomas Kiddie / Associate Professor of English

The Canon of Gray Literature as a Reflection of LGBTQ Rights

Introduced by Manashi Ray

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Toinette Jenkins / First Lady of West Virginia State University

Social Justice and Civic Responsibility

Introduced by Dr. Azam Bejou

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Kenyatta Grant / West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence

Introduced by Sharon Banks

12:00 – 12:30 PM

Bernice L. Frazier / President and CEO of SCL Foundation

Women and Girls Community of Power

Introduced by Suvayan De

12:30 – 1:15 PM

LUNCH – Sponsored by Southern Christian Leadership Foundation

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Panel Discussion - WVSU National Center for Human Relations

Dr. Carol Taylor Johnson / Faculty Advisor

Khalil Bentley, Ashley Jones, and Darius Goode / Students / West Virginia State University

The Child Soldier: A Global Human Rights Tragedy

Introduced by Portia Smith and Douglas Smith

2:00 – 2:30 PM

T.J. Park / Associate Professor of History / West Virginia State University

A Turbulent History of North Korean Refugees

Introduced by Michael Workman

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Dr. Raphael M. Mutepa / Associate Professor of Social Work / West Virginia State University

Exercising Human Rights: The Contribution of African American Women to the Fight Against the Spread of HIV/AIDS

Introduced by Dr. Carol Taylor Johnson

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Jim Spencer / Professor of Psychology / West Virginia State University (Retired)

The Court Martial of Jackie Robinson

Introduced by Becky Francis

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Zaynah Kali, Veronica Jarrell, Jaila Leftridge, and Andrea L. Shuff / Students / West Virginia State University

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN VS. FRANCE: A Look at Women's Rights in a Reactionary Nation vs. a Progressive Nation

Introduced by Michael Workman

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Bonnie Swan and Roxanne Draganowski / Students / West Virginia State University Student
Role of Family and Its Impact on Drug Addiction Recovery in WV
Introduced by Manashi Ray

4:30 – 5:00 PM

Daniel Holcombe, Cedrick Farmer, Emily Robinson, Sarina Branson, Jessie Rhodes, and Scotti Hager / Students / West Virginia State University
A Day in the Life of My Super Ability
Introduced by Frehot Hailou

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Harold Barnes, Sr. / President and Founder of Center of Quantum Leadership
Quantum Responsibility
Introduced by Michael Pennington

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Dr. James B. Cox
1040 Initiative—Lifesaving Surgeries, Water, and Education
Introduced by Michael Fultz

6:00 PM

Humanitarian & Community Impact Awards
Introduced by Dean David Bejou