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A full crowd at the “Youth Held at the Border” event.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The 2012-2013 academic year marked the completion of the Center's eighth year in existence. All of us at the Center are pleased to continue bringing issues of human rights and international justice into the spotlight at Boston College and beyond, with a particular focus on the rights of migrants. Our spotlight event this year was the highly successful academic symposium "Migration: Past, Present and Future", celebrated as one of the university's sesquicentennial year events. The two-day symposium, from March 21-22, 2013, brought speakers from around the country and globe to discuss issues concerning reform of the US immigration system, race and class considerations as they pertain to migration, and issues related to responding to the needs of refugees and causes of forced migration around the globe.

The Center, inspired by the ethical and religious traditions of Boston College, has continued its mission of training the next generation of human rights professionals. Our educational programs bridge the gap between research and action through the interaction of scholars and practitioners. We continue to lead in depth discussion of the rights of vulnerable people forced from home through the many events we sponsor on campus, in our legal projects dedicated to humane reform of the US immigration system, in our work with local immigrant groups, and in our projects focusing on forced migrants around the world. In all this work we seek ethically informed, human rights-based responses to migration trends and the needs of migrants.

Our partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) continued in robust fashion. The past year's highlight of our work with JRS was a workshop on the topic of reconciliation in post-conflict settings held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in June 2013. In this workshop, JRS staff from around the world met with Christian theologians and Buddhist and Muslim scholars from BC and beyond. The goal of the workshop was to help strengthen JRS staff capabilities in this crucial area of reconciliation in the many conflicted and post-conflict areas in which JRS works. Materials to help JRS pursue that goal are being prepared as a follow-up to the workshop.

Our Post-Deportation Human Rights Project continued to work on legal reforms that seek to make the U.S. deportation system more humane in the face of the record number of deportations in the past few years. To this end, in November 2012 we convened a Roundtable Discussion on the development of an International Convention on the Rights of Deportees. The Roundtable brought together scholars from around the country to discuss the creation of a legally adoptable International Convention to protect the rights of deportees in ratifying nations. As the next step, the Center will convene another meeting of scholars in May 2014 at BC, to begin drafting such a Convention on the Rights of Forcibly Expelled Persons.

Our Human Rights and Migration Project, partly based in Zacualpa, Guatemala, has also continued its work researching factors contributing to migration as well as psychological effects of migration on families separated by it. Associate Director M. Brinton Lykes traveled to Guatemala this past summer to help conduct a diploma program in collaboration with the Jesuit University of Rafael Landívar (URL) in community psychology for local Guatemalans, URL faculty and for several BC undergraduate students who traveled to Guatemala. Thirty-three people completed the program. On a related note, we congratulate Brinton on receiving the International Humanitarian Award this past year from the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence of the American Psychological Association, in recognition of her enduring service to underserved populations, in rural Guatemala and beyond, and to honor her many contributions to international psychology.

Our graduate certificate program in Human Rights and International Justice, which includes the Center's Seminar in Human Rights and International Justice, again provided multi-disciplinary training in the area. The Certificate was conferred on another five students this year, from several different disciplines. We were also pleased to have funded once again human rights-related research by awarding summer research grants to seven students at the graduate and undergraduate level. Their research will be presented on campus this coming academic year.

Looking ahead to the coming academic year, I will be on sabbatical, working on a new book tentatively entitled *Humanitarian Crises and Forced Migration: The Perspectives of Human Rights and Christian Ethics*. Associate Director Dan Kanstroom will ably serve as Interim Director of the Center, as we continue with the initiatives described here.

We thank you for your continued interest and support in the work of the Center, and for the people whose human rights it seeks to serve.

With best regards,

David Hollenbach, SJ

Director, Center for Human Rights and International Justice

MISSION

The Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College has a distinctive approach to addressing international human rights challenges.

Our model recognizes the interplay of religion, politics, law, economics, and mental health in any nation or community's efforts to protect human rights or to rebuild following the trauma of conflict or injustice. In particular, the Center is distinguished by its:

- *Interdisciplinary Cooperation*
- *Integration of Religious and Ethical Awareness*
- *Researcher and Practitioner Collaboration*
- *Policy Recommendation Development*

Through interdisciplinary training programs, applied research, and the interaction of scholars with practitioners, the Center is nurturing a new generation of human rights scholars and practitioners who draw upon the strengths of many disciplines, and the wisdom of rigorous ethical training in the attainment of human rights and international justice.

FACULTY PROFILES

David Hollenbach

David Hollenbach, S.J. is the director of the Center and holds the Human Rights and International Justice University Chair at Boston College. His research interests are in the foundations of Christian social ethics, especially human rights in the context of humanitarian crises and the displacement of refugees.

Daniel Kanstroom

Daniel Kanstroom is Professor of Law, Director of the International Human Rights Program, and Associate Director of Center. His research interests include comparative citizenship, immigration and deportation law, and international human rights law.

Maryanne Loughry

Maryanne Loughry is Sister of Mercy, psychologist, and Research Professor at the Center. She is associate director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia. Her research interests include urban refugees and how to respond to their needs.

M. Brinton Lykes

M. Brinton Lykes is Professor of Community Cultural Psychology at the Lynch School of Education and Associate Director of the Center. Her research interests include gender, culture and the effects of the state-sponsored terror..

PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Here are brief descriptions of each of the Center's current projects. More information on these projects is available on our website at <http://www.bc.edu/humanrights/projects/>.

Migration and Human Rights

Ethical Issues Raised by the Plight of Displaced Persons and Refugees: There are an estimated 42 million or more refugees and internally displaced people in the world today, driven from their homes by civil and international conflicts and natural disasters. Coping with the plight of refugees and displaced persons, with their effects on the communities that receive them, and with the tasks of reconciliation and reconstruction in the aftermath of conflicts raises fundamental questions of moral responsibility and action for scholars and practitioners alike.

In this project, the Center, in collaborations with academic and practitioner organizations, identifies and analyzes the multidimensional issues raised by forced migration confronting those who seek to aid forced migrants in the African context. Greater clarity about these important ethical issues will inform the development of more effective political and humanitarian responses.

Forced Migrants and Urban Refugees: Responding to the overwhelming trend of refugees now living in urban areas in their countries of refuge rather than in camps, Boston College is working with Jesuit Refugee Service as JRS develops guiding principles for meeting the challenges faced by urban refugees. The Center, in conjunction with BC's Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW), is documenting and evaluating JRS's Livelihood Program in Johannesburg, South Africa. The project aims to provide deeper reflection on the social and ethical issues confronting refugee agencies as they develop best practices for responding to the needs of urban refugees.

The Post-Deportation Human Rights Project: Longtime legal residents can be deported on the basis of relatively minor criminal convictions without any opportunity to present evidence of their family ties, employment history or rehabilitation. Through direct representation, research, legal and policy analysis, as well as outreach to lawyers, community groups, and policy-makers, the project's ultimate goal is to reintroduce legal predictability, proportionality, compassion, and respect for family unity into the deportation laws and policies of the United States.

Human Rights of Migrants Project: The project brings together Central American immigrant community members, lawyers, psychologists, educators and social workers in participatory action research processes to document the effects of the upsurge of immigration enforcement on migrants and their families. A primary aim is to develop research and advocacy skills among immigrant communities, and to publish detailed reports on the effects of detention and deportation on transnational mixed-status families.



A photo from Zacualpa, Guatemala



that can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding, improve services available to them, and develop human rights documentation for sustained and effective advocacy.

Migration and Human Rights Project, Zacualpa, Guatemala: This is a collaborative project between local Zacualpans, Guatemala-based researchers and religious leaders, and Boston College-based students, faculty, and legal staff. The project has various aims as it studies social, political and psychological factors contributing to migration among the local population and seeks to offer assistance to them where practical. The project also seeks to work with those who have returned to Zacualpa—either voluntarily or through deportation—to explore varied uses of their social capital in developing local initiatives and creating more life options for those living in Guatemala.

Gender and Human Rights in Contexts of Transition

Women Educating Women Towards Empowerment and Leadership: This project was launched with the organization Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE), whose mission is to educate, advocate, protect and advance the rights of immigrants, refugees and low-income women and their families through organizing, leadership development and service delivery. By bringing together psychologists, social workers, attorneys, and staff organizers, the joint project members identified areas in which WEE staff and constituents would benefit from additional knowledge and opportunity for discussion and then organized participatory workshops on those topics.

Gender and Reparations: This project examines the nature and forms of reparation for women survivors of sexual violence during the 36-year long armed conflict in Guatemala, within a context of ongoing structural impunity, militarism and gender-based violence. The project aims to bring new understandings of gender and reparations in the aftermath of truth-telling processes through an examination of the implementation of the National Reparations Program in Guatemala from the standpoint of women survivors of sexual violence during the armed conflict.

Creative Resources in Conflict and Post Conflict Contexts: This project explores the transformative potential of creative methodologies, including the creative arts (drawing, collage, storytelling), embodied practices (massage, human sculptures, role plays, theatre), and beliefs and practices from the Mayan cosmovision (ceremonies and rituals), in psychosocial and feminist accompaniment processes that seek to liberate the potential of Mayan women in Guatemala to act on their own behalf as protagonists of their lives.

MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT

The Migration and Human Rights Project (MHRP) continued activities on its many fronts over the 2012-2013 academic year. A brief overview follows, however the full MHRP annual report may be found online at <http://www.bc.edu/centers/humanrights/news/newsletter>.

This past academic year began on a tragic note when Lynch School of Education student Kelsey Rennebohm was killed in an accident with a motor vehicle while riding her bicycle in Boston on June 1, 2012. Kelsey was a Mental Health Counseling student and was to travel to Guatemala last summer as part of the MHRP. In her memory, the Center founded the Kelsey Rennebohm Memorial Fellowship. Consistent with Kelsey's passions, this fellowship will be awarded each year to a Boston College student whose proposed research or activist scholarship is at the interface of psychology, mental health, gender, social justice, and human rights. More information about the fellowship may be found at <http://www.bc.edu/humanrights/news/kelsey.html>.

Regarding project activities, in the Ethical Issues Raised by the Plight of Displaced Persons and Refugees project, the Center's partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) continued this year. In June 2013, a major workshop on the topic of reconciliation in conflicted and post-conflict societies was held at the JRS facilities in Siem Reap, Cambodia. JRS staff from around the world were brought together with a select group of theologians, from BC and elsewhere, with expertise on reconciliation. At this conference, the JRS staff shared their experiences working in reconciled and unreconciled populations affected by conflicts, such as in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Syria, and learned more about reconciliation from Christian, Buddhist and Islamic perspectives to better integrate reconciliation into their work throughout the world. Development of training materials for JRS staff on reconciliation based on the stories and reflections to be shared in the conference are being developed as a product of the conference.

Another ongoing project is that of theological reflection on the work of JRS. Growing out of a special three-day consultation between JRS staff members and theologians at Boston College in October 2011, this initiative has produced pairings of refugees' stories with theological reflections on their significance, made available on the JRS website. The initiative is exploring themes in the stories and reflections that cohere with the seven values of JRS detailed in their recent strategic plan: compassion, hope, dignity, solidarity, hospitality, justice, and participation. Several of these have been posted thus far, and can be viewed on the JRS website at http://www.jrs.net/theological_reflection.

The Center, through Affiliated Faculty Professor Thomas Crea of the School of Social Work and Center Research Professor Maryanne Loughry RSM, continued to provide



The PDHRP helped reunite a family which had been separated five years due to a deportation.



JRS Reconciliation Workshop

assistance to JRS in evaluating JRS' programs aimed at assisting urban refugees. Over the past two years they have worked on an assessment of JRS' Livelihoods program in South Africa. The assessment found that, moving forward, JRS should redefine and formalize Income Generating Activities to strengthen programming activities and improve outcomes for clients. Work continues on this project, as Phase I of the program evaluation concludes in Fall 2013. A paper will be produced summarizing the findings and recommendations for the future and framing a longer term follow-up of beneficiaries for Phase II of the evaluation.

On the legal front, the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project (PDHRP) had some great victories as it continued to pursue remedies for those who have been deported. The PDHRP continued its long struggle against the federal regulation that had barred deportees from having their cases re-opened, even if they were wrongly deported. The case, *García-Carias v. Holder*, was argued by PDHRP supervising attorney Jessica Chicco and pro bono counsel Ronaldo Rauseo-Ricupero. Rauseo-Ricupero is a Boston College Law alumnus who was also one of the first recipients the Center's Certificate in Human Rights and International Justice, and is now an Associate with Nixon Peabody LLP. In a September, 2012 decision, the Fifth Circuit, after many years of holdings to the contrary, concluded—as the PDHRP has long argued—that the “post-departure regulation” is invalid. The legal struggle against a rigid interpretation of this regulation was one of the major issues for which the PDHRP was created, and we are quite pleased to have achieved this victory as we

continue to fight for humane reform to the deportation system in this country.

In a second case, the PDHRP was able to reunite a family who had been separated for more than five years after the mother was deported for overstaying a visa. Though her U.S. citizen husband was able to file a petition for his wife's return, obtaining an immigrant visa first required that she show extreme emotional and financial hardship to her husband and the couple's U.S. citizen daughter.

The PDHRP is also spearheading a major law reform project: the development of an International Convention on the Rights of Deportees. The goal of this project is to concretize the PDHRP's idea that deportees have cognizable, specific rights that nation states are bound to respect and protect. A working conference was held at BC in November, 2012 in which participants reviewed a working draft and offered many important revisions and comments, and a Conference on a Draft Convention on the Rights of Forcibly Expelled Persons will be held at BC in May 2014 to further this process.

The MHRP's community-based work has also continued apace. We have maintained our ongoing collaborations with three community-based organizations—Casa El Salvador, Women Encouraging Empowerment, Inc., and English for Action. Together with these community partners, we organized a series of workshops throughout New England. Topics included: car stops, domestic violence, DACA, preparing an emergency plan in the case of detention or deportation, and immigration and racism. We are currently planning a fall retreat to develop leadership and facilitation skills and to articulate a joint vision statement for our work in the upcoming year.

MHRP's unique work with migrants and deportees in Guatemala has continued and expanded. The project in Zacualpa continues to thrive and grow despite the unsettled political situation within Guatemala and, most notably, the historic, first-ever trial of a former head of state for genocide in the Efraín Ríos Montt case. As well, the project's concerted efforts by local staff and demand from families of transnational migrants have contributed to multiplying the social service aspects of the Zacualpa office in a neighboring town which also sends thousands of migrants north.

During the past year Boston College students collaborated with Ph.D. student Erin McDonald and with Professor M. Brinton Lykes to code and complete comparative analyses of the survey data collected by local staff and high schools in Zacualpa and three of its villages. Results suggesting that despite widespread assertions in the U.S. press of a slowdown in migrants heading North—accounted for primarily by Mexicans—those leaving Guatemala and, more specifically, Zacualpa and these three of its villages continue to risk their lives crossing borders and the desert

to seek more opportunities for themselves and their children. The survey also highlights important advances in elementary school education among all children in the sample and a significant increase in the costs incurred by those migrating in 2011 and 2012 over fees charged in previous years. For those who have not yet paid off their debts deportation is particularly costly for their families, contributing to a significant number of the deportees in the sample heading North again within less than a year of having been returned to Guatemala. Faculty and students affiliated with these projects have continued to make presentations and are preparing book chapters, articles and newsletters reporting on findings from our ongoing work (see http://www.bc.edu/humanrights/projects/deportation/research_and_works_in_progress.html for a partial listing).

Three undergraduate students and one graduate student accompanied Professor Lykes to Guatemala this past summer to collaborate with local staff in ongoing work with survey respondents and in the development of their own research sub-projects that will be designed to contribute to the ongoing participatory and action research processes.

Photo from the English for Action racism workshop.



IGNACIO MARTÍN-BARÓ FUND

This year, the Martín-Baró Fund (MBF) continued its mutually beneficial partnership with the Center for Human Rights and International Justice. The MBF continued to fund small projects around the globe that carry out human rights work at its nexus with social psychology. Through its various events and sponsoring of projects, the Martín-Baró Fund embodies Fr. Ignacio's mission to "construct a new person in a new society" and fosters psychological well-being, social consciousness, and progressive social change in communities affected by structural violence and social injustice around the world.

In November 2012, in their mutual efforts to promote education and critical awareness about social injustices, and to build collaborative relationships for social change, the MBF and the Center co-sponsored a screening of the film *Niños de la Memoria* (Children of Memory) with an appearance by film producer Kathryn Smith Pyle. It followed several people affected by the violence of the Salvadoran Civil War of the 1980s seeking to reunite with their lost family members with the help of the organization Pro Búsqueda. These included a farmer in El Salvador whose whole family was murdered except for possibly his infant daughter whose body was never found, and a young woman who was from El Salvador but adopted and raised by a family in the US when she was still a very young child and who sought to find surviving members of her biological relatives in El Salvador. In the spirit of Martín-Baró's philosophy of psychosocial healing in the wake of the trauma, the film poses the question, "How can a post-war society right the wrongs of the past?"

This year's MBF grantees are described on the following page. For the MBF annual newsletter, see <http://www.martinbarofund.org/news/newsletter.html>

Photo from the screening of Niños de la Memoria.



Eight Projects were Supported by the Martín-Baró Fund in 2013:

Communaute des Planteurs et Eleveurs dans la Region, Marachaire (COPERMA) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): COPERMA seeks to help traumatized victims who were raped during the ongoing war in the Beni and the Lubero territories of the DRC. Through outreach listeners, counseling sessions for the victims of severe trauma and vocational training for victims of rape and other violence that marginalizes girls and young women, COPERMA has helped over 800 young women and girls.

Action des Femmes a la Non-Violence (AFN), Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): AFN is a campaign against gender-based violence in the DRC that seeks to end sexual violations of women and girls. Through education and economic programs, AFN supports women's and girls' livelihoods and capacity building.

Live with Hope, Uganda: The Live with Hope Foundation supports girls in the Kapchworwa District of East Uganda who face female genital mutilation and gender based violence. The Live with Hope Foundation is introducing alternative income-producing projects for women who have limited options in the face of region-wide poverty. The Live with Hope Foundation believes that real change can only come from the bottom up and has worked tirelessly to change community attitudes and has provided concrete options for alternative sources of income in areas throughout the region.

Asociación de Médicos Descalzos, Guatemala: Medicos Descalzos has worked since 1993 to strengthen traditional health practices in twelve municipalities in El Quiché in areas of primary health, maternal and infant health and mental health. With the recent grant from the Fund, the Asociación will continue to work with the Ajq'ijab', local indigenous leaders, to strengthen and disseminate their traditional practices. The Ajq'ijab' serve as the most culturally and economically accessible resource in their communities

for therapy needs.

Asociación Centro de Education y Formación Maya Ixil (ACEFOMI), Guatemala: ACEFOMI used its grant from the Fund to extend its psychosocial and human rights workshops to four rural communities surrounding Chajul. ACEFOMI was able to develop training programs in each village and facilitated six workshops in the villages on self-esteem and personal hygiene; mental health and nutrition; and women's rights. Topics for the upcoming year include sexual education and preventative health care; work, social responsibility and solidarity; environmental and land challenges; and the context of globalization and migration.

Salvadoran Association of Torture Survivors (ASST), El Salvador: ASST is educating Salvadoran society, and those beyond, about the horrors of torture carried out by paramilitary forces during the civil war in the years ranging from 1980-1992. As part, ASST seeks to ensure that such acts of violence never happen again through its various programs and initiatives.

The Awakening, Pakistan: The Awakening seeks to empower the poor, disabled and disenfranchised living in rural regions of Pakistan and envisions a progressive and sustainable society, wherein all people live peacefully and with dignity. The Awakening's work focuses on the rights of women and promotes the status of women through workshops, education initiatives and various community events.

Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC), Palestine: The WATC is a coalition of women's organizations created in 1992 that seeks to ensure that women's voices and concerns are included at all levels of Palestinian state building. Through the support of the Martín-Baró Fund, the Committee is able to develop the talents of young men and women interested in using theater performances to raise awareness of critical issues facing Palestinian society.

A brief overview of selected events the Center hosted in the 2012-2013 academic year. Detailed reports from each of the following events may be found in the Center's semi-annual newsletters, available on our website. Videos of many of these events are also available at our website at: <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/centers/humanrights/Videos.html>

On **September 12, 2012**, Center Associate Director Daniel Kanstroom gave a talk on his new book, *Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora*, with a response by Prof. of Sociology Mary Waters of Harvard University. Kanstroom gave an exposition on the current state of the deportation regime in the US, which has deported record numbers of immigrants under the Obama administration. He also asked the questions what purposes does deportation serve, and if rights truly end at the border, citing the near absence of rights deportees have to challenge their cases once they have left the US. Prof. Waters offered a sociological perspective in her response, seeing the deportation system as a kind of terror immigrants must live with in the US, and seeing racism as part of the reason behind the harshness of the system.

On **October 18, 2012**, the Center hosted Irma Alicia Velásquez Nimatuj, Executive Director of the Support Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples Oxlajuj Tz'ikin in Guatemala. Dr. Velásquez gave a presentation, "Continuities and Discontinuities of Violence against Indigenous Women in Guatemala". In it, she situated the violence committed against Mayan women in the Guatemalan Civil War of the 1980s in the wider systemic racism that pervaded, and still pervades, the country. She also spoke of the Tribunal of Conscience for Women Survivors of Sexual violence, in which these survivors could finally speak publicly, and to an international audience, of the negative effects this violence has had on their positions in their communities.

On **November 28, 2012**, the Center, along with the Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights, co-sponsored a screening of the documentary *Niños de la Memoria* (Children of Memory), with commentary by film producer Kathryn Smith Pyle. A brief recap of this event may be found in the Martín-Baró Fund article on page 10.

On **January 29, 2013**, Professor Leigh Patel Stevens presented her book, *Youth Held at the Border: Immigration, Education and the Politics of Inclusion*, and led a discussion on the current situation of young immigrants in the U.S. In her discussion, Patel noted how the divisions along race and class influence how immigration discourse is shaped and how immigrants are viewed in the minds of the American people. Patel emphasized that whoever controls the discourse on immigration has the power to decide who is legal and who is illegal, thus determining the language and politics of inclusion in the U.S.



Professor Dan Kanstroom discusses his book *Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora* on September 12, 2012

Photo from the February 6th discussion panel, "Human Rights in History"



On **February 6, 2013**, the Center organized a roundtable that brought together three distinguished authors on the historical aspects of human rights for a lively discussion on the development of human rights throughout history. The roundtable included David Hollenbach, S.J., the Center's director and author of *Claims in Conflict: Retrieving and Renewing the Catholic Human Rights Tradition*; Samuel Moyn, Professor of History at Columbia University and author of *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History*; and Michael Rosen, Professor of Government at Harvard University and author of *Dignity: Its History and Meaning*. Each panelist presented their own thoughts on the development of human rights and human rights discourse throughout history and engaged in a thought provoking discussion.

On **April 3, 2013** in an event co-sponsored by the Center, Roberto Goizueta, the Margaret O'Brien Flatley Professor of Catholic Theology at BC, and Dr. Paul Farmer, the Kolokotronis Professor at Harvard University Medical School and founder of Partners in Health, a non-profit dedicated to improving healthcare delivery to the poor across the globe, sat down to discuss liberation theology and its influence on Dr. Farmer's work around the world. Farmer and Goizueta noted how their experiences with liberation theology have shaped their work with the poor and vulnerable around the world. The event brought forth fruitful conversation on medicine, theology, and social justice, and how these themes intersect and are reconciled upon enactment.

SESQUICENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM



Photo from Migration: Past, Present, and Future Symposium

Migration: Past, Present and Future

On **May 21-22, 2013**, the Center presented Migration: Past, Present and Future—a two-day symposium, held as part of the university's sesquicentennial celebration, exploring issues related to issues in migration across the globe. Noted author and essayist Richard Rodriguez began the symposium with his lecture titled "The Border is Not a Straight Line." Rodriguez discussed his personal experience as the son of immigrants in the U.S. and the various class and race considerations that have shifted the discourse on the immigration issue. On day two, the first panel, "Forced Migration and Economic Refugees", looked at the development of the refugee definition throughout history and commented on the future of the Jesuit Refugee Service as it serves, protects and advances vulnerable populations. Karen Musalo, director of Gender and Refugee Studies at the University of California Hastings College Law School, discussed the ever-evolving refugee definition, while Mark Raper, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference of the Asia Pacific, commented on JRS's effectiveness in addressing current refugee needs. In the next panel, "Race and Class in U.S. Immigration", Mae Ngai, Professor of Asian American Studies and History at Columbia University; Michael A. Olivas, Professor of Law and Chair in Law at the University of Houston Law Center; and Stephan Thernstrom, Professor of History at Harvard University, discussed if, and how, race and class considerations are important in understanding the immigration situation in the U.S. During lunch, James M. O'Toole, the Clough Millennium Chair in History at BC, recounted BC's unique history of serving immigration populations throughout its 150 years. In the final panel, "The Future of Migration Policy in the U.S.", *PBS NewsHour* host and author Ray Suarez moderated a discussion with Donald M. Kerwin, Jr., director of the Center for Migration Studies; David A. Martin, Professor of International Law at the University of Virginia; and Peter H. Schuck, Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School. The panelists offered their thoughts on the current immigration situation and policy considerations in the U.S. The two-day symposium offered insightful discussion on historical and contemporary immigration issues and trends that brought the plight of the migrant to the forefront and raised consciousness of the issue in the BC community and beyond.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, ETC.

Awards

Lykes, M. Brinton

International Humanitarian Award, from the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence of the American Psychological Association. 2013

Academic Journals

Hollenbach, David

“Sustaining Catholic Social Engagement: A Key Role for Movements in the Church Today.” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. 2013.

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Summer Research Grants

The Center's Summer Research Grant program assists Boston College students at both the undergraduate and graduate level in various disciplines to pursue research, often abroad, on topics related to human rights and international justice. Here are the recipients of the 2013 awards and their topics of investigation:

Sriya Bhattacharyya, LSOE, Ph.D. candidate in Counseling Psychology

Caste Discrimination in India: Effects and Possible Responses

Daniel Cattolica, A&S '14, Philosophy and Italian

Citizenship and Social Integration: The Path of Migrant Youth in Italy

Mary Popeo, A&S '14, International Studies

From Hiroshima to Fukushima: The Evolving Missions of Hiroshima's Anti-Nuclear NGOs

Rocío Sánchez Ares, Lynch School of Education, Ph.D. candidate in Curriculum & Instruction

Building a liberatory pedagogy: Guatemalan schools meeting the emotional and educational needs of youth at the interface of immigration

Seminar

The Center's interdisciplinary graduate seminar in human rights includes students from various disciplines across the university, including law, psychology, social work, history, theology and education. Center Director David Hollenbach SJ was the faculty coordinator of the seminar for the 2012-2013 school year with 19 students enrolled. Center Interim Director Daniel Kanstroom and Associate Director Brinton Lykes will lead the Seminar in 2014.

Certificate

The Center continued to administer the Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Human Rights. Five students completed the certificate in 2012-2013. This past year the Certificate was awarded to:

Lauren Antonelli-Zullo (MA Applied Development and Educational Psychology)

Cesar Boc (Master of Divinity)

Sarah Bouchard (MSW and MA in Pastoral Ministry)

Timothy Carey (Ph.D. candidate in Theology)

Marianne Tierney (Ph.D. candidate in Theology)

Human Rights Externship Program

This past year the human rights externship program continued to be administered through the law school. Eighteen students completed the semester in practice in international human rights, placed at international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Court, the Special Tribunal for Cambodia, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Jesuit Refugee Service and internationally-oriented NGOs in the U.S.

*Irma Alicia Velásquez Nimatuj,
with Professor Lykes, speaks
about violence against indig-
enous women of Guatemala*



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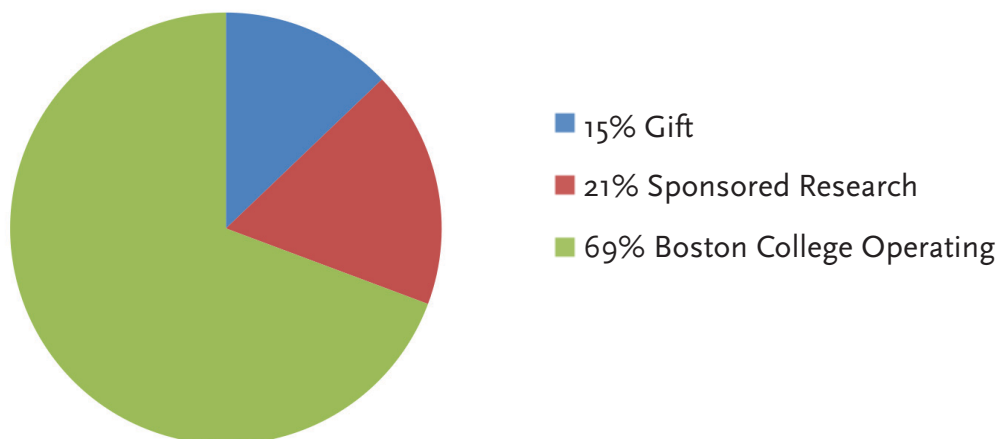
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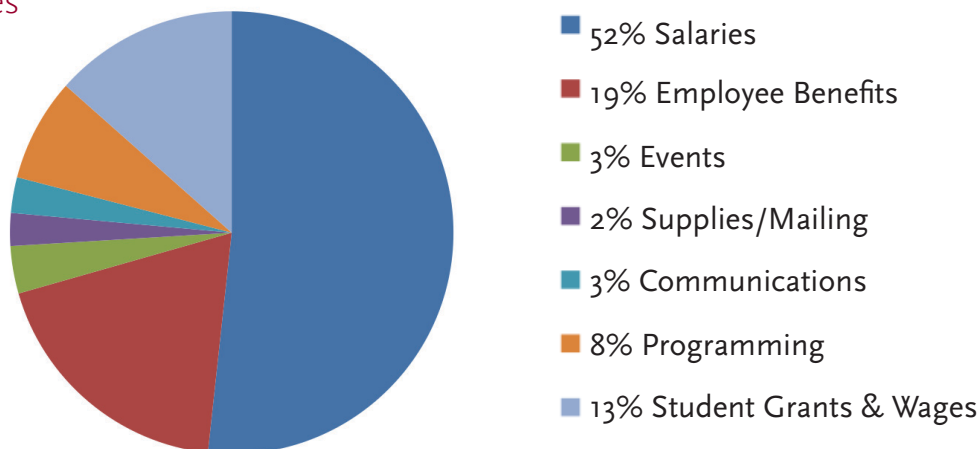
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