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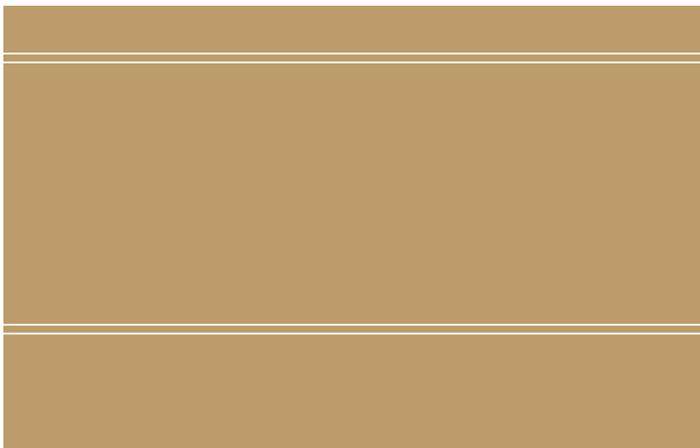
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We at the Center for Human Rights and International Justice are excited by the initiatives, new and continuing, that we have undertaken in our seventh year in existence, the 2011-2012 academic year. Inspired by the ethical and religious traditions of Boston College, we continue to train the next generation of human rights professionals, working to bridge the gap between research and action through the interaction of scholars and practitioners. Through our events sponsored here on campus, through the legal projects in which we are involved, in our immigrant communities here in the U.S., and in our projects focusing on forced migrants around the world, we continue to inspire and lead enlightened discussion about vulnerable people forced to move and how to ethically respond to current migration trends.

This year the Center sponsored or co-sponsored 20 events on campus, raising the profile of human rights issues with a wide audience. These included two conferences convened by the Center: the Consultation on the Theological, Spiritual and Ethical Bases of the Work of Jesuit Refugee Service in October 2011 and the Citizenship-in-Question symposium in April 2012.

Our partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service was very fruitful this past year, with multiple initiatives that are described in an article in this report. Our Post-Deportation Human Rights Project has seen its work begin to result in some changes to deportation law in the courts, giving deportees more rights to challenge unjust deportations post-departure. Along these lines, Center Associate Director Dan Kanstroom has published a book, out this summer of 2012, entitled, *Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora*. Our Human Rights and Migration Project, partly based in Zacualpa, Guatemala, has continued to gather valuable data regarding the “push” and “pull” factors of migration, through surveys conducted in the community there, all the while providing legal services to that community such as helping to locate relatives in the U.S.

The Center’s projects have continued to have a special focus on people around the globe who have been forced to migrate from their homes, fleeing conflict, seeking adequate food, water, and the means to support themselves and their families. To better capture the scope of our various projects, we have grouped them under two umbrella terms: Migration and Human Rights, and Gender and Human Rights in Contexts of Transition. An overview of all our ongoing projects may be found in an article in this report.

In addition, 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 field, attracting wide interest. The Certificate was conferred on a record nine students this year, from a variety of BC’s schools. We were also proud to once again have funded human rights-related research by awarding summer research grants to students at the graduate and undergraduate level this year.

Looking ahead to next year, we are honored and pleased to convene one of the university’s sesquicentennial year academic symposia, entitled, “Migration: Past, Present and Future”, to be held on March 21-22, 2013.

As we continue to pursue the mission of the Center on behalf of the people it serves, we thank you for your interest and support.

With best regards,

David Hollenbach, SJ

Director, Center for Human Rights and International Justice

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 design of programs 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

This year the Center reorganized its various projects to better capture the work of the Center. The two umbrella terms, **Migration and Human Rights**, and **Gender and Human Rights in Contexts of Transition**, each contain various projects under their respective rubrics. Here is brief overview; 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 the 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 the 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 Livelihoods 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



Conducting community survey, Migration and Human Rights Project, Zacualpa, Guatemala

research and advocacy skills among immigrant communities, and to publish detailed reports on the effects of detention and deportation on transnational mixed-status families 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 organize 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 past year has been one of continuity and change for the Center for Human Rights and International Justice. Our work within the United States and internationally has been reorganized around two main topics: *Migration and Human Rights*, within which is situated the *Post-Deportation Human Rights Project*, and *Gender and Human Rights in Contexts of Transition*. Through this re-organization the Center has sought to better represent the lived experiences of those with whom it works as well as the rapidly developing scholarship and legal practice within the field of migration, transnational families, and border spaces. An overview of the reorganization and brief descriptions of the projects may be found on page 4.

Regarding the Ethical Issues Raised by the Plight of Displaced Persons and Refugees project, Prof. David Hollenbach, S.J., traveled to the world's newest country, South Sudan, twice this past year. He delivered a series of five lectures to the South Sudan National Legislature on The Challenge of Human Dignity, Justice, and the Common Good in South Sudan.

In addition, he conducted workshops for several church groups, including 60 representatives of branches of Caritas Internationalis (Catholic development and relief agencies from Europe and North America), and the directors of pastoral activity for the eight Catholic dioceses of South Sudan. His trip was sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and by the project of a number of Catholic religious orders called Solidarity with South Sudan, in collaboration with the Catholic Archdiocese of Juba.

Another major initiative of the Ethical Issues Raised by the Plight of Displaced Persons and Refugees project this year was the "Consultation on the Theological, Spiritual and Ethical Bases of the Work of Jesuit Refugee Service", held in October 2011, and the subsequent materials produced and available online. For more on this, and on the Forced Migrants and Urban Refugees project, see the story on the partnership between the Center and Jesuit Refugee Services on page 8.

The Center has recently been joined by Visiting Scholar Tamar Lawrence-Samuel. After several years working with the United Nations Mission in Haiti, Tamar has returned to the United States and will be working with the legal staff of the Migration and Human Rights Project in the development of a new Convention on the Rights of Deportees. This work is an extension of the work in which the legal team has been involved this year challenging the legal obstacles faced by those seeking to rejoin their families here in the United States after having been deported. Professor Dan Kanstroom has also published a second volume on deportation entitled *Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora* (Oxford University Press, 2012) in which he closely examines the effects of the harsh turn taken by U.S. deportation law since the 1990s on individuals, families, and communities. Much of the book's focus is on legal issues that arise for those in the "new American diaspora" who were wrongly deported (there are estimated to be tens of thousands).



Know Your Rights Workshop



Women Empowering Women Workshop

The project’s community-based and educational work has moved in two overlapping directions this year—with Casa El Salvador in East Boston and with Women Encouraging Empowerment in Revere. The work with Casa El Salvador reflects a collaboration of a broad range of volunteers in East Boston. The organization is hosted by the Salvadoran Consul on the second floor of their building on Bennington Street. As part of their monthly community “Tertulia Popular” the university-based team of students, faculty and lawyers have continued participatory Know Your Rights workshops with many documented and undocumented migrants facing increased intensification due to the “Secure Communities Program” whose widespread enforcement this year has generated increasing fear and uncertainty in many local communities. The staff and Board of Women Encouraging Empowerment invited the Center’s collaboration with women from North Africa and the Middle East who have been granted asylum and undocumented migrants from Mexico and Latin America who share a concern about domestic violence and how to negotiate the complex interface of their “status” and the need to protect themselves and their children from abuse. The Center looks forward to continuing these relationships over the upcoming year and to working with these and other groups in the design of educational and informational workshops with youth who qualify for the recently announced relief for “DREAMers,” that is, undocumented youth who came to the United States as children.

To read more about the year’s past activities, see the Migration and Human Rights Project’s annual report at: http://www.bc.edu/humanrights/projects/Rights_and_Migration.html

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

This past year, the Center's activities in partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) expanded greatly. Several initiatives are currently underway, with others being planned for the near future. Here is a look at what the partnership has produced and is currently working on.

Theology, Spirituality and Ethics: A Basis of the JRS Mission

In October of 2011, the Center convened at Boston College, "A Consultation on the Theological, Spiritual and Ethical Bases of the Work of Jesuit Refugee Service". The consultation brought together international staff from the Jesuit Refugee Service as well as university theologians and ethicists from several continents. In the consultation, JRS staff shared deeply impacting stories of the struggles faced by the refugees they worked with in the field. The theologians, in turn, reflected on the stories and situated them in a theological and ethical framework.

The pairings of the stories and theological reflections has given rise to a new section of the JRS website entitled, "Theology, Spirituality and Ethics: A Basis of the JRS Mission", which can be viewed here: http://jrs.net/theological_reflection. To date, reflections have touched on the topics of Jesuit Hospitality and The Holy Family and the Whole Human Family. Future entries will address the goals of JRS laid out in their 2012-2015 Strategic Framework: Compassion, Hope, Dignity, Solidarity, Hospitality, Justice and Participation. In addition, all of the paired stories and reflections are made available in four languages: English, Italian, French and Spanish.

This section of the website is being updated as new stories and reflections are released, approximately every two months. These dispatches are also being featured in JRS' Praying With Refugees series, which is sent out to subscribers on the first of each month.

In addition to being a source of reflection for readers of the website, the material produced from this collaboration will become part of training materials for JRS to use in orientation of new staff members, to introduce to them the spiritual roots of the JRS mission.

Research on Urban Refugees

Center Research Professor, Maryanne Loughry, RSM, who also serves as Associate Director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia, has been conducting, along with BC School of Social Work Professor Thomas Crea, research into the burgeoning issue of urban refugees. Urban refugees are refugees living among communities of indigenous poor in their countries of refuge, rather than living in traditional, separate refugee camps.

A Professor in BC's School of Social Work, Prof. Loughry's research has focused on the urban refugee situation in South Africa, evaluating JRS' current livelihoods program operating in Johannesburg. Confronting the new reality of trying to assist refugees who are living alongside people who are equally poor but who are not under the rubric of whom they serve as a refugee service, new approaches to such programs have been recognized as necessary.

Additionally, BC School of Social Work graduate students have served as interns at JRS in Johannesburg, gaining cutting-edge experience in this crucial issue and providing valuable service to JRS in their placements.

To date, recommendations for the program have been delivered to JRS and they are evaluating how to best integrate them into their existing programs. Prof. Loughry and Prof. Crea's research into this field continues.

Conference on Reconciliation

The newest initiative arising from the partnership is a conference on reconciliation, being planned for the spring of 2013 at JRS' offices in Cambodia. JRS staff from around the world will be brought together with a select group of theologians, from BC and elsewhere, with expertise on reconciliation. The findings will be disseminated through trainings to orient JRS staff throughout the world on the tenets of reconciliation and how they should integrate them to their work, as consistent with the strategy in JRS' strategic plan.

JRS consultation, October 2011



IGNACIO MARTÍN-BARÓ FUND

This year, the Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund (MBF) for Mental Health and Human Rights continues to expand its mission and values through its continuing partnership with the Center for Human Rights and International Justice. In their mutual efforts to promote education and critical awareness about social injustices, and to build collaborative relationships for social change, both the Fund and the Center co-sponsored a featured event focusing on the El Salvador Jesuit assassinations of 1989 and the continuing struggle for justice. In addition, MBF continued to fund small projects around the globe that carry out human rights work at its nexus with social psychology. Furthermore, Boston College students from the School of Theology and Ministry were able to witness two of the MBF projects in action, while learning more about Fr. Ignacio's mission to "construct a new person in a new society."

In March 2012, the Martín-Baró Fund co-sponsored the event "Amnesty and Accountability in the Case of the El Salvador Jesuit Assassinations: the Moral Meets the Pragmatic". It featured speakers who discussed the 1991 trial of the soldiers who had confessed to the killings of six Jesuit faculty at the University of Central America (UCA), along with their housekeeper and her daughter. José María "Chema" Tojeira, SJ, former rector of the UCA in San Salvador, Boston College Chancellor J. Donald Monan, SJ, and Pamela Merchant, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability analyzed the case as well as the social and political position that currently affects El Salvador today. To wrap up the panel, Tojeira suggested that the solidarity expressed by human rights defenders must be accompanied by "fair trade structures, with less protectionism of their own products by countries that demand free trade from the weakest countries." Solidarity, in other words, demands that we critically examine our ongoing role in promoting, or at least not preventing, structural inequalities that perpetuate economic and social injustices. We should also, "help reveal the ambiguities, cowardice, and ethnocentrism that continue to exist in the developed North and that have caused so much damage to countries of the South."

*"Chema" Tojeira, S.J., and Prof. M. Brinton Lykes,
from the El Salvador Jesuits Assassination event*



Eight Projects were Supported by the Martín-Baró Fund in 2012:

Asociación Centro de Educación y Formación Maya Ixil (ACEFOMI), Guatemala

Workshops with village women will focus on self-esteem and personal hygiene; mental health and nutrition; and, women's human rights.

Salvadoran Association of Torture Survivors (ASST), El Salvador

ASST, formed by torture survivors themselves, seeks to learn truth about human rights violating during the civil war; demand justice from the Salvadoran government for the crimes committed; and seek moral, material, and social reparations for the human rights violations suffered.

AWARE GIRLS, Pakistan

Development of a manual on trauma and torture treatment and the training of counselors who use creative expression to promote recovery and community dialogue among women and child survivors including internally displaced women.

Comisión de Apoyo a la Unidad y Reconciliación Comunitaria (CORECO), Mexico

Responding to the effects of the military occupation, community members in Chiapas will attend workshops where they will learn about developing self-esteem, managing one's emotions, and positive methods of conflict resolution to help community members become effective mediators, create safe spaces for dialogue and help reweave the fabric of their communities.

Communaute des Planteurs et Eleveurs dans la Region Marachaire (COPERMA), Congo

Involves projects targeting victims of war, survivors of rape, demobilized child soldiers, orphans and displaced persons, in response to the psychosocial upheaval caused by tribal warfare. Selected community members will be trained as "listeners" to be a primary resource for those seeking mental health assistance in their communities.

LIVE WITH HOPE, Uganda

Committed to putting an end to stigma and discrimination from the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM). Funds will support information dissemination to traditional cutters and elders to help stop this act.

Rural Missionaries of the Philippines, Northern Mindanao Sub-Region (RMP-NMR), Philippines

This project reinforces the psychosocial aid given to child victims of militarization by assisting the mental health recuperation of 126 children from indigenous communities and involving them in Basic Integrated Theater Arts Workshop as an artistic means to heal traumatic experiences and by establishing community theater groups.

Asociación Cooperativa de Servicios Múltiples Ignacio Martín-Baró, El Salvador

The Cooperative continues to engage the legacy of Salvadoran civil war as well as the ongoing challenges of entrenched poverty and violence. Staff and volunteers provide emergency services along with developing longer term program development aimed to serve the needs of the young and the elderly.

EVENTS

A brief overview of some of the events the Center hosted in the 2011-2012 academic year. Detailed reports from each of the following events may be found in the Center's semi-annual newsletters, available on its website.

On **September 21, 2011**, the Center hosted a screening of the documentary *Beyond Belief*, which followed two women from the U.S. who were widowed in the 9/11 attacks. The women traveled to Afghanistan to meet with Afghan war widows in an attempt to better understand their realities. They subsequently started a foundation that aims to give the Afghan women economic opportunities, in so doing making something positive of the tragedy they suffered.

On **October 27, 2011**, the Center hosted a showing of the New Orleans Post-Katrina PhotoVoice exhibit. The exhibit was a product of participatory and action research that worked with local New Orleanians to create an exhibit that best expressed the community's concerns following the disaster and that told a story through photos the participants themselves took.

On **November 8, 2011**, the Center celebrated the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' "Economic Justice for All" Pastoral Letter with an event featuring John Donahue, SJ, professor *emeritus* at Loyola U. in Maryland, and Professor Mary Jo Bane of Harvard University. Fr. Donahue, who worked with the bishops on the creation of the letter, gave some insight into the creation of the letter and its Biblical underpinnings. Prof. Bane, an expert in public policy, reflected on the letter's significance 25 years later and offered specific policy proposals that she felt were a continuation of the call for economic justice made by the bishops with the letter 25 years ago.

On **November 30, 2011**, the Center hosted Leo O'Donovan, President Emeritus of Georgetown U., for a lecture entitled, "Taking Flight: When Jesus was a Refugee, the Flight to Egypt in Western Art". The lecture featured a slideshow of works of art depicting the Holy Family's flight to Egypt throughout the centuries as Fr. O'Donovan commented on their aesthetic and spiritual beauty, while also tying the story together with the plight of today's refugees around the world.

On **February 6, 2012**, the Center hosted Ishmael Beah, author of the memoir *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, for a talk entitled "Children and Conflict in a Changing World". Beah, a former conscripted child soldier in his native Sierra Leone, sought to put a human face on former child soldiers, detailing his experiences and talking about the psychological recovery process that needs to take place after such trauma. He also spoke about international norms that should be adopted to help prevent the future use of children as soldiers in conflicts.



John Donahue, S.J., from Economic Justice for All event



Kevin McKiernan from Bringing King to China event

On **February 9, 2012**, the Center hosted filmmaker Kevin McKiernan for a screening of his documentary film *Bringing King to China*. The film followed his daughter as she seeks to stage a play in China about Martin Luther King, Jr. The film featured the sensitivities she navigated in trying to bring an overtly human rights-oriented play to China, and the cultural and personal hurdles she had to overcome with the cast and production crew, trying to keep the play faithful to the historical realities of King's life and his beliefs.

On **March 22, 2012**, the Center hosted a feature event entitled "Amnesty and Accountability in the Case of the El Salvador Jesuit Assassinations: The Moral Meets the Pragmatic". José María "Chema" Tojeira, SJ, rector emeritus at the University of Central America in El Salvador and Pamela Merchant, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability, were the speakers. Introduced by J. Donald Monan, SJ, Chancellor of Boston College, the event examined at the current legal case Ms. Merchant's organization has filed against 20 Salvadoran ex-officers accused of being complicit in the murder of six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter in El Salvador in 1989. Ms. Merchant talked about the complexities of the case and the hopes they have of finally bringing the culpable parties to justice. Fr. Tojeira, a former colleague of the Jesuits, gave perspective from the Jesuit community on the case, contextualizing it within the space of other, lesser known but equally horrific massacres that took place in El Salvador during the Civil War but which have not gotten the international attention that the case of the Jesuits has.



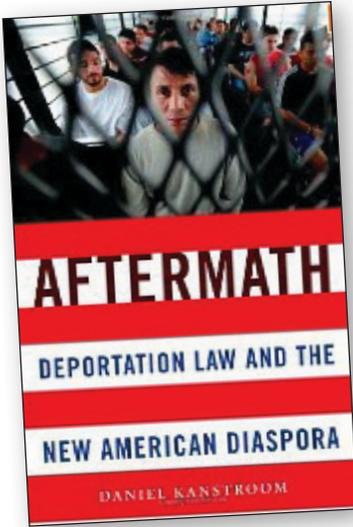
Photo from *Citizenship in Question* symposium (above);
BC Law Dean Vince Rougeau introducing the symposium (right)



On **March 25, 2012**, the Center welcomed Gabriel Bol Deng to the documentary *Rebuilding Hope*, which follows him and a few others from his village of Ariang in Sudan and their incredible voyage fleeing the nation as the Second Sudanese War erupted. After a harrowing trip to reach the Kakuma refugee camp in northwestern Kenya, he found refuge in the U.S. in 2001. As the film follows him and his friends back to Ariang in 2007, after the war is over, we see Gabriel become inspired to take up the cause of education in his birthplace, in particular for girls, as a method to help lift them out of poverty, through his foundation, Hope for Ariang.

From **April 19-21, 2012**, the Center convened scholars from around the world for the “Citizenship-in-Question” symposium. These scholars came together to workshop papers they authored having to do with citizenship claims around the globe, and evidentiary challenges that arose in trying to prove citizenship to authorities, highlighting the sometimes precarious, and arbitrary, nature of the idea of citizenship to a nation-state. To this end, in the public portion of the symposium, the audience heard from a young man who, although a U.S. citizen, was deported to Jamaica when he was 14 and spent 10 years there before finally being able to return, leaving him psychologically and materially affected by the experience. A book featuring the scholars’ papers is expected to be forthcoming.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, ETC.



Books

Kanstroom, Daniel

Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora (Oxford University Press, 2012)

Awards

Lykes, M. Brinton

Ignacio Martín-Baró Lifetime Peace Practitioner Award, from the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence, of the American Psychological Association. 2012

Academic Journals

Lykes, M. Brinton

“One legacy among many: The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights at 21”. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. 2012

“The Post-Deportation Human Rights Project: Participatory Action Research with Maya Transnational Families”. *Practicing Anthropology*. 2012

“Methodological challenges in participatory action research with undocumented Central American migrants”. *Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology*. 2011

“Políticas y prácticas de deportación en la administración de Obama: “Entre más cambian las cosas más se quedan igual” [Deportation Policies and Practices in the Obama Administration: “The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same”]. *ENCUENTRO: Revista Académico de la Universidad Centroamericana*. 2011

“Mayan women survivors speak: The gendered relations of truth-telling in postwar Guatemala”. *International Journal of Transitional Justice*. 2011

Hollenbach, David

“Religious Freedom, Morality, and Law: John Courtney Murray Today”. *Journal of Moral Theology (Inaugural Issue)*. 2011

“Migration as a Challenge for Theological Ethics”. *Political Theology*. 2011

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EDUCATION

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 2012 awards and their topics of investigation:

Adejire Bademosi, Arts & Sciences '14, International Studies

Inequities in Girls' Education in Nigeria and its Impact on the Local Community

Bennett Comerford, MDiv candidate, School of Theology and Ministry

In the Absence of Dialogue: Investigating the Correlation Between Religious Violence and Underdeveloped Outlets for Interreligious Exchange in Bangladesh

Ashley Dowd, Arts & Sciences '14, Political Science

Memorializing the Argentinian Dirty War: The Conflict of Preserving Memory and History

Benjamin Miyamoto, Arts & Sciences '15, Theology and Perspectives

Religion, Human Rights, and Networking (to be conducted in the Middle East)

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 Associate Director M. Brinton Lykes was the faculty coordinator of the seminar for the 2011-2012 school year 18 students attended. Center Director David Hollenbach, S.J., will lead the Seminar in 2013.

Certificate

The Center continued to administer the Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Human Rights. We had a record nine students complete the certificate in 2012. This past year the Certificate was awarded to:

Milena Claudius (MA Counseling Psychology), **Kyle Fagan** (MA Applied Development and Educational Psychology), **Ashley Goliti** (MA Applied Development and Educational Psychology), **Danielle Roberts** (MA Theological Studies), **Kristina Senden** (Masters in Social Work), **Remy Springer** (MA Applied Development and Educational Psychology), **Ramya Varanasi** (Masters in Social Work), **James West** (MA, Higher Education), **Sarah West** (Masters in Social Work)

Human Rights Externship Program

This past year the human rights externship program continued to be administered through the law school. Ten 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.

Affiliated Faculty

The Center was pleased to welcome Boston College Graduate School of Social Work Professor Thomas Crea as an Affiliated Faculty this year. Professor Crea has been working with Professor Maryanne Loughry on the research into the urban refugee phenomenon and the Jesuit Refugee Service's programs to serve them in South Africa, lending expertise in the area of program evaluation.

Photo from the Children and Conflict in a Changing World event with Ishmael Beah



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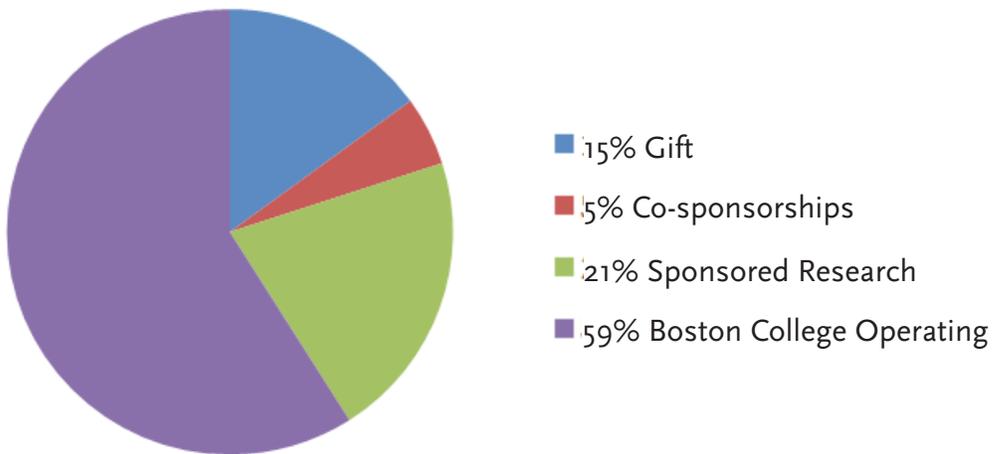
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