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MISSION

Our mission is to promote a more just, peaceful and secure world by furthering a deeper understanding of global human rights and humanitarian challenges and encouraging collaboration between local communities, academics and practitioners to develop innovative solutions to these challenges.

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WELCOME

Letter from the director

As the Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRHS), I am delighted to share with you our 2023-2024 annual report. This fall marks five years since the launch of CHRHS at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs of Brown University. When CHRHS first began in the fall of 2019 with our mission of furthering a deeper understanding of global human rights and humanitarian challenges and bringing together Brown students and faculty with global practitioners and local communities to develop novel solutions to those challenges, we could not have imagined what the coming years would bring. A global pandemic that contributed to the deaths of over 20 million people; a series of new conflicts displacing tens of millions of people across multiple continents; several of the hottest years on record, triggering heat emergencies, wildfires, droughts, and powerful storms; and the combination of these trends pushing ever more families into hunger and slowing progress on everything from childhood vaccination and education to poverty reduction and basic human rights.

Despite these challenges, or perhaps because of them, CHRHS has grown rapidly over the past 5 years, along with its portfolio of research, educational, and policy outputs. In total, we have raised an endowment of over \$10 million and brought in over \$2.2 million in current use and grant funding. We have a team that includes a Professor of Human Rights, a Professor of Practice, a full time Program Manager, and a full time Research Associate, along with about a dozen student interns and research assistants. Together, we have worked to be good stewards of our center's resources, using them efficiently to support a variety of research streams on pressing global issues while also supporting the education of our Watson undergraduate and graduate students with service-learning opportunities and high-quality programming and contributing to the education of the broader Brown University community.

As our annual report highlights, CHRHS has a wide variety of ongoing human rights and humanitarian research programs, the majority of which include both external funding and partnerships. These range from new projects seeking to understand the impact of fetal personhood laws and pregnancy criminalization on women in the United States to the role of women in contributing to peacebuilding and security initiatives in the Middle East. Ongoing humanitarian research initiatives seek to identify the root causes (and potential solutions) for impediments to humanitarian access in the very settings where humanitarian assistance is most needed as well as collecting data on the prevalence of (and reasons for) the controversial use of armed escorts by humanitarian responders.

With the goal of translating research into action, we are also working in collaboration with the Australia Civil Military Centre and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to develop new policy guidance around the use of military resources during epidemics and pandemics.

Along with several undergraduate research assistants, we were thrilled to host two Watson Director's Fellows this past year, allowing our MPA students to directly engage with our very policy relevant research.

This past year we also hosted a small number of high-quality events covering forgotten crises such as the conflict in Sudan and the subjugation of the Uyghur population in China, as well as an in-depth exploration of the current use of hunger as a weapon of war. We continued to support the administration of the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ) at Brown University, training a new group of 17 undergraduate students to provide free legal representation to asylum seekers, with students received academic credit through IAPA for their participation in the intensive, 14-week training. In addition, we funded six undergraduate students to participate in summer internships with leading global human rights and humanitarian organizations, allowing them to gain hands-on experience to complement their academic education in these topics. Last fall we also held our fifth annual Hack for Humanity event, bringing together undergraduate, graduate, and medical students to tackle pressing challenges in global human rights and humanitarianism. This past year's theme focused on "Community Centered Design: Improving the Humanitarian User Experience," and included 10 teams of 4-5 students competing for a \$3000 seed grant to pilot their innovative solutions, guided by eight faculty and fellow mentors. Thanks to recently renewed funding from the William Randolph Hearst Foundations, we look forward to continuing to host our summer student internships and Hack for Humanity event for many years to come.

On behalf of CHRHS, I want to express my sincere thanks to our staff, students, affiliated faculty, visiting scholars, engaged alumni, advisory board, and donors for all of the time, effort, money, support, and guidance they have provided us over this past year and since the inception of CHRHS. I am personally excited by the opportunities that lie ahead as Watson transitions into a School for International and Public Affairs and we continue to engage further with our students, faculty, and broader community to better understand and solve our world's urgent human rights and humanitarian challenges.

Sincerely,



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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CHRHS is committed to training the next generation of leaders by offering Brown University students exciting opportunities to engage with human rights and humanitarian practitioners.



Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice



Through a collaborative partnership now entering its fifth year, CHRHS and the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ) train and mobilize undergraduate students to provide free legal representation to asylum seekers and to organize for immigrant justice. Through SCIJ's training program, our students gain a deep knowledge of immigration law, learn about the history of and systemic issues with US immigration, and build skills in community organizing. After students have been trained, they are mobilized to provide representation to asylum seekers by pairing students with SCIJ's partner attorneys and immigration organizations. As students work on cases, they create intentional relationships with clients, the local immigrant community, and other immigration organizations to understand and identify issues most directly impacting immigrants locally, and then organize for policy change. Seventeen Brown undergraduate students were trained this past year.

Study Group



Moving the Border: Foreign Policy Implications of Migration Deterrence

SARAH GARDINER
 CHRHS VISITING SCHOLAR
 SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, OXFAM AMERICA

Sarah Gardiner, Senior Policy Advisor at Oxfam America, previously served as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, completing tours in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and Madrid, Spain. Her research examines the impact of domestic immigration policies on foreign policy priorities, particularly in governance, human rights, humanitarian service delivery, and sustainable development.

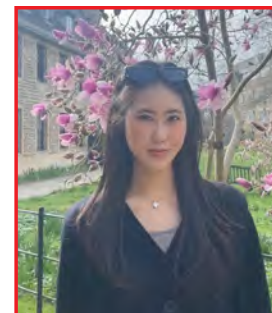
During the spring semester, Sarah led a study group focused on the foreign policy implications of migration deterrence. She introduced students to concepts such as migration deterrence, border externalization, and migration diplomacy, using case studies including the UK's policy to send asylum seekers to Rwanda and the U.S. strategy to address the root causes of migration from Central America. She also facilitated a session with Bill Frelick, Director of Refugee and Migrant Rights at Human Rights Watch, to further engage students on the topic.

Summer Internship Program

CHRHS integrates education and research with on-the-ground action by connecting students with experts through funded internships at top humanitarian and human rights organizations. These curated internships are carefully crafted with our partners so as to provide students with valuable hands-on experience and working knowledge of humanitarian and human rights issues and best practices. Partnering with the Brown SPRINT program, we placed six students in internships with Human Rights Watch, International Crisis Group, Project Hope, the Gammadda Initiative, the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, and the Refugee Dream Center.



Interning with the International Crisis Group has been a truly rewarding learning experience. I've gained invaluable insights into global conflict resolution and developed a deeper understanding of the complexities of international diplomacy. Working alongside experts in the field has allowed me to see the real-world impact of our research and advocacy efforts.



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'The Heart of the Village'

Hack For Humanity

Community Centered Design: Improving the Humanitarian User Experience

Hack for Humanity is an annual humanitarian focused hackathon that brings together students to learn about the most pressing needs in the human rights and humanitarian sphere. The hackathon encourages students to develop creative ideas for innovative programs or technologies that could help improve the lives of disaster and conflict affected communities around the world.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AMY SMITH MIT D-LAB FOUNDING DIRECTOR SENIOR LECTURER IN ENGINEERING, MIT

Amy Smith is the founder of MIT D-Lab and senior lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at MIT. She served in the US Peace Corps in Botswana and has done field work in Uganda, Senegal, South Africa, Nepal, Haiti, Honduras, Ghana and Zambia. She won the BF Goodrich Collegiate Inventor's Award and the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for Invention for her work creating technologies to improve the lives of people living in poverty. In 2002, she began teaching D-Lab, a series of courses and field trips that focus on the development, design and dissemination of appropriate technologies for international development.

She also founded the IDEAS competition, the International Development Design Summit (IDDS) and the International Development Innovation Network (IDIN). She was selected as a MacArthur Fellow and was named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People for her work to promote local innovation. She currently co-leads the Humanitarian Innovation Initiative at D-Lab, advancing participation and participatory design in the humanitarian context.

Professor Smith opened the Hack for Humanity event with a lecture educating students on how to engage local communities and stakeholders in humanitarian deing and programming.

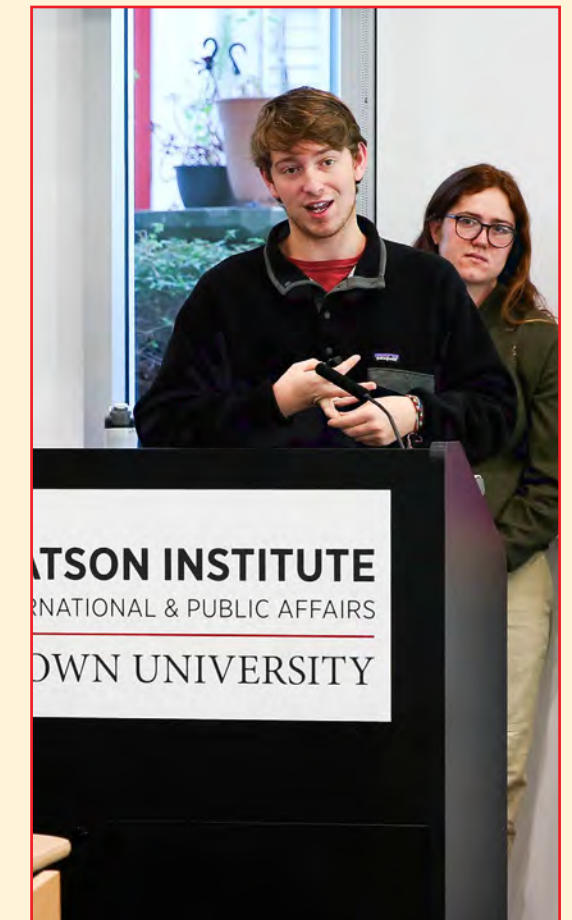


TWO DAY HUMANITARIAN HACKATHON ENGAGES OVER FIFTY STUDENTS, 10 TEAMS

At our annual Hack for Humanity, approximately 50 students across 10 teams participated in a weekend long hackathon focused on the theme “Community Centered Design: Improving the Humanitarian User Experience.” Held on October 20-21, the event kicked off with an engaging keynote from Professor Amy Smith, Founding Director of the MIT D-Lab and Senior Lecturer in Engineering at MIT. Afterward, the teams brainstormed ideas for their pitch presentations, with guidance from faculty mentors who provided feedback on originality, feasibility, and impact. After receiving feedback and finalizing their ideas, students had to manage their time effectively to complete their pitches by the next morning.

On Sunday, teams presented their final pitches. The final pitches showcased a diverse range of innovative solutions, including educational interactive games designed to prepare Turkish children for earthquakes, AI-driven tools for coastal natural disaster prevention, and educational models aimed at strengthening sustainable learning systems beyond the classroom.

While judges deliberated on the presentations, students attended a career panel featuring three Brown alumni working in human rights and humanitarian fields.



STUDENT RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: WATSON DIRECTOR'S FELLOWS

Over the 2023-2024 academic year, CHRHS has greatly benefited from the Watson Director's Fellowship Program. Through the Director's Fellowship, Graduate students in the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) program work closely with Watson Institute faculty, researchers and staff on significant projects. MPA students selected for the program are matched with project teams in the institute's centers, initiatives and faculty-led research groups.



HANNAH REALE
MPA/MPH '24
WATSON DIRECTOR'S FELLOW

Hannah Reale is a graduate of the Class of 2024 Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Public Affairs (MPA) dual degree program. At CHRHS, she served as a Research Assistant collaborating on a project with the UN World Food Programme that compares humanitarian access and civil-military coordination in Haiti, Burkina Faso, and Ethiopia. Previously, she contributed to a statewide analysis of the SNAP Incentives Program, funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies. With a passion for improving global health equity, Hannah earned her bachelor's degrees in Health Promotion Health Equity, and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2022.



TYLER LU
MPA '24
WATSON DIRECTOR'S FELLOW

Tyler Lu is a Class of 2024 graduate of the Master of Public Affairs program. At CHRHS, he served as a Research Assistant on a project that examined pandemic response in non-US and non-EU contexts. Prior to pursuing his MPA, Lu earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University with dual concentrations in business economics and political science. He served as a fellow at the National Security Innovation Network and the lead intern at the United States Naval War College's Ethics in Emerging Military Technology graduate program. He has previous work experience at Deloitte and Northrop Grumman. Upon completing his degree, he hopes to pursue a career in financial services and national security. Tyler was a member of Brown University's varsity men's swim team and served as the team's captain in his senior year. He is from Pleasanton, California.



My experience at CHRHS as both a Watson Director's Fellow and researcher was one of the highlights of my time at Brown. Under the mentorship of Dr. Alexandria Nysten and Dr. Adam Levine, I expanded my research skills, participated in public speaking engagements, and gained insight into the challenges facing the humanitarian sector.

Hannah Reale
MPA/MPH '24



RESEARCH

CHRHS conducts and facilitates interdisciplinary research on pressing global human rights and humanitarian challenges. In addition to our core research projects at CHRHS, we annually fund pilot research studies through our Seed Grant Program. This program is designed to stimulate original, innovation-driven research that addresses topics of disaster preparedness, humanitarian response, post emergency reconstruction, and human rights.

UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION IN NATIONAL PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Despite the “Principle of Last Resort,” which advocates for civilian alternatives before military involvement, the utilization of military assets in both international and domestic humanitarian responses is increasing. This trend underscores the need for a deeper understanding of civil-military interactions during emergencies, especially in public health crises, which have been historically understudied. This research project aims to enhance understanding of civilian-military coordination during US national outbreak responses, focusing on capacity gaps in public health and education sectors.

Focusing on the COVID-19 pandemic, this research addresses three key themes: perceptions of frontline workers, best practices for coordination, and civilian beneficiaries’ views of military involvement. Through key informant interviews and directed interviews, perspectives of pandemic responders and civilians interacting with military, national guard, and law enforcement are captured. Additionally, a nationally representative survey has been conducted to gauge public perceptions and reactions to military involvement in the US COVID-19 pandemic response. By adopting a multimethod approach, this research aims to provide insights into effective coordination strategies and inform future outbreak response policies. Ultimately, it seeks to contribute to evidence-based decision-making and improve civilian-military collaboration in public health emergencies.

This project is generously funded by the Birkelund Fund through the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs.



NEGOTIATING HUMANITARIAN ACCESS AND CIVILIAN MILITARY COORDINATION IN BURKINA FASO, HAITI, AND THE WESTERN SAHEL

This research project investigates humanitarian responses in contexts with heavy involvement of non-state armed groups (NSAGs) and assertive state governments, where external humanitarian assistance is obstructed. Focusing on three diverse contexts - Haiti, the Western Sahel, and Ethiopia - the study delves into the role of civilian-military coordination and negotiating in facilitating humanitarian access amidst such challenges.

Key research questions include exploring the tactics employed by assertive states and NSAGs to restrict humanitarian access, examining the impact of such limitations on population well-being and mortality rates, and documenting best practices implemented by humanitarian actors to overcome access barriers. By synthesizing findings into three comprehensive case studies supported by a policy document, this project aims to contribute to evidence-based approaches in navigating humanitarian response to crises in contexts of restricted access.

This project is generously funded by the United Nations World Food Programme.

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR CIVIL-MILITARY INTERACTION DURING OUTBREAKS & PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

The evolving landscape of responses to outbreaks and public health emergencies, exemplified by recent events like Ebola, Zika, and COVID-19, underscores the increasing involvement of domestic and foreign militaries in these complex operational environments. Recognizing the unique challenges posed by such scenarios, this project aims to provide practical considerations for guiding civil-military interaction during outbreaks and public health emergencies.

This outputs serve the following purposes: First, to compile pertinent guiding documents, core principles, and context-specific considerations essential for navigating outbreaks and public health emergencies; Second, to offer a structured matrix delineating potential activities during such responses, facilitating informed dialogue and best practices in engaging with military assets when required; Third, to delineate a spectrum of activities inherent to response efforts. This will be accompanied by an assessment of the benefits, drawbacks, and best practices associated with military involvement in various public health emergency response activities.

This project is generously funded by the Australian Civil Military Centre.

THE WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY AGENDA IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda aims to elevate women's participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Despite its inception over two decades ago, women remain marginalized in formal peace processes, with many agreements lacking gender-sensitive provisions. This research project delves into the evolving landscape of WPS in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, exploring women's roles and perceptions within this framework.

Through in-depth interviews with grassroots activists, UN officers, and community members, coupled with surveys targeting higher-level stakeholders, we aim to illuminate the adoption and localization of the WPS agenda in the MENA region. Case studies from select countries will offer insights into regional dynamics and the political utility of the WPS agenda for local women. Our interdisciplinary research team emphasizes collaboration with scholars and practitioners from the MENA region through our Global Fellows program. By centering the voices of those most affected, we strive to validate our findings and promote localized perspectives in humanitarian studies.

This project is generously funded by a Pembroke Faculty Seed Grant.

INVESTIGATING FETAL PERSONHOOD LAWS AND PREGNANCY CRIMINALIZATION POST-DOBBS

The 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Supreme Court ruling not only revoked federal abortion protections but also catalyzed an expanded discourse on fetal personhood. This paradigm shift has profound implications, particularly regarding the criminalization of pregnancy in the post-Dobbs era. We seek to examine this intersection through this research project. Traditionally, pregnancy criminalization, often tied to drug enforcement policies, has disproportionately impacted marginalized groups. Our research aims to understand how fetal personhood statutes influence the frequency and circumstances of pregnancy-related criminalization.

Through the Pregnancy Criminalization Database, we will systematically analyze incidents since Dobbs, exploring trends, demographic patterns, legal frameworks, and punitive measures. Our methodology includes archival research, interviews with legal experts and advocates, and comprehensive data collection from various sources. By fostering research networks and policy discussions, we aim to engage stakeholders and advance advocacy efforts.

ANALYZING THE USE OF ARMED ESCORTS FOR HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS

The use of armed escorts for humanitarian convoys remains a contentious practice, with varied approaches across contexts and humanitarian organizations. While UN humanitarian guidelines emphasize the necessity of considering alternatives, discrepancies persist in implementation. In response to this challenge, CHRHS has partnered with the Watson Military Fellows Program and UN OCHA's Civil-Military Coordination Service to conduct an evidence-based analysis to enhance understanding of the current use of armed escorts by humanitarians and the underlying reasons for it. The research aims to inform policy discussions and promote more effective humanitarian convoy management strategies globally.

Seed Grant Research & Trainings

The CHRHS Seed Grant Program stimulates original humanitarian and human rights-focused research and training programs. Seed grants further a deeper understanding of human rights and humanitarian challenges or test innovative solutions to these challenges.

Assessing current emergency care capacity and disaster preparedness of district hospitals in Rwanda using WHO's Hospital Emergency Assessment Tool (HEAT)

Ayla Taylor-Robichaud - Brown Undergraduate Student
Dr. Kyle Denison Martin - Brown University Faculty Member
Dr. Joseph Biramahire
Dr. Pascal Mugemangango

Identifying risks to Bella Women and Girls in Refugee Camps in Mauritania

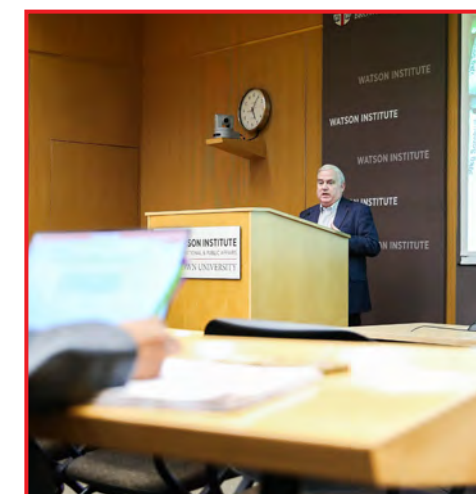
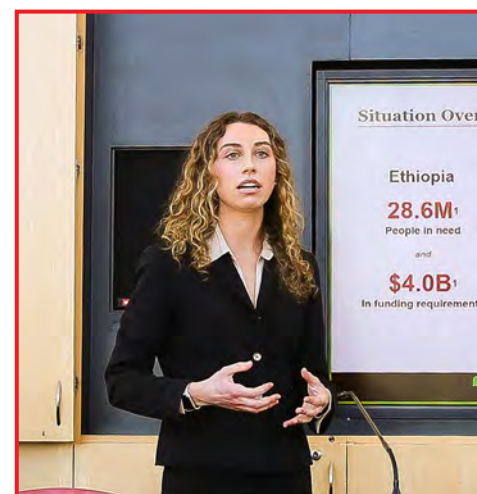
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Gender identity, health, and barriers to access for Syrian refugees in Lebanon's northern regions

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Basic hemorrhage control and first aid training for the Rwandan National Police

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PROGRAMS

CHRHS advances its mission through its Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Program, which focuses on improving collaboration between civilian and military entities in humanitarian response. The program hosts an annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Workshop & Symposium, bringing together key stakeholders to address pressing challenges.



Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination

The Program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination was created in 2020 with generous support from the Robert Dudley Harrington Jr. Charitable Foundation. The program leverages the existing Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies' partnership with the U.S. Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) to expand upon the current evidence base for effective coordination during humanitarian emergencies, develop new avenues for information sharing between humanitarian, military and academic communities, and create vibrant educational offerings for the multitude of actors who respond to global crises.

This ongoing partnership has resulted in eight annual workshops, each attended by 75-100 military and humanitarian leaders, designed to enhance the collective humanitarian response capacity of civilian and military actors by supporting a community of practice, identifying key opportunities for professional education and training, and developing a comprehensive research agenda focused on global humanitarian civil-military coordination. This partnership has established strong collaborations with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), the UN World Food Programme (UNWFP), the World Health Organization (WHO), other leading international humanitarian organizations, and U.S. and international militaries.

8th Annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium and Workshop

May 29 - 31, 2024

In partnership with the US Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program, UNOCHA, and UNWFP, CHRHS hosted our 8th Annual Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium and Workshop at Brown University from May 29-31, 2024. The theme of this year's workshop was "Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination in Large Scale Combat Operations." This event brought together over 100 international leaders from UN agencies and humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and International Governmental Organizations (IGOs), the U.S. armed forces and international militaries, and academia to explore current and future challenges in humanitarian response.

The 2024 symposium featured nine oral presentations and over a dozen poster presentations of recently completed empirical studies, many of which originated from discussions at previous workshops. This year's working group themes included Aid Worker Security, Climate Change & Coastal Resilience, Humanitarian Access, Outbreaks/Pandemics, and Protection of Civilians. Additionally, sessions covered cross-cutting themes such as Women, Peace, and Security; Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response; and New Actors in the Civilian-Military Space.



EVENTS



CHRHS provides an intellectual space for faculty, visiting scholars, students, and practitioners from around the globe to reflect upon and evaluate current human rights and humanitarian policies and procedures, while supporting interdisciplinary research by faculty and students into both the causes of, and solutions for, the most pressing global humanitarian and human rights challenges.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE UYGHUR EXPERIENCE: *Human rights concerns in contemporary China*



OMER KANAT

Executive Director of the Uyghur Human Rights Project

REBECCA NEDOSTUP

Associate Professor of History and East Asian Studies
Faculty Director of the Choices Program

This panel discussion addressed the human rights abuses faced by the Uyghur population and other ethnic minorities in China. CHRHS was joined by Omer Kanat, the Executive Director of the Uyghur Human Rights Project, who drew on his own personal experiences and advocacy efforts, highlighting the challenges and abuses Uyghurs face in contemporary China. Rebecca Nedostup, Associate Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Brown University, provided important historical context to this discussion, detailing a historian's perspective on the current events. This event was graciously moderated by Professor Poulami Roychowdhury.

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

STARVATION AS A WEAPON OF WAR *CHRHS Visiting Scholar Lecture*



MICHAEL MARX

Senior Humanitarian-Military Advisor, World Food Program
CHRHS Visiting Scholar
Brown University

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies hosted a discussion with Michael Marx, Senior Humanitarian-Military Advisor at the UN World Food Programme. The lecture focused on the urgent issue of starvation as a tactic of warfare, highlighting the significance of Security Council Resolution 2417 in combating the intentional deprivation of civilians' essential sustenance during armed conflicts. Drawing on his expertise, Marx explored the complexities surrounding conflict-driven starvation and discussed initiatives aimed at addressing the crucial intersection of food security and armed conflicts.

DECEMBER 6, 2023

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



MALIKA SAADA SAAR

Senior Fellow in International and Public Affairs
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On December 6, CHRHS participated in a global celebration of Human Rights Day, marking the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, first adopted by the UN member states in 1948 after World War II. At the event, Brown University faculty and students took turns reading each article of the declaration. The gathering also offered a moment to reflect on the profound impact the declaration has had on promoting human dignity worldwide. Brief remarks were made by Watson Institute Senior Fellow Malika Saada Saar, who highlighted the significance of the document.

APRIL 25, 2024

HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN ACCESS IN SUDAN



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Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Rhode
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MARIA KASPARIAN '05

VP of Strategic Partnerships, Edesia
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CHRHS' Human Rights and Humanitarian Leadership Initiative hosted an insightful discussion on the current human rights and humanitarian access issues in Sudan, one of the largest and more dire yet least-talked-about humanitarian crises globally. Three distinguished experts delved into the complexities of the situation and explored new paths towards a more stable future.



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