

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



WORKSHOPS

MUNA SHARIF

Muna Sharif is a Palestinian-American organizer based in Anaheim, California. Formerly the Director of Jibreel Project, a campaign designed to inspire community action and resist state oppression through the mobilization of students via education, engagement and action. Recently, her work has been devoted to scrutinizing Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and bridging the gap between campus and community organizing

"The candle burns not for us, but for all those whom we failed to rescue from prison, who were shot on the way to prison, who were tortured, who were kidnapped, who 'disappeared'. That's what the candle is for."

Peter Benenson, founder of Amnesty International

JOHN PRENDERGAST

JP is an American human rights activist, author, and former Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council. He is the Founding Director of the Enough Project, a nonprofit human rights organization affiliated with the Center for American Progress. Prendergast is also a board member and serves as Strategic Advisor to Not On Our Watch Project. He is a member of the faculty and Advisory Board of the International Peace and Security Institute .

LINDA CRUSE

Linda Cruse is an international aid worker, disaster management specialist, author, and inspirational speaker. Her 15 years of frontline humanitarian aid work has taken her to every continent in the world where she has assisted in some of the world's most catastrophic natural disasters: the Pakistani earthquake, two Philippine super-typhoons and currently the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake, conflict zones, high mountain nomadic areas and refugee camps worldwide.

KEY DATES

September 23: Muna Sharif

October 5: John Prendergast

October 27: Linda Cruse

ADOTEI AKWEI

Managing Director for Government Relations for Amnesty International USA. Before rejoining AIUSA, Adotei was the Deputy Director for Government Relations, for CARE USA. As Deputy he worked on Climate Change, Emergencies, Countries in Conflict and Micro-finance in sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to taking this position he served as Regional Advocacy Advisor for CARE's Asia Regional Management Unit, where he supported CARE country offices in the development and implementation of national level advocacy strategies, as well as helping develop and implement regional

REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2016-2017



A Sample of Conference Workshops:

Activism is Not a Crime: The murder of Berta Cáceres
Board Policy Consultation
Coalition Building for the Refugee Rights Campaign
Death Penalty Abolition in the Western Region and Beyond
LGBTQ Ally Training
Moving Beyond Tumblr: Strategy Session for Ending Gun Violence
Torture and Incarceration of Children in the West Bank. What Can You Do to Stop It?

Discussions with AI
Chapter: Human Rights in South Africa, Current Developments on Dismantling Terrorist Networks in sub Saharan Africa, The Role of the Incoming President in Promoting Human Rights Across the African Region

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS:

Senate Resolution 432:

Promoting human rights justice in Ethiopia

(Passed unanimously through Senate Foreign Relations Committee in November). Held meetings with the Oromo Studies Association coalition from Los Angeles.

Muslim Ban Petitions

Over 200 letters sent to Congressmen from all 50 states. Phone campaign launched too.

Challenge Claremont!

This year, Amnesty International joined fellow clubs on campus to each complete a service project that would positively impact the Claremont Community. At the Amnesty table, we created over 100 bracelets and hair-ties with inspirational messages for girls on them. We are planning to donate the bracelets to a local girls' group, and have reached out to groups such as Girls on the Run and Girl Scouts to find the bracelets a home.



Refugee Dinner Discussion at the MMC Athenaeum - April 24, 2017

Students from various majors and disciplines (including a few 5C students!) joined some of the college's professors for dinner and to discuss the implications of the current Global Refugee Crisis in regards to future international policy debates and human rights concerns. In attendance were CMC professors Hilary Appel and Jennifer Taw as well as Pomona professor Pierre Engelbert.



Looking Forward...

Next year, Amnesty hopes to further engage the CMC community by hosting speakers for small events, such as a tea discussions at the Athenaeum. There was a lot of great feedback surrounding small events that we had with Adotei, so we hope to invite more speakers to come interact with students on a more personal level, while also introducing these students to Amnesty. Some organizations that we hope to invite speakers from are the Amnesty Chapter of LA, the Human Rights Watch chapter in LA, and United Way of the Greater LA Area.