



Welcome to the 2018-19 Academic Year!

This year we welcome the return of Professor and Center Director Wendy Lower. We look forward to meeting new students and to reconnecting with those who are returning to campus from study abroad and summer internships. We are sponsoring an exciting year of programming through our speaker series and student-led task force groups and are excited to support a diverse array of student projects related to human rights research and activism. Additional highlights of these activities will appear in future editions of our newsletter.

Summer 2018 Internship Reflections

Anita Sheno '20 — Claremont Canopy (Claremont, CA)

This past summer, Anita Sheno (pictured at right) interned for Claremont Canopy, a local grassroots organization that serves recently resettled refugees in the Inland Empire. Anita was attracted to Canopy's quest to support newly arrived immigrants by providing valuable resources for education, employment, and community integration. The internship provided an active learning environment for Anita, where she was able to explore the financial logistics and other aspects of what makes Canopy successful. Anita enjoyed spending time getting to know many of the families, sharing delicious meals together, attending community and religious events, and even dancing at a wedding reception! Asked of her experience this summer, Anita responded, "with its newly established non-profit status, Claremont Canopy is a wonderful example of a social organization that incorporates the vibrant talents of a community to integrate and uplift its newest members."



Owen Dubeck '19 — Living on One (Los Angeles, CA)

"During the summer of 2018, I interned at Living on One, a documentary media company located in Los Angeles, California. Living on One has two award-winning documentaries on Netflix and has changed the lives of thousands through their activism efforts. This summer I worked as a video editor for the company and was part of a team that developed a new video series. We created 1-2 minute pieces on a range of issues including: poverty in Central America, women's education in Guatemala, deportation from the U.S., and local culture. In total I completed six videos over the course of the summer and am happy to say that I was asked to come back and will be continuing my work in the fall.

Living on One took me from a student who makes videos in college to a professional filmmaker. Chris Temple '12 and Zach Ingrasci '12 (co-founders and pictured with Owen, back right) challenged me to create draft after draft before everything was absolutely perfect. Working at Living on One was the best company experience I've ever had. After working this job, I now have a vision of where I want to go in this space and feel I've been given the tools to get there."



Summer 2018 Internship Reflections (Cont.)

Gabrielle Clouse '20 — Child Family Health International (Quito, Ecuador)

"This past summer, I spent eight weeks in Quito, Ecuador working for Child Family Health International. In the mornings, I would shadow in different hospitals and clinics, and in the afternoons, I took Spanish classes. My rotations were a combination of government-run healthcare facilities in both urban and rural settings, as well as private facilities. This schedule was especially valuable for me because I have always been interested in the government's role in healthcare. Seeing the benefits and challenges of the different options (public or private) in Ecuador allowed me to better understand the ways healthcare in the U.S. could continue to improve to provide fair access to all. In Ecuador, instead of having healthcare plans similar to Medicare, there are entire hospitals that are government-run, as well as private options. I felt that this allocation of resources was much simpler and more efficient than the government support in the U.S. I especially enjoyed learning that in Ecuador, women's reproductive and maternal care is ensured in the constitution and guaranteed as a right.



Coming into the summer, my Spanish wasn't great and the language barrier was my biggest challenge, particularly following and understanding doctor/patient interactions. But, as my internship finished, I could have conversations with relative ease - thanks in large part to my host mom who patiently helped me through my broken Spanish until my sentences flowed more easily. By living with a host family, I learned so much more than if I had been on my own, and eventually built the confidence to speak more frequently in Spanish. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to experience medicine in another country, because it allowed me to grow professionally and emotionally."

Laleh Ahmad '20 — POLIN Museum (Warsaw, Poland)

"I was an intern in POLIN's education department helping with the Polish Israeli Youth Exchange. I was working under the Internship Coordinator and the director of the exchange program. I would help to design flyers and ID cards, craft messages to send out to the participants, manage travel and accommodation logistics and attend seminars. I would also frequently be asked to help other people within the education department or to proofread English and transcribe videos into English. I enjoyed my experience at the Museum because I'm deeply interested in human rights and the museum had a lot of resources that allowed me to research human rights topics. For example, the museum had a resource center where I was able to gain access to thousands of interviews of people involved in various human rights violations, such as the Rwandan Genocide and the Holocaust. It contained a very diverse set of interviews, and each one lasted hours, so I was able to follow individual experiences of people who first-hand witnessed genocides occur and survived.

My experience working at the museum helped me to realize that I am passionate about human rights and would like to work in the field of human rights after I graduate. Working at POLIN was a truly valuable and positive experience, and clarified for me that I am interested in pursuing human rights research in the future."



An Interview with Professor Lower

By Mohamad Moslimani '21

I sat down with returning Director Wendy Lower to learn more about her time on leave from the Mgrublian Center as she directed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's (USHMM) Mandel Center in Washington, D.C. Below is an excerpt from our conversation.

1. What called you to the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the USHMM to pursue a leave of absence from CMC?

I was approached by the museum leadership and was asked to step in as interim director of the Mandel Center--mostly based on my record as a scholar in the field and my prior affiliation with the museum as a member of the academic committee, as a research fellow, and a historical consultant for their exhibitions since 1994. It was a tremendous honor to be asked to direct the Center, which is the biggest, most active research institute of Holocaust studies in the world. It is situated in one of the largest archives on the Holocaust, and as a federal museum on the National Mall, it serves millions of visitors annually. Each day I was inspired by the crowds that entered the building and the scholars in the archives who were determined to memorialize the victims and discover their stories. As a matter of fact, while I was there, I oversaw a few different departments and launched a variety of national and international research and higher educational programs. I personally worked with acquisitions staff in Europe who secured agreements to access and digitize millions of pages of state and private collections. In many cases, I had the opportunity to get a first look at these materials and could imagine the new directions the field might go based on these new sources. For example, in my survey of the postwar tribunal records from France that are just being declassified and copied, I saw hundreds of war crimes cases against French women who were defendants, signaling to me that studies of wartime collaboration may end up returning to where they started in France, but now finally with the actual documentation of events. Back in D.C., in the state of the art labs of the Museum, I saw how humanities scholars and conservators work together on collections, which deepened my appreciation for the material culture of the Holocaust.

2. What has been your greatest academic and/or professional takeaway from your time at the Mandel Center that you are excited to bring back to CMC?

I am developing a new course that focuses on objects of war in genocide. Besides the value that I believe can be gained from studying these material traces of the Holocaust--many of them imbued with trauma--I also plan to continue to bring my national and international connections forged at the Museum to CMC. As interim director of the Mandel Center, I convened a leadership initiative in D.C. that brought together the directors of other Holocaust, genocide and human rights studies Centers on college campuses. This new National Leadership Consortium of Human Rights Centers was the result of survey work that the Mgrublian Center's previous newsletter editor Larissa Peltola (CMC '18) completed as a summer intern. She identified about 200 other centers across the country that are dedicated to Holocaust, genocide, and human rights studies. One benefit of this national consortium is that it's now given the directors of human rights centers across this country's higher educational landscape the ability to mobilize in crisis situations, and address the dearth of human rights work in certain states and localities. Another is the potential to secure and grow on-campus education about the history of the Holocaust and other genocides.

An Interview with Professor Lower (cont.)

3. *What would you say is the most important idea of your keynote address, The History and Future of Holocaust Research, which you gave last spring at The Future of Holocaust Research conference at City University in New York?*

There are a few points that I would like to stress. First is that the field of Holocaust studies is not narrow. It has exploded in the past decades because of the vastness and interdisciplinary richness of source material that attracts scholars in history, literature, the arts, anthropology, psychology, sociology, musicology, philosophy, archaeology, law, digital humanities, and more. Scholars from around the world are posing new questions, illuminating dimensions of humanity that continue to shock and confound-- and teach us universal lessons. There are few such well-documented events that have this power and potential. As I tell my students, in the scheme of history, the Holocaust happened yesterday, we live in its aftermath, we are still sorting it out, and may not figure it out. It is a dynamic, fertile field. Second, research has expanded beyond the focus on Nazi Germany to all of Europe. That the Holocaust was a European (indeed, global event) challenges scholars to discern the local, national, and international forces and patterns. It is also politically volatile as many countries such as Poland and Hungary are resisting an open, critical discussion of their collaboration and their persecution and annihilation of Jews, Roma and other victims, in some cases committed without any German pressure or involvement. National taboos persist, and sadly so do antisemitism and Holocaust denial.

4. *What plans do you have for the Center now that you're back?*

I would like to strengthen the research profile of the Mgrublian Center with the models that I learned about at the Mandel Center. I am looking forward to creating a library resource that offers a collection of the most important secondary and primary resources in the field of Holocaust, genocide, and human rights studies that is located on a US college campus. I would also like to digitize personal papers of leaders in human rights to generate more student and faculty research and encourage faculty to utilize these collections in their teaching. The biographical papers of these human rights leaders might inspire our students to think about pursuing careers dedicated to upholding rights, preventing the suffering of others, and educating about the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides. To date, students at the Mgrublian Center have greatly appreciated and benefitted from our large internships programs which is why I'm working to create formal memos of understanding with leading organizations around the world to offer more of these opportunities to students; for example, we are developing a new internship in Riga, Latvia beginning in summer 2019. Through the expansion of our research initiatives and curricular offerings, we also hope to improve the academic experience of our interns to better prepare them for field work with grassroots NGOs around the globe, and in major organizations in the US such as Human Rights Watch. Along these lines, we are expanding the current list of course offerings in the Human Rights sequence to provide students with a wider array of eligible courses. Finally, the Center is piloting a new program for graduating seniors, The Elbaz Family Post-Graduate Fellowship, that fully funds one year of work in a human rights organization. Similar to a Fulbright, the goal of this program is to support CMC grads who have devoted their college years to human rights scholarship and activism, and are looking for ways to extend this to their professional lives in a serious and influential way.

Speaker Series - CMC Athenaeum

Jeffrey Kopstein: *Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust*

By Becky Shane '19

On the evening of October 2nd, Jeffrey S. Kopstein presented his new book “Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust” at the CMC Athenaeum. Kopstein is Chair of the political science department at the University of California, Irvine. In the book, he and his co-author, Jason Wittenberg, take a social scientific approach to explain why pogroms occur in some locations and not in others. As described in his presentation, the book focuses on 219 predominately Polish and Ukrainian communities in the aftermath of the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. Kopstein and Wittenberg find that the roots of violence were predominantly in efforts to maintain Polish and Ukrainian dominance rather than in anti-Semitic hatred or revenge for communism. In his talk, Kopstein outlined the research methods used to identify the factors that put Jews at risk in some places and not in others and concluded that pogroms were most often perpetrated by ethnic Poles and ethnic Ukrainians. Their research also found that the key for a community to not experience pogroms was correlated with how the broader community reacted to opportunity for anti-Jewish violence in the first chaotic weeks of the war. Dr. Kopstein’s talk was the first lecture of the Mgrublian Center’s 2018-19 annual speaker series and was well attended by students, faculty, staff and local community members.



Rebecca Erbelding: *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*

By Becky Shane '19

During a lunch talk on October 5, Rebecca Erbelding described the creation of the War Refugee Board established in 1944. Her book, “Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America’s Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe,” revealed groundbreaking information about the U.S. laundering money into Sweden, participating in ransom negotiations with Nazis, opening a refugee camp in upstate New York, sending rescuer Raoul Wallenberg to Budapest, helping 8,000 Jews escape to Palestine by boat, and approving \$11 million in relief for Nazi-occupied Europe in the final year of World War II. She outlined the American government’s immigration positions leading up to and during World War II. The government was anti-immigrant in the 1930s, and many legislators chose to keep immigration issues off of



the table rather than open debate - they feared new laws would only restrict the number of immigrants allowed into the country. When news of the Nazi’s extermination plan arrived in Washington from the Jewish World Congress in Switzerland, no one believed it; in fact, the State Department specifically asked Switzerland to stop sending information about the mass killings because the American people were demanding aid. Enter the Department of Treasury, which established the ‘Rescue Board’ in 1944. Headed by John Paley, the Board solicited advice from NGOs on how to best aid Jewish victims in Nazi Europe. The Board’s establishment was the only time in US history that the government founded an agency specifically to protect civilians who were being killed by our wartime enemy. In this case, our actions matched our democratic values. Erbelding’s talk coincided with the Mgrublian Center’s fall advisory board meeting.

Speaker Series - CMC Athenaeum (Cont.)

Valerie Sperling: *Are Women's Rights Human Rights?*

Valerie Sperling, Professor of Political Science at Clark University, gave a talk titled "Are Women's Rights Human Rights?" at the Athenaeum on Monday, November 5th. She detailed the way women's rights are dealt with by the European Court of Human Rights, focusing primarily on human rights violations in Turkey and Russia. Through the presentation of several cases that occurred in Russia and Turkey and were subsequently taken by the European Court of Human Rights, she analyzed how effective the court was in providing justice to victims. Her key research findings were that law-based discrimination was easier to identify than discrimination in the form of violence against a social group. She believes that there also needs to be systematic collection of country level data in order to demonstrate patterns of discrimination. Another subject of her talk was the discussion of positive rights, the idea that human rights violations occur not only when the state acts but also when the state fails to act to protect victims' rights.



C. Dixon Osburn: *Bringing Genocidaires to Justice: The Perspective of an NGO in the Trenches*

In his Athenaeum lunch talk on Thursday, November 8, Dixon Osburn discussed how he and his organization, Center for Justice and Accountability, have been seeking justice for the victims of war crimes. Osburn is the executive director of CJA, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco that legally represents survivors of human rights violations in the United States courts. In his presentation, Osburn described the legal cases CJA has work on for the past twenty years including cases against perpetrators of human rights abuses from Bosnia, Cambodia, Chile, El Salvador, Syria, etc. Around 1,900 suspected war criminals are currently living in the United States and CJA prevents

these criminals from finding a haven in the US by prosecuting them in US courts. Osburn discussed several cases such as the Khmer Rouge tribunals, Pinochet caravan of deaths case, and Jesuit Massacre case. Osburn helps willing survivors who have experienced these human rights violations hone in their stories to serve as evidence in court. In his talk, Osburn addressed the three main goals of his organization: attempting to be an agent of change through litigation for their clients who are looking for justice, documenting the truth through the court of law and accountability measures, and creating systematic change through precedence. Osburn's talk was well attended by students, faculty, and staff of the colleges.



Task Force Updates: Power of Women

The SHE Summit

In October, members of the Power of Women (POW) task force traveled to New York to attend the SHE Summit—a conference focused on empowerment and gender equality. Below are reflections from a few of the POW's attendees:

Alison Hong '19: The SHE Summit in New York City was an enriching and thought-provoking experience. I was propelled to attend this conference after reading its mission to, “accelerate inclusive equality by connect, educating, and activating talent in the global workplace.” Throughout the two day conference, speakers addressed issues surrounding gender inequality in various career fields. One speaker who resonated with me was Tony Porter, who founded A Call to Men, an organization which promotes a healthy, respectful manhood to prevent violence against women. His talk focused on the ingrained societal culture of violence, hypersexualization, and objectification of women and how educating the youth on healthy masculinity can help combat these systemic issues. My favorite panel of the conference was about women working in sports journalism. Mina Kimes, Victoria Arlen, and Chiney Ogumike, who all work for ESPN, shared their experiences with hustling to break the barriers as women working in sports in a predominantly male field. In addition to recognizing the challenge they have tackled in the cut-throat field, they reflected on their diverse perspectives, highlighting the importance of representation from all intersections of identity.

Having learned a tremendous amount in 48 hours, I left the conference more confident, attentive, and well-versed to work towards resolving women's rights issues in my own community. As Jackie, Isabel, and I complete our senior year at CMC and transition the Power of Women leadership, we are taking the information gained at the SHE Summit to help navigate the future of POW. All in all, attending the SHE Summit was an incredibly educational and inspiring experience that allowed me to self-reflect on my time at CMC and begin thinking about how I can continue to work towards advancing women's equality in my career field.

Isabel Chavez '19: The conference was two days long and themed around driving change for diversity and inclusion in corporate America. There were 150 organizations present, and approximately 40 speakers and panelists, who alternated for various talks along with a few networking breaks. The networking breaks were themed by various topics, of which each conference participant could pick two. There was also a book sale for all the speakers' books.

I am extremely grateful for this experience. While I am not on an educational or career path towards corporate America, I still benefited from this event. I was able to meet incredible people who are driving change within their own lives, the lives of those around them, and on a greater population and organizational level. Not only was I able to network with passionate and successful people, I also left feeling empowered, re-energized, and competent for creating change in any aspect of my life. The main takeaways from the conference for myself were that I must confront my own implicit biases and prejudices in order to properly foster a forgiving and motivated community, that even myself as one person can do a lot, that I must learn to hold every person regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic status, etc., including myself, to the same standards, and that as a woman, I must work to find a sponsor in my career field who can actively aid in promotion rather than simply a mentor.

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Jackie Siegler '19: At 5:30am, my eyelids kept finding their way down, but with a cup of airport coffee in hand, the buzz of anticipation for what was to come kept me alert. On our way into the city, we were greeted with the warmest sunrise, casting an orange hue to the otherwise grey and blue cityscape. Though we had a few hours until the start of the conference, there was a tangible urgency pushing us to quickly get dressed and feign chipperness before a long day of engaging with issues of gender rights in the workplace.

We snapped a few pictures in the bathroom to commemorate what felt like a genuine miracle, we had been awake for over 24 hours, but we looked fresh. I poured myself a cup of the complementary hotel coffee, and then followed my peers out. The weather was unremarkable, and it was cold. We were jolted by it, but the other people walking through the streets of the upper east side were visibly unperturbed. For them, it was just another day. For us, we were about to gain access to a network of individuals invested in uplifting women and in creating workplace practices and behaviors that normalize the inclusion of historically silenced groups. When we entered the conference, the buzz I felt upon landing, and the sensation of simultaneous tranquility and disbelief that I felt looking at the sunrise from the airport came together making me feel a seldom accessed emotion of true awe and hope.

The Keynote Address by Claudia Chan was promising, and in the first hour of the conference, the adrenaline running through me utterly shut out the exhaustion the trip should have caused. Luckily for me, my adrenaline was at a high for most of the conference, so I felt a steady sense of heightened alertness during all the panels. I was present and actively listening to the wisdom S.H.E Summit Global had coordinated to be shared with the audience of diverse and concerned individuals. I appreciated the sense of community the organizers meticulously planned and encouraged. I felt it during the panel breaks where I was able to walk around and mingle with other guests.

My biggest take away from the conference is that activism for gender inequity can be expressed in a plurality of ways and can be brought to the corporate world. The trip was an opportunity to experience a side of the professional world that my internships in traditional corporate settings had never actually showed me. At SHE Summit, I learned about how issues of gender equity are starting to be incorporated into corporate cultures. After listening to the talks, and interacting with attendees, it was apparent that the Summit itself is an important act of creating space for frequently devalued voices to find strength in numbers and access valuable ways of thinking about their issues.

One of my favorite talks was Tony Porter who is a women's rights activist who explained the multiple consequences of toxic masculinity and the simplicity of all gendered individuals in allowing toxic masculinity manifested as misogyny to thrive. I appreciated his comprehensive outlook on the underlying causes behind women's marginalized status. My favorite talk however, was absolutely the opening speaker Zainab Salbi who told the most beautiful story about how hate can live within each of us without our awareness, and can seriously undermine any human rights, socially liberating, and socially minded work that one does. Her talk brought me to tears, and had me deeply reflecting upon how prejudice may live within me without me realizing it, and how it is likely preventing me from self-realizing and accomplishing my personal goal of leading a life dedicated to social progress and direct

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ways of helping individuals left in the margins by systems of power that negate their existence.

Upon returning from SHE Summit, I am invigorated about the possibilities that women's right's activism has. Especially through Zainab Salbi's talk, as well as through the panel "On Becoming a Change Agent: Embracing Your Experiences to Better Your Community" by artist filmmakers, and activists, as well as the sport one, I am confident in the truth of the saying that change starts with a change in oneself, and the positive social change that arises from genuine compassionate interpersonal connections. I know I can continue to foster this with our club Power of Women. Thus far, the response and vigor of our newest club members shows me that my attitude towards women's rights and dealing with other activists is the right approach. I choose to lead with kindness and humility, and SHE Summit surprisingly validated that approach.



Pictured (left to right): Jackie Siegler '19, Isabel Chavez '19, Alison Hong '19, Gayle Lee '20

Amnesty International-CMC Updates

CMC's Amnesty International Chapter (AI-CMC) is off to a great start! From the Clubs and Institutes Fair on September 7th (photo, below left) to their partnership with CPB (College Programming Board) for Sunday Snack, AI-CMC has drawn the attention of the CMC community with the "I Care About Wall" (photo, below right). After recruiting members for this year's Executive Board, AI-CMC set about preparing an event where their peers could exchange their thoughts and concerns over Boba Tea on a late night. As well, AI-CMC has a number of plans going forward with fresh eager faces entering the fold.



Amnesty Executive Board Members Take Denver

By Tallan Donine, Jennifer Collao, Mila Piacsek, and Carley Barnhart

On November 10, we attended the Amnesty International USA regional conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference consisted of panels with human rights activists, experts in academia, lawyers, and affected individuals of human rights abuses from around the world. We came to the conference with the intention of learning more about how to best navigate the human rights field as it pertains to the balance of activism and policy while also bettering our understanding of how to better lead the Amnesty chapter on our campus. We were able to engage with other student groups and the leadership of the organization itself. We all felt that the conference fulfilled our expectations while inspiring us to take the lessons back to CMC. We extend our sincerest gratitude to Mgrublian Center for helping to make this opportunity possible and for its continuous support of all of our Amnesty task force activities.



Amnesty International-CMC Updates

"Know Your Rights" with the ACLU

By Tallan Donine

CMC's Amnesty International task force hosted Attorney Brendan Hamme from the ACLU of Southern California on November 16th for a **Know Your Rights** info session. Students had the chance to learn about their First Amendment rights when it comes to protesting and community organizing and what best practice methods exist. Hamme held that we should all be empowered to exercise our free speech rights because they form the backbone of our society. Given that, First Amendment protection is most important for the speech that is controversial or critical which individuals may be pressured to suppress. He offered the following tips for activists:

- ◆ You may need a permit for a protest
- ◆ The government is allowed to create reasonable time and place limitations
- ◆ Speech that incites direct violence and lawbreaking is not protected
- ◆ Limitations may be in place to preserve a space for its purpose and that cannot be disrupted
- ◆ Be careful what you post on social media

We thank Brendan Hamme and the ACLU for leading this helpful session for students. It is important to note that all ACLU services are free and if you or anyone you know are ever in need of advice or need to inquire about your rights, reach out to the organization. The phone number for the Los Angeles office is (213) 977-9500.



Student Involvement

In addition to our summer interns and task force members, the Center is also fortunate to work with a great group of student assistants and research fellows (listed below), each of whom contributes to our extensive on-campus events/activities as well as our expanding research program.

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Student Research Fellows

Research fellows work with a faculty advisor on a year-long human rights research project.

Below is a summary of this year's fellows and their research initiatives.

Will Cullen '19: "Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7: Ways to Expand Energy Access to All While Transitioning to Renewable Energy in India". Faculty Advisor – Aseema Sinha.

Jafar Daniel '20: "Dreaming in Isolation: A History of the 1978 Student Movement at the Bandung Institute of Technology." Faculty Advisor - Jonathan Petropoulos.

Benjamin Dibble '20: "Failures of the International Community During the Rwandan Genocide". Faculty Advisor – Katja Favretto.

Zubin Jotwani '20: "A Comparative Study on the Regional Variance in Partition Violence". Faculty Advisor – Aseema Sinha.

Matthew Leder '22 and Bryce Lynch '21: "Following the Lives of Three Holocaust Survivors: A Documentary". Faculty Advisor – Wendy Lower.

Zachary Linden '22: "To What Extent Do the Chinese Government's Repressive Policies Contribute to Uyghurs' Desire for Independence?" Faculty Advisor—Minxin Pei.

Naseem Nazari '21: "Section 377: The Decriminalization of Gay Sex and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic". Faculty Advisor – Aseema Sinha.

Angel Ornelas '21: "LGBTQ Rights in Mexican States". Faculty Advisor – Sarah Sarzynski.

Hephzibah Oyibo '21: "Separation of Church and State in Nigeria: the Path to Gender Equality?" Faculty Advisor – Jenny Taw.

Fall 2018 Events

- ♦ **September 7, 11am-1pm:** All CMC Club and Institute Fair.
- ♦ **September 24, 5:30pm:** Human Rights Intern Welcome Back Dinner. Human Rights Interns share stories and photo reflections from their summer experiences.
- ♦ **October 2, 6:00pm (dinner program):** *Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust.* Jeffrey S. Kopstein, Professor and Chair of political science at the University of California, Irvine.
- ♦ **October 5, 11:45am (lunch program):** *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe.* Rebecca Erbelding, historian, curator, and archivist at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, discusses her research on the War Refugee Board (WRB), the official American response to the Holocaust.
- ♦ **November 5, 6:00pm (dinner program):** *Are Women's Rights Human Rights?.* Valerie Sperling, professor of political science at Clark University, explores the obstacles that confront those who try to use domestic and international law to fight gender discrimination in Russia and Turkey.
- ♦ **November 8, 11:45am (lunch program):** *Bringing Génocidaires to Justice: The Perspective of an NGO in the Trenches.* Dixon Osburn, Executive Director, The Center for Justice and Accountability.
- ♦ **November 16, 12:15-1:30pm (lunch program):** *Know Your Rights.* Amnesty International-CMC in collaboration with the ACLU host an info session on First Amendment rights.

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