HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

March 8, 2016

Hulman Memorial Student Union
Opening Ceremony
Sycamore Banquet Center



"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person... Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 – 1962), was chairperson of the subcommittee of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, which was responsible for drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She was the United States representative to the United Nations from December 31, 1945 until December 31, 1952.

Human Rights Day Program

8:00 a.m. Breaking Down the Box

Dede III

Charles Norman

Produced by filmmaker Matthew Gossage, this film examines the mental health, racial justice and human rights implications of the systemic use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons. It is a call to action for communities of faith to engage in the growing nationwide movement for restorative alternatives to isolated confinement that prioritize rehabilitation, therapeutic interventions, and recovery.

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony Sycamore Banquet Center

Master of Ceremonies: Jeff Lorick Executive Director, Terre Haute Human Relations Commission

Welcome

Daniel J. Bradley, President, Indiana State University Duke A. Bennett, Mayor, City of Terre Haute Corporation Danny Tanoos, Superintendent, Vigo County School

Students Rebuild: One Pinwheel Makes a Difference

Harrison Ndife

S.T.A.N.D. will discuss the efforts of Students Rebuild to make 200,000 pinwheels, each representing \$2 dollars donated to Healing Classrooms, which goes towards Syrian refugee education. This short talk will address how a single student, teacher, or person can make a significant impact on another human's life through something as miniscule as a pinwheel. Participants will have the opportunity to decorate and make a pinwheel at the resource fair.

African Drums

Kirk Owusu Moore and friends Kirk is a graduate student in Criminal Justice from Koforidua, Ghana West Africa and has promoted diversity through drumming and building friendships.

9:30 a.m. Plenary Speaker: Against the Tide of Evil Sycamore Banquet Center

Dr. Mukesh Kapila - a medical doctor, humanitarian expert, and international aid diplomat. Currently a Professor at Manchester University, he has experience in over 130 countries serving in senior positions in the British government and at the United Nations, World Health Organization, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. His dealings with many dictators and despots across the world's premier trouble spots have led him to focus on the prevention of genocide and the other most horrible crimes against humanity, as Special Representative of the Aegis Trust.

What empowers a person to confront global indifference and corruption? When Dr. Mukesh Kapila arrived in Khartoum in March 2003 as head of the United Nations in Sudan, he made a promise to himself that if he were ever in a position to stop the mass killers in Darfur, they would never triumph on his watch. Dr. Kapila will talk about the depths of evil humans were willing to reach to design and orchestrate "the final solution in Darfur" and the reasons so many good people stood by and did nothing.

11:00 a.m. Session 1

Dangers of Sexting

Sycamore Banquet Center

Troy Pesavento

Troy Pesavento is a senior detective with the Terre Haute Police Department.

Solitary Confinement... The Fight for Humanity

Dede I

Ernest Coverson

Many of our prisons use solitary confinement as an additional punishment. Is this humane? Does it work? Ask Albert Woodfox, who's been living in solitary confinement for nearly four decades, not in a foreign country but right here in the U.S. We will examine Mr. Woodfox's case as it exposes all that is wrong with the practice of solitary confinement.

Keep it Real

Dede II

James Reed

Attendance limited to 50.

Keep It Real RX is a game that provides a safe space for people to explore and share their memories, reflections, beliefs, dreams, feelings, fantasies, imaginations and secret desires out loud! Playing this bold, profound and interactive game will transport you beyond the realm of who you always imagined yourself to be, and will free you to become more of who you really are.

We All Belong Here: Promoting Social Inclusion to Prevent Violence

Dede III

Colleen Yeakle

Attendance limited to 30.

What goes on around us in our families, neighborhoods and communities has a strong influence on our behavior and wellbeing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has shown that social exclusion is a risk factor for multiple forms of violence including child abuse, domestic violence, youth violence and bullying. In this workshop we will define social inclusion and discuss how exclusion relates to violence. We will then brainstorm ideas for increasing social inclusion by ensuring that gathering places in our communities are spaces where everyone feels valued, where differences between people are respected and where all members can fully participate.

Noon Lunch on your own

12:40 p.m. Session 2

The Forward Together Movement: Moral Mondays & Social Justice

Dede I

Ralph Leck, Ph.D and Cathy McGuire

The Forward Together Moral Movement (FTM) is a national political coalition dedicated to equal justice and opposed to economic inequality, lack of health care, structural racism, environmental destruction, and attacks on women's rights, public education, and voting rights. During this session, speeches by Rev. William Barber, leader of the FTM, will be shown and presentors will explain what the Indiana and local affiliates are doing.

Art Meets News, The Stories and Photographs of Bill Foley

Dede II

Bill Foley

From the Midwest to the Mideast and so many other places, photojournalism that puts faces on the complexities of politics, tragedy of war, and captures the human spirit.

Indiana Food Service Workers' Fight to Climb Out of Poverty

Dede III

Stuart Mora & Darien Pennybaker

Food service workers across Central Indiana are organizing to win respect in the workplace and better lives for themselves and their families. Darien Pennybaker, an Indianapolis cafeteria worker, will share his story of how he and his co-workers organized the union and won their first contract this past year and what this means for their lives.

Genital Mutilation & Women's Empowerment: The Indigenous Embera People & the UN in Colombia

HMSU 307

Alexandra McNichols-Torroledo

The only ethnic group in Latin America that practices female genital mutilation is the Embera people on Colombia. There is speculation that this practice was introduced by African slaves. According to the oral history of the Embera, genital mutilation is a means of ensuring that children will not be born as hermaphrodites. Although this practice is illegal in Colombia, it continues. So, in 2008, the United Nations began an education campaign. Recently Ms. Torroledo returned to Colombia to complete research. This resulted in the recent publication of her photographs in *The Guardian* (London). This will be the subject of her talk.

1:30 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. Session 3

ISIS and Human Rights Violations

Dede II

Jeremy Bennett

Presentation will provide an overview of global patterns of human trafficking with specific emphasis on the human trafficking, human rights violations, and destruction of cultural relics carried out by the Islamic State (IS) in the Middle East.

LGBT Rights

Dede III

Samuel Norvanis

Sam Norvanis, an ISU graduate and experienced investigator for the Indianapolis District EEOC office will provide an overview of recent litigation and expanded efforts to protect these rights.

Climate Change versus Global Warming versus Climate Chaos, and more

HMSU 307

Robyn Morton

Robyn Morton is the associate director for the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods.

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and The Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC)

HMSU 321

Ava Taylor and Brian Philips

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) provide educational information and resources that are available to Hoosiers. Materials and information provided cater to self-sufficiency, asset development, awareness and education of your rights, and overall quality of life. This presentation is driven by specific articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

List of Resource Tables

Amnesty International (ISU Chapter)

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Department of Multidisciplinary Studies

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and the Indiana Civil Rights Commission

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