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THURSDAY

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

(Guide to speakers can be found at end of the Program.)

1:30-3:30 pm REGISTRATION: Library

2:00-3:00 pm STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:
Training Room 3

3:30-4:30 pm OPENING PLENARY SESSION: Chestnut A & B

Opening Remarks: Sophia Peterson, Director, FACDIS
Keynote Address: *"Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on Human Rights"*
Speaker: Jack Donnelly, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of International Relations,
University of Denver

This address will provide a comprehensive framework to help integrate the
Conference sessions.

4:30-5:15 pm PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKER

Panelists:
David Bard (History, Concord College)
Gerald Beller (Political Science, West Virginia State College)
John Maxwell, Associate Director, FACDIS (History, West Virginia University)
Question-and-answer period

6:00-7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR WITH CONSULTANTS
(Cash Bar): University Hall

7:00-8:15 pm BANQUET: University Hall

Welcome: Dr. Clifford Trump, Chancellor, State College System of West Virginia

8:15 pm BANQUET ADDRESS: University Hall

"What Do We Women Want?"
Introduction: Sandra Dixon (Foreign Languages, West Virginia University)
Speaker: Brianda Domecq, Mexican novelist

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:15 am Institutional Representatives Breakfast Meeting:
Ward Christopher Room

7:30 am Breakfast: University Hall

FRIDAY

Note: From 8:45 am to 2:30 pm a series of five simultaneous sessions will take place with
two presenters at each session: a human rights activist and an academician.

"The Human Rights Record: Violations and Progress in Five World Regions"

8:45-10:00 am FIRST CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Sub-Saharan Africa: Seminar Room 1
Civil and Political Rights

Presenters: Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International
Maria Nzomo, University of Nairobi
Chair: Robert Maxon (History, West Virginia University)

Asia: Training Room 1

Free Expression and Civil Rights in Asia

Presenters: Patricia Ann Gossman, Human Rights Watch/Asia
Judy Polumbaum, University of Iowa
Chair: Joseph Laker (History, Wheeling Jesuit College)

East Europe/Former Soviet States: Oak Room

Civil and Political Rights (including Ethnic Rights)

Presenters: Ludmilla Thorne, Specialist, Russia/Eurasia, Freedom House
Peter Henry Juviler, Barnard College
Chair: Michael Strada (Political Science, West Liberty State College)

Latin America: Training Room 4

The High Tide of Human Rights Abuses, 1970s & '80s

Presenters: Joel Solomon, Research Director, Human Rights Watch/Americas
Thomas C. Wright, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Chair: John Super (History, West Virginia University)

Middle East: Seminar Room 2

Civil and Political Rights

Presenters: Christopher E. George, Executive Director, Human Rights
Watch/Middle East
Susan Waltz, Florida International University
Chair: Ahmad Khalili (Sociology, Marshall University)

10:00-10:30 am Break: Seminar Rooms Foyer, Training Rooms
Foyer, and Oak Room Foyer

10:30-11:45 am SECOND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Presenters, chairs, and locations as listed above.

Sub-Saharan Africa: *Economic and Social Rights*

Asia: *Women's Rights*

East Europe/Former Soviet States: *Economic and Social Rights (including Women's
Rights)*

Latin America: *Human Rights in the Transition to Civilian Governments, 1980s & '90s*

Middle East: *Women, Islam, Poverty and War*

11:45 am-1:15 pm LUNCH: University Hall

Introduction: John Maxwell, Associate Director, FACDIS
Luncheon address: *"U.S. Policy and Actions Regarding Human Rights in World
Affairs"*
Speaker: John Shattuck
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and
Labor, U.S. Department of State

1:30-2:30 pm THIRD CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Presenters, chairs, and locations as listed above.

Sub-Saharan Africa: *Environmental Rights*
Asia: *Human Rights Under Siege: The Role of NGOs and the Mass Media*
East Europe/Former Soviet States: *Environmental Rights: Update of Chernobyl—
Ten Years Later*
Latin America: *Social and Economic Rights Under Neo-Liberalism, 1980s & '90s*
Middle East: *Local Human Rights Groups in the Middle East*

**2:30-2:45 pm Break: Seminar Rooms Foyer, Training Rooms
Foyer, and Oak Room Foyer**

2:45-5:00 pm PLENARY SESSION: Chestnut A & B

PANEL DISCUSSION: *The Role and Record of Intergovernmental and Nongovern-
mental Organizations Regarding Human Rights*

Academic and activist presenters from each world region will briefly discuss the
role and record of intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations regard-
ing human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, East Europe/Former Soviet States,
Latin America, and the Middle East.

Moderator: Sophia Peterson, Director, FACDIS

4:00-4:15 pm Break: Chestnut Foyer

4:15-5:00 pm Panel Discussion Among World Regional Presenters
Question-and-answer period

5:00-6:00 pm Film Screening: Training Room 4
Selections from 3-4 films about human rights/ethical issues

5:00-6:00 pm Statewide Study Abroad Planning Session:
Training Room 1

Moderator: Michael J. Strada, FACDIS Study Abroad Coordinator (Political
Science, West Liberty State College)

This session, open to all interested faculty, will discuss FACDIS plans for increas-
ing student study abroad participation. For the first time, an award will be pre-
sented to the outstanding study abroad advisor for 1994-1995.

6:00-7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR WITH CONSULTANTS:
Governor's Ballrooms 1-3

7:00-9:45 pm BANQUET DINNER AND PLAY:
Governor's Ballroom 1-3

Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Thomas J. LaBelle, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, West
Virginia University

One-act play, "*Guernica*," by *Fernando Arrabal*. Program notes provided at tables.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 am Breakfast: Reflections Room

8:30-9:30 am Presentation and Discussion:
Governor's Ballroom 1-3

"Ethical Issues in World Affairs: Part One—Substantive Challenges"

Speaker: Michael Smith, University of Virginia
Chair: Robert Hall (Sociology, West Virginia State College)

9:30-9:45 am Break: Foyer

9:45-11:00 am Presentation and Discussion:
Governor's Ballroom 1-3

"Ethical Issues in World Affairs: Part Two—Pedagogical Challenges"

Speaker: Michael Smith, University of Virginia
Chair: Robert Hall (Sociology, West Virginia State College)

11:00-11:15 am Break: Foyer

11:15 am-12:30 pm TEACHING WORKSHOPS

- (1) Demonstration: "Teaching Human Rights with the Case Study Approach"
Presenter: Joe D. Hagan (Political Science, West Virginia University)
Room: Training Room 4
Case teaching engages students in highly interactive and well-structured class
discussion which helps them to develop their own analytical skills. This session
will demonstrate the case teaching method and materials with faculty engaged in
the discussion of a case.
- (2) Demonstration: "Death of a Dissident—a Simulation"
Presenter: Clair Matz, Jr. (Political Science, Marshall University)
Room: Chestnut A
"Death of a Dissident" is an interactive role-play in which students learn about
international politics, diplomacy and duplicity.

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

Keynote Speaker

JACK DONNELLY

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

Andrew W. Mellon Professor of International Relations; University of Denver

One of the foremost scholars in the area of human rights and ethical issues in world affairs, Dr. Donnelly has an endowed chair in the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. He has published several books including, most recently, *International Human Rights* (Westview Press, 1993), provided to all Conference attendees, and *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* (Cornell University Press, 1989). In addition, Dr. Donnelly has published almost 50 articles, chapters, and monographs, many of which have been reprinted. He has served on the Editorial Boards for *International Organization* and for the University of Nebraska Press, and as a referee on human rights journal articles and books for 26 different publishers. Dr. Donnelly's international experience includes visiting professorships at National University in Costa Rica and University of the Republic in Uruguay.

Banquet Speaker

BRIANDA DOMECCQ

Mexican writer and novelist

Born in New York into a famous Spanish wine-producing family with a Spanish father and an American mother, Brianda Domecq moved with her family to Mexico at the age of nine. While she was divided between two cultures growing up, as an adult she has assumed her Mexican identity, and is a noted writer with all her professional writing in Spanish. She is most well-known for her 1979 novel, *Once días y algo más* (eleven days...and even more), which is a chronicle of her experience when she was kidnapped and held prisoner in November 1978. This book has recently been translated by Kay Garcia and published by the University of New Mexico Press (1995). Ms. Domecq received her degree in Hispanic language and literature from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and did one year of graduate study at the prestigious Colégio de México in Mexico City. She was editor-in-chief of *Revista de Bellas Artes* (fine arts magazine) in 1973, and from 1983 to 1985 she was president of PRONATURA (a Mexican conservation association). She is now a full-time writer. Another of her novels is presently being translated by Professor Garcia, *La insólita historia de la Santa de Cabora* (The Astounding Story of the Saint of Cabora) (1990).

Luncheon Speaker

JOHN SHATTUCK

L.L.B., Yale Law School

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor,
U.S. Department of State

From 1984 to 1993, Mr. Shattuck was Vice President of Harvard University, where he also taught human rights and civil liberties law at the Harvard Law School, and served as Senior Associate in the Program on Science, Technology and Public Policy of the John F. Kennedy School of Government. A longtime human rights advocate, Mr. Shattuck was the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Washington Office from 1976-1984 where he was in charge of directing relations with the U.S. Congress and executive branch agencies. He has served as Vice Chair of the U.S. Section of Amnesty International, and as an Executive Committee member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Over the years, Shattuck has won a number of prestigious awards for his contributions to civil liberties and human rights, and for his commitment to public service.

Presenters

ADOTEI AKWEI

B.A., State University of New York at Purchase; M.A. William and Mary.
Government Program Officer for Africa, Amnesty International USA (AIUSA)

Mr. Akwei, a native of Ghana, has had long experience serving in human rights organizations devoted to eliminating human rights violations in Africa. Prior to assuming his current position with AIUSA, he was Director of the Africa Program of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, an organization working to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law. Mr. Akwei also was Research Director for the American Committee on Africa, the oldest anti-apartheid organization, and The Africa Fund. He has frequently presented testimony before the U.S. Congress and been interviewed by numerous newspapers, magazines, radio stations in the United States and abroad.

CHRISTOPHER E. GEORGE

B.A., University of Pennsylvania

Director, Human Rights Watch/Middle East

Mr. George has had a variety of experience in the Middle East in his work with Human Rights Watch as well as in previous positions with Save the Children, the American Friends Service Committee and in the U.S. Peace Corps. He served as an anthropologist in the Sultanate of Oman while in the Peace Corps; was Director of Relief & Reconstruction in South Lebanon with the American Friends Service Committee; Field Office Director of the West Bank/Gaza Strip with Save the Children, and Acting Director of the Middle East Region with Save the Children before taking his present position at Human Rights Watch in New York.

PATRICIA ANN GOSSMAN

Ph.D., University of Chicago

Research Associate for Human Rights Watch/Asia

The author of numerous reports on human rights issues in India, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, Dr. Gossman directs the work on South Asia at Human Rights Watch/Asia. She regularly testifies before Congress, conducts advocacy with government representatives, and contributes commentary to the *Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, and the *Christian Science Monitor* among other newspapers. Prior to her work at Human Rights Watch, Dr. Gossman was coordinator of the South Asia Outreach Educational Project at the University of Chicago. The recipient of numerous fellowships, Dr. Gossman was a Fulbright Fellow in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

PETER HENRY JUVILER

Ph.D., Columbia University

Professor, Political Science, Barnard College

A specialist on human rights in East Europe and the former Soviet Union, Dr. Juviler is Professor of Political Science at Barnard College and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University. He is a member of the Harriman Institute at Columbia and also a member of the faculty of the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. Dr. Juviler is a consultant, pro bono, to the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights and was a member of the delegation of the Lawyers Committee to the USSR in 1989. He was the first U.S. scholar to lecture on human rights at the Institute of State and Law, USSR Academy of Sciences, and Moscow University Faculty of Law in 1988. He served as international observer for the referendum on independence in Armenia in 1991, and has been co-coordinator of the U.S.-Soviet Dialogue on Human Rights and the Future (1989-1991) and the International Dialogue on Human Rights and the Future (1992-present) sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and other donors. These dialogues resulted in his book, co-edited with Bertram Gross, *Human Rights for the 21st Century: Foundations for Responsible Hope* (M.E. Sharpe, 1993). The author of several other books and over fifty articles, his current book in preparation is *Freedom's Ordeal: Human Rights and Democratization in post-Soviet Systems*.

MARIA NZOMO

Ph.D., Dalhousie University
Professor, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Nairobi

Currently a Senior Visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Dr. Nzomo has been both a scholar and an activist on behalf of human rights in Africa, especially in Kenya and East Africa. She has filled many leadership roles within the women's movement in Kenya as well as in nongovernmental groups dedicated to human rights. She is Chair of Kenya's National Commission on the Status of Women; Chair of the Center for Governance and Democratic Development; Co-Chair of the Citizen's Coalition for Constitutional Change; and a member of the editorial board of the Kenya Human Rights Commission. She has published widely in such fields as democratization in Africa, women in political and public decision-making, and women's rights and participation in democratization. Her recent publications include *Women's Initiatives in Kenya's Democratization* which she edited (Nairobi, 1993) and "The Kenya Women's Movement in a Changing Political Context," in *The Women's Movement in Kenya*, which she co-edited with S. Khasiani and E. Njiro (Nairobi, 1993).

JUDY POLUMBAUM

Ph.D., Stanford University
Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

Dr. Polumbaum has had a variety of experiences in China, including teaching Journalism at Jinan University in Guangzhou, Beijing Broadcasting Institute, Xiamen University, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. While in China she was a consultant and writer for the China Daily and a consultant for the Xinhua News Agency in Beijing. Her numerous scholarly publications dealing with human rights include "To Protect or Restrict: Points of Contention in China's Draft Press Law," in Pittman Potter, ed., *China's Legal Reforms* (M.E. Sharpe, 1994); "Professionalism in China's Press Corps," in Roger Des Forges, ed. *China's Crisis of 1989* (SUNY Press, 1993); "Chinese Journalism Since the Tragedy of Tiananmen," in *China Briefing 1991* (Westview Press, 1991); and "Developments in PRC Journalism in the Context of Market Reforms," *China Exchange News* (Fall 1994). In progress is her book, *Chinese Journalism in the Post-Mao Era*, a study of China's contemporary journalism reform movement. She was project director for the recent "World Women and Media Workshop" (March 1995) at the Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Iowa. These briefings, discussion and training sessions for Chinese and U.S. journalists and scholars were in preparation for the Fourth UN World Conference on Women and NGO Forum for Women held in Beijing in September 1995.

MICHAEL J. SMITH

Ph.D., Harvard University
Associate Professor, Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia

A specialist in ethics and international relations, Dr. Smith received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to direct a Faculty Seminar on Teaching Ethics and International Affairs in 1993. Funding for the Seminar was provided by the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs and was co-sponsored by the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs. Dr. Smith was a Whitney Sheppardson Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York (1992-93) which supported his research on a current book on ethical choice in international relations (with Stanley Hoffmann), and also received a research grant from the U.S. Institute of Peace for the same project. His various publications include *Ideas and Ideals: Essays on Politics in Honor of Stanley Hoffmann*, co-edited with Linda Miller (Westview Press, 1993); "Liberalism and International Reform," in Terry Nardin and David Mapel, eds., *Traditions of International Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 1992); "American Realism and New Global Realities," *Ethics and International Affairs* (Spring 1992); and "Ethical Choice in the World of States," *Dialogue* (Spring 1990).

JOEL SOLOMON

M.A., Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
Research Director, Human Rights Watch/Americas

Mr. Solomon conducts all of Human Rights Watch/Americas research, writing and advocacy on human rights violations in Mexico. He is also responsible for coordinating region-wide research projects in the Americas, as well as editing publications for the organization. Prior to his current position, he served as Program Director for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights where he was responsible for development and implementation of the Center's program in Latin America and Africa. Mr. Solomon served in a number of positions for the Committee to Protect Journalists, including as Associate Director. In these positions, he investigated and documented human rights abuses against journalists, especially in Latin America, and frequently testified before the U.S. Congress and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

LUDMILLA THORNE

B.A., Washington University
Director of Studies for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Freedom House

A refugee to the United States from the Soviet Union at age eleven, Ms. Thorne has had a long and distinguished career in the area of human rights abuses in the Soviet Union and East Europe. She has organized meetings, press conferences and seminars with leading Soviet dissidents, writers, artists, and trade union leaders, and for ten years was the spokesperson for Alexander and Natalia Solzhenitsyn. Her articles on Russia and Eastern Europe have appeared in numerous publications, including *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Problems of Communism*, *The New Leader*, *Freedom Review*, and *The National Review*. She has frequently testified before Congressional task forces and committees, and made numerous television appearances. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, she has acted as consultant in democratic institution-building in a number of capacities, including acting as consultant to the Constitutional Commission of the Russian Parliament.

SUSAN E. WALTZ

Ph.D., University of Denver
Associate Professor, International Relations, Florida International University

Dr. Waltz has had varied field experience in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco doing research on human rights organizations. She is a member of Amnesty International (London), International Executive Committee, and currently serves as vice-chair of this organization. She has been a member of the US delegation to Amnesty International's meetings in Brazil and in Finland. Her numerous publications in the area of human rights include *Human Rights and Reform: Changing the Face of North African Politics* (University of California Press, 1995); "Human Rights and Sovereignty," in *Contemporary International Issues*, ed. by Steven Lamy (Lynn Rienner Press, 1988); and "Making Waves: The Political Impact of Human Rights Groups in North Africa," *Journal of Modern African Studies* (1991).

THOMAS C. WRIGHT

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Professor of History, University of Nevada—Las Vegas

Dr. Wright has had wide experience in Latin America with specialties in Chile and the Andean countries as well as Mexico. In addition to his books on Latin America, of which the most recent is *Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution* (Praeger, 1991), Dr. Wright has written numerous articles and chapters emphasizing the military dictatorship and politics in Chile; food and urban politics in Latin America; and reform movements. Dr. Wright has received several awards including the Nevada Governor's Award for the Arts; the William Morris Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas; and the Hubert Herring Award for Best Book (Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies). Dr. Wright has taught and done research in Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Peru, Nicaragua, as well as Central America.

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