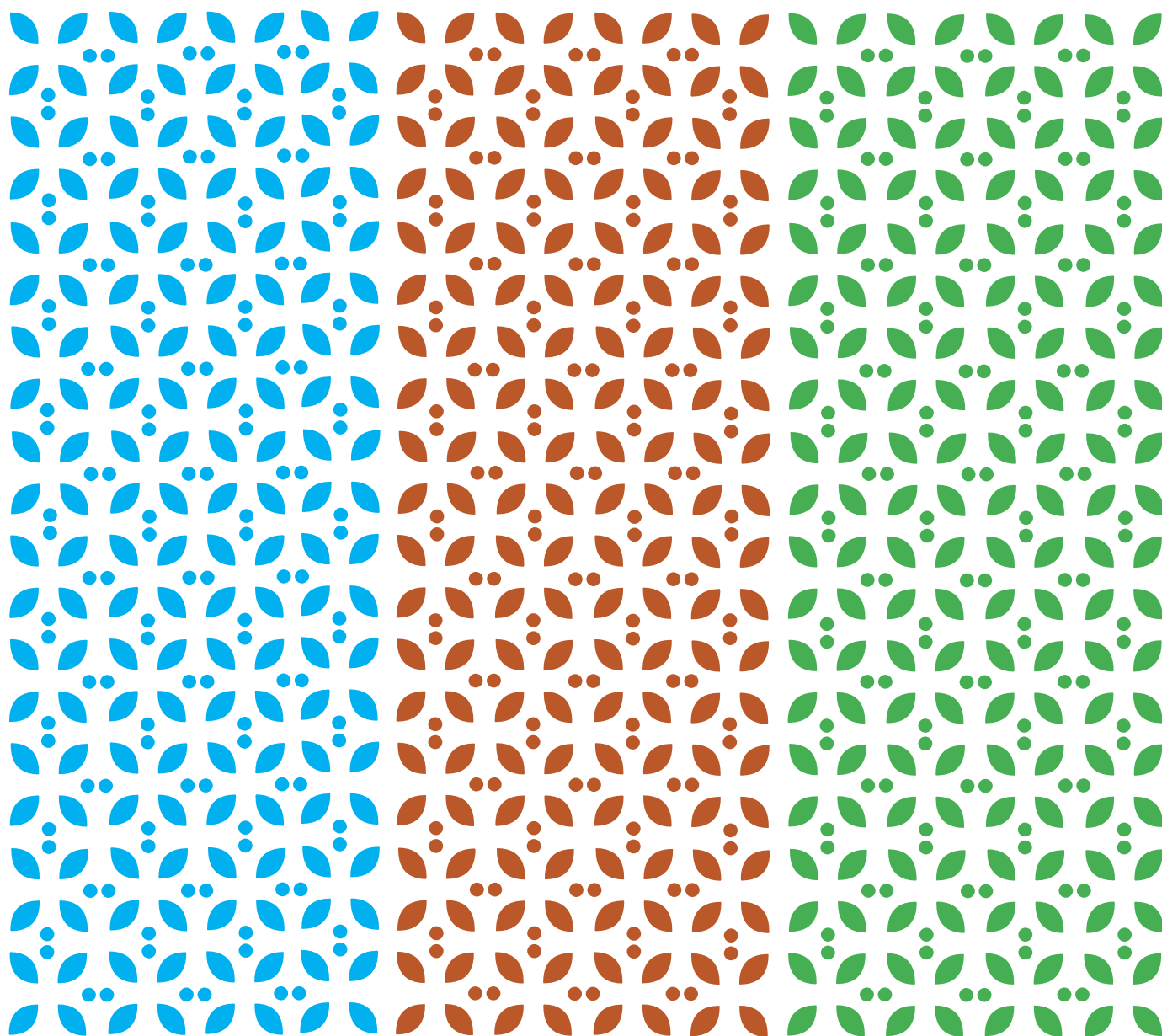


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is to serve as a focal point for critical, interdisciplinary analysis and practice of human rights and social justice.

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Susan Smith Richardson is an advisor for the Frances T. "Sissy" Farenthold Archives Project. Richardson is editor and publisher of *The Chicago Reporter*, and worked previously as a senior writer at the MacArthur Foundation. She has been a journalist for more than 20 years, writing extensively about social justice issues.

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DIRECTORS' LETTER

Like very few others, this past year's signature event raised provocative questions for those of us who care about human rights. We're referring, of course, to our celebration of Sissy Farenthold's work, which was the subject of our annual conference and related projects (see pages 6-8). It became increasingly evident, as we used events from her illustrious career to trigger reflections about today, that the issues to which she has devoted her life remain crucial challenges for human rights scholars and activists. The fact that so little has changed even as so much has changed raises an important question: after many more lifetimes of inspirational work on behalf of social justice, will we still observe the same prejudice, oppression, and violence? Especially in the context of growing inequality and the ever-increasing transnationalization of problems and solutions, is the human rights movement up to the task of addressing the crucial issues of the day?



Consider just three of the issues we discussed at our conference. First, Sissy at one point proposed eliminating the Texas Rangers out of concern for their indiscriminate and often violent treatment of Mexican Americans in South Texas. Even as we write this, Texas—indeed the entire country—is marking the one-year anniversary of the shooting of Michael Brown by confronting yet another shooting of an unarmed black man by a Texas law enforcement officer. Second, Sissy has long taken aim at barriers faced by poor women and women of color in exercising their reproductive rights. This issue remains at the core of progressive battles for women's rights. Finally, nothing marks Sissy's early political career more than the fight against the pernicious influence of money in politics. This year will surely bring us to the high water mark—so far at least—for the influence of money in politics, with billions being raised and spent in pursuit of elected office. Inequality marks every aspect of the exercise of rights—from the right to be free from state violence to the ability to exercise rights nominally protected by our constitution and to participate on an equal footing in the democratic process.

What should be our response to the perennial nature of these human rights challenges? Should we shrug our shoulders, mutter “Plus ça change...” and keep toiling with our heads down? Or is it time to reflect on the strengths and limitations of the movement and the strategies we have pursued thus far?

This past year we proposed the latter to the Ford Foundation, as we successfully sought support for a project to consider questions such as the following: How can the human rights movement respond most effectively to the twenty-first century versions of these old challenges, especially in light of the radically changed global and economic context in which we must work? Where do oppression and inequality manifest most clearly today, and how can we build on the positive and negative experiences of the human rights movement to devise more effective strategies for addressing them?

With the help of the Ford Foundation grant, we will examine these questions over the next five years (see pages 2-3) by gathering knowledge and experiences from around the globe; building networks of academics, activists, and students; theorizing and examining the way inequality produces and reproduces oppression and injustice both within and between nations; and formulating new, or renewed, responses to perennial problems. We will do so, at least initially, in the context of the global rush to extract natural resources in order to feed the current developmentalist economic model and through consideration of new and old forms of labor markets and labor rights.

We very much look forward to making this journey with all of you who have accompanied us over the last ten years. We will make sure to keep you informed as we make our way across a landscape that is both new and strangely familiar.

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Graduate fellow Vivian Shaw and intern Justin Atkinson prepared this Annual Review with assistance from graduate fellow Cianan Good and intern Eamon Dowd.



Ford Foundation supports Center's work on inequality

Project to focus on natural resources and labor

From hydraulic fracking on indigenous lands in North America to the mistreatment of temporary workers in Qatar, environmental and labor exploitation have long been entangled with issues of inequality. Climate change and other global transformations, moreover, can only be expected to exacerbate conditions of suffering and precarity for our world's most vulnerable populations. Increasingly, it has become clear that the global human rights movement must work differently to meaningfully confront global problems.

Rethinking global human rights for the twenty-first century is the imperative underlying the Rapoport Center's new five-year project, led by Rapoport Center co-directors Daniel Brinks (Government) and Karen Engle (Law) along with Human Rights Clinic director Ariel Dulitzky (Law). Equipped with an initial grant of \$400,000 from the Ford Foundation to support the first two years, this project aims to gather human rights advocates from around the world to help imagine a new architecture for the global human rights movement. We will begin with two substantive areas: natural resource governance and labor rights. Through this work, the Center joins Ford in a collective effort to find, as Ford Foundation President and Texas Law alum Darren Walker ('86) put it, "creative ways to disrupt the drivers of inequality."

Undergirding this project is the belief that global inequalities—both within and across countries—interact with the demand for natural resources and cheap labor to produce some of the most crucial issues for human rights activists and scholars today. Engle points out that, "Despite considerable advances since the 1970s, it is clear that human rights practice has not solved the globe's most pressing

problems. The world might be more democratic, but it is also more unequal."

Building on the Center's decade of human rights work, the project will be guided by five key observations. First, human rights work should be more decentralized and shifted to the Global South, but must remain in close collaboration with efforts in the Global North where many of the problems have important origins. Second, and relatedly, human rights work must understand and reflect the reality that in their causes and effects, oppression and injustice are not contained within national boundaries. Third, we must pay more attention to the role of non-state actors, international flows, and other seemingly indirect causes of human rights violations. Fourth, information and communications technologies have created new opportunities and risks, and both must be better understood for effective human rights work. And finally, human rights work needs to be forward-looking, anticipating and preventing as much as redressing and punishing violations.

In addition to their central importance to the human rights agenda, the pursuit and governance of natural resources and global labor implicate all five of these key observations, and thus offer a unique opportunity to explore the possibilities and shortcomings of human rights work.

The project will continue the Rapoport Center's collaborative, interdisciplinary approach and attention to



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evidence-based critiques of human rights work. Commenting on the global networks that will fuel the project, Brinks noted that, “We have established relationships with activists and academics from around the world, and with area studies centers and faculty from across the University, giving us access to every region of the world, as well as a wealth of disciplinary approaches. These resources will be crucial to the success of this project.”

The initiatives planned for this project will progress over its five-year duration, implementing the knowledge and tools gained throughout. Some activities include: building a cross-regional, interdisciplinary network of activists, policy makers, and academics; funding law and graduate students to work with key organizations in the Global South who are tackling these issues in innovative ways; organizing an annual speaker series and workshop that explore cutting-edge practices, research, and ideas from both academics and practitioners; sponsoring a research/advocacy project through the Human Rights Clinic; and producing a report to help guide future human rights work, harnessing the knowledge gained from the larger project.

As Martín Abregú, Vice President of Democracy, Rights, and Justice at Ford put it, “We believe this project will result in valuable insights from across the sector and help inform the emergent architecture of the global human rights network.”

To provide intellectual and administrative leadership to the project, Julia Dehm will join the Center as Postdoctoral Fellow in Human Rights and Justice. Dehm is a Ph.D. Candidate at Melbourne Law School. Her dissertation examines the social implications of carbon offset schemes in order to investigate contemporary reconfigurations of control by the Global North over forested land and biological resources in the Global South.

The Rapoport Center has always been interested in exposing the shortcomings of existing approaches to human rights and in finding new ones. With this explicit focus on the effects of changing global structures, this project promises to lay the groundwork for the next generation of human rights work.



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Every 15 seconds, a worker dies from a work-related accident or disease.¹

In the last **60 years**, at least **40%** of all intrastate conflicts had a link to natural resources.²

Almost **1/2** of the world's **wealth** is now owned by just **1%** of the population.³

1. International Labor Organization, 2013; 2. United Nations Environment Programme, 2015; 3. Oxfam, 2014

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Rethinking health & inequality

Center collaborates with public health community for fall events

How do we reconcile the oft-repeated claim that human life is sacred with the massive disparities that exist in life expectancy and health care both within and between nations? What role can human rights play in remedying such disparities? These themes seized the Rapoport Center during the fall of 2014 as we focused on health and human rights through a two-day summit and semester-long colloquium series. The events were the result of a collaboration with the Dell Medical School, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, the Graduate School, and St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in Underserved Populations.

Creating Model Health Communities



Lovell Jones, Mitchell Katz, Octavio Martinez, Yolanda Padilla, Shannon Jones, Joyce James, and Melissa Smith at Part I of the Summit. Photo by William Chandler, 2014.

Over one hundred leaders from local government, community health organizations, and the university gathered over two days last fall with a common mission: to address health inequities by catalyzing new ideas and innovative collaborations to ensure the healthy future of all residents of Austin and Travis County. The "Creating Model Health Communities" summit harnessed the knowledge of researchers, medical providers, and policy-makers and coincided with the creation of the new Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin, which promises to transform the landscape of health care in Central Texas.

Part I of the Summit, held on September 23, began with the recognition of one of the most tragically stubborn facts of American political and social life: when it comes to health, we are not all treated equally. Building largely on research on social determinants of health, participants worked together to suggest university-community strategies for

promoting a community-based view of health, one that encourages and supports not only physical and mental health, but economic, environmental, social, psychological, and political health as well.

The well-known adage "think globally, act locally" inspired Part II of the Summit on October 7, which considered how human rights and community health engagement models that have developed and been used in other parts of the world might usefully help guide service provision, training, research, and advocacy in our piece of the world. A number of speakers discussed how the language and concepts of human rights might inform a strategy for breaking through the political and ideological impasse that seems to stymie most efforts to address inequities on a broad scale.

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Clay Johnston (Dean and Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dell Medical School) noted the importance of having the summit in the early days of planning for the school. "If the right decisions are made now, they will embed themselves in the DNA of the medical school and the health—and healthy—community that coalesces around it."



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What is a life worth?: Health & Human Rights Colloquium

by Cieran Good (LLM '15)

When Professor Lovell Jones spoke passionately about the extent to which minority populations in the U.S. suffer disproportionate health outcomes, it seemed all too easy (particularly to a British law student experiencing the vagaries of the U.S. health system for the first time) to blame the problem on a disconnected, capricious health system. Indeed, listening to Dr. Mitchell Katz discuss the successes of the single-payer *Healthy San Francisco* program, it was tempting to think that a national health system providing coverage to all might resolve health disparities.

Of course, what Jones was seeking to impart to his audience—and the idea that really all the lecturers in the series would come to grapple with to a greater or lesser extent—was that the situation is far more complex than just providing better, or even more, health care. Access to health care is simply one manifestation of the ways in which we value life. Jones argued that we will not resolve health disparities until we address the dynamics of inequality affecting individual lives, which include biological and cultural factors, social and physical environments, racism, and educational outcomes.

Professor Didier Fassin would later apply a similar analysis in his consideration of an Israeli documentary, *Precious Life*. The film contrasts the extreme life-saving measures taken by an Israeli hospital to save the life of a single Palestinian child with the everyday disregard for the suffering of the wider Palestinian population currently living in Gaza. For Fassin, ensuring social justice in Gaza (or elsewhere) requires a reckoning with the “the ordinary of disparities” rather than a focus on the “extraordinary of the exception.” Only if we realise that it is everyday inequality that is “both qualitatively and quantitatively the most obvious—or



Raj Patel discusses inequality in food systems in Malawi. Photo by Leah Glowacki, 2014.

perhaps most tolerated—fact undermining the contemporary world” will we begin to start appreciating the true value of a life.

Might human rights assist with this recalibration of the ways in which lives are valued, and provide a vehicle to demand adequate housing, nutrition, and healthcare? Some of the speakers aimed to spell out such a possibility. For example, Professor Sofia Gruskin sought renegotiation of the value of a woman's life through the prism of securing improved and more extensive sexual and reproductive rights.

Ultimately, the lectures suggested that health and human rights might dovetail in fruitful collaboration insofar as both have attention to the sanctity of the human life at their core. However, and as demonstrated most strikingly by Jones and Fassin, such mutual dependency must not rely upon a vague, philosophical premise that all lives start from a position of equal sanctity. Instead, a more realistic perspective should inform not only health service provision, but a myriad of policies, and must come to be reflected in our treatment of all lives, no matter how privileged or marginalized their origin.

COLLOQUIUM ON HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS

Recognizing Social Determinants of Health, Combating Health Disparities

Lovell A. Jones, Professor Emeritus, U.T. Distinguished Teaching Professor, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Mitchell H. Katz, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Sexual and Reproductive Health: Inequality and Human Rights

Sofia Gruskin, Director, Program on Global Health & Human Rights and Professor of Preventive Medicine and Professor of Law, University of Southern California

What is (a) Life Worth? Genealogy and Anthropology of Inequality

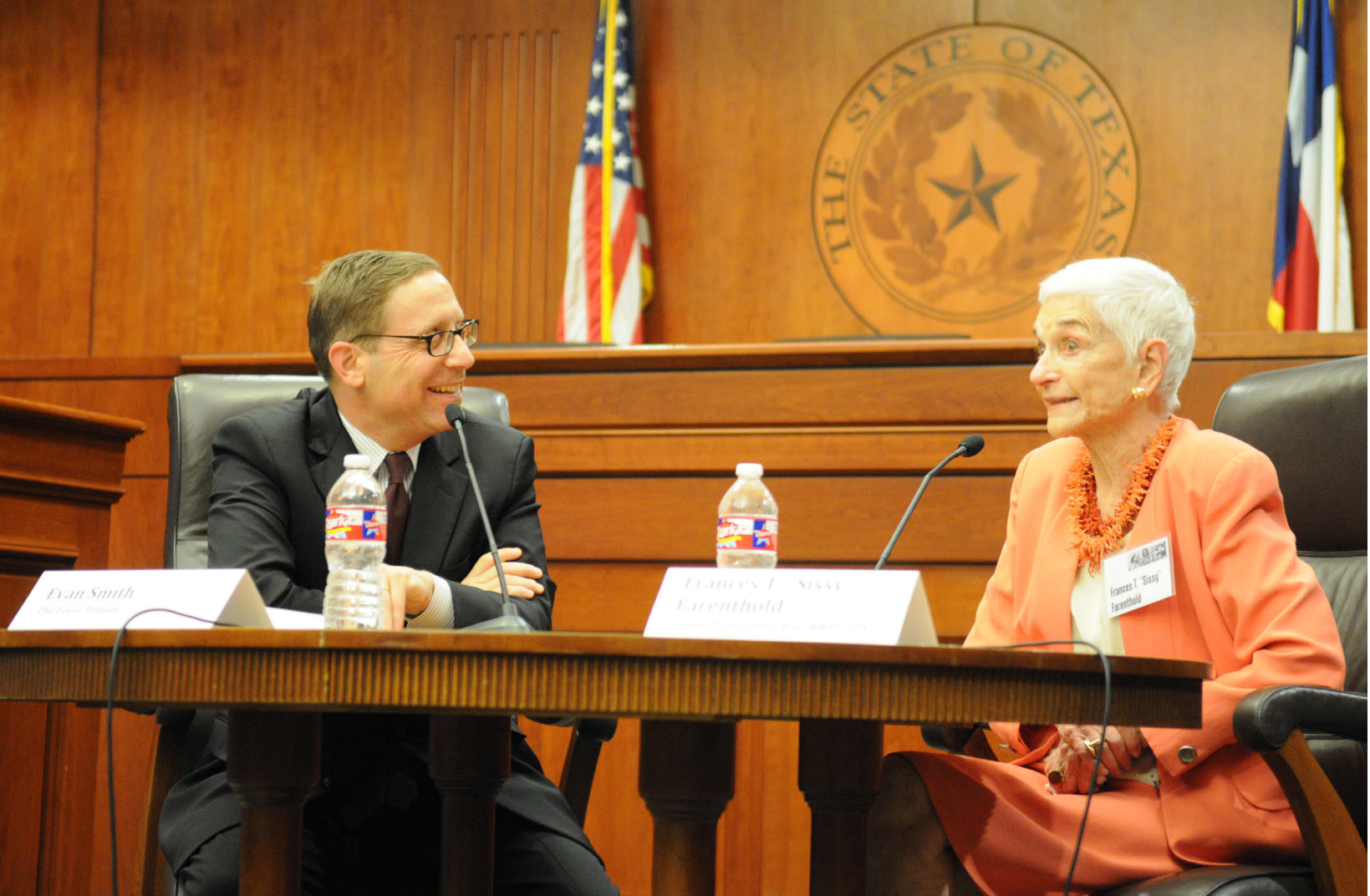
Didier Fassin, James D. Wolfensohn Professor of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study

Bioethics and Human Rights: Can Human Rights Survive the Posthuman?

George Annas, William Fairfield Warren Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights, Boston University School of Public Health

Nutrition, Gender and Food Security in Africa

Raj Patel, Research Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin; Visiting Professor, Unit for the Humanities at Rhodes University, South Africa



HONORING SISSY FARENTHOLD: A NOBLE CITIZEN

On April 23 and 24, 2015, the Rapoport Center drew together more than 200 people from across the hemisphere to celebrate the life and times of one of the University of Texas School of Law's most distinguished graduates, Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold ('49). The conference was the culmination of a multi-year project generously funded by the Creekmore and Adele Fath Charitable Foundation and offered an opportunity to consider the extraordinary breadth of Farenthold's work addressing different social justice and human rights causes over the past six decades.

On the opening evening of the conference, the Rapoport Center launched an online exhibition on Farenthold's career. We also screened original films directed by award-winning filmmaker Joe Bailey, Jr. ('08), which are available on the website (see page 8 for further details). The highlight, however, was Farenthold herself, who was interviewed by Evan Smith, editor-in-chief of *The Texas Tribune*.

Themes of history and its construction pervaded the conference, as Smith's lively interview with Farenthold

demonstrated. Together, they touched upon a series of issues on which Farenthold had worked as a Texas legislator from 1969-72 and addressed during her galvanizing campaigns for governor in 1972 and 1974. These included equality, the over-criminalization of low-level drug use, minority populations' fear of the police, and the influence of money in politics—leading Smith to remark: "A theme today may be how little things have changed."

The theme of history continued the following day, during which three panels of academics, activists, and current and former politicians considered contemporary national, international, and Texan affairs in light of historical documents selected from Farenthold's papers, which are featured on the website launched at the conference and housed at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

The first panel discussed the contemporary status of gay rights and reproductive rights in the U.S. It considered a 1973 speech Farenthold presented to the National Women's Political Caucus as its first chair and a keynote speech she delivered in 1977 at the first organizing event on gay rights in Texas. Panel participants noted that modern-day barriers to abortion continue to make reproductive rights, as Farenthold had put it in 1973, "a class issue, a race issue, a privacy issue, even a consumer issue." Panelists discussed Farenthold's early support for gay rights at a time when the issue divided feminists. Houston LGBTQ advocate Ray Hill

noted that Farenthold's work is a demonstration that "there is only one picket line across inequality—you have to find your place and take your stand."

The second panel explored Farenthold's role in the context of the international women's rights and peace movements which—as Farenthold's work in establishing a Peace Tent in conjunction with the 1985 UN World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya, demonstrated—were by no means mutually exclusive. Among the documents panelists considered was another 1973 speech of Farenthold's, this time to the Houston Peace Rally on the occasion of Richard Nixon's second inauguration day. Farenthold poured scorn on what she described as the "arrogant empire" of the U.S. that incorporated "a license to kill" into its foreign policy and, particularly, the war in Vietnam. As the panelists noted, activists today could benefit from Farenthold's holistic and far-reaching advocacy that tackled at home and abroad "social unrest and distrust, decaying cities and poisoned landscapes, persistent poverty and declining health standards."

Finally, the third panel returned to discussions of Farenthold's political career, picking up where Evan Smith and Farenthold had left off the day before.

Former Texas Representative Curtis Graves provided a vibrant recounting of his and Farenthold's efforts to combat corruption in Texas state politics in the 1960s and 1970s as part of the "Dirty Thirty." This prompted State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer and State Senator Sylvia Garcia to consider history's echo in their current work. Representative Fischer decried attempts to curtail voting rights and restrict access to education, while Senator Garcia remarked: "It's still about guns, it's still about equality, it's still about fighting for reproductive freedom, and for us Hispanics it's about more than grapes...it's about education, it's about sending our kids to college."

Constantly at the center of these debates—as engaged and indomitable as ever—was Farenthold herself. As Professor Karen Engle had remarked in her opening speech, our society's potential for "historical amnesia" was not lost on Farenthold; it was a theme she frequently engaged with during her career. Tellingly, when asked to close the event, Farenthold refused to allow her own remarkable history to overshadow the important issues raised by the conference. Perhaps initially a little overawed by the heartfelt appreciation shown to her throughout the conference, Farenthold quickly recovered, and her final words to the conference displayed a familiar determination and zeal. Seeking a refocusing of attention, a renewal of efforts, an attempt even to recast history, Farenthold quietly implored of her audience: "This is a new beginning, not an end."

PHOTO CAPTION & CREDIT Evan Smith interviews Farenthold on her life and career. Photo by Chris Roberts, 2015.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Peggy Antrobus, Institution Builder, Activist, Writer

Joe Bailey, Jr., Filmmaker; Rapoport Center Fellow

Phyllis Bennis, Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies; Fellow, Transnational Institute (Amsterdam)

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Frances T. "Sissy" Farenthold, Former Texas State Representative; Former Chair, National Women's Political Caucus; Trustee Emeritus, Institute for Policy Studies; Honorary Director, Rothko Chapel

Ward Farnsworth, Dean & John Jeffers Research Chair in Law, University of Texas School of Law

Cary Franklin, Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law

Arvonne Fraser, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Senior Fellow Emerita, University of Minnesota

James Galbraith, Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair in Government/Business Relations, LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin

Sylvia Garcia, Texas State Senator

Curtis Graves, Former Texas State Representative

Erica Grieder, Senior Editor, *Texas Monthly*

Ray Hill, LGBT Activist; Founder and Host, "The Prison Show"

Christopher Hooks, Journalist, *The Texas Observer*

Trey Martinez Fischer, Texas State Representative

Rachel Rebouché, Associate Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, CEO, and Co-Founder, *The Texas Tribune*

Louise Trubek, Clinical Professor of Law Emerita, University of Wisconsin Law School

SUPPORT THE FARENTHOLD ENDOWED LECTURE SERIES

We are pleased to announce, in partnership with the Rothko Chapel, the establishment of *The Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold Endowed Lecture Series in Peace, Social Justice and Human Rights*, which will honor Sissy for her relentless pursuit of social justice.

The lecture series will bring to Austin and Houston internationally renowned scholars, activists, and politicians who will inspire their audiences to think and act creatively to respond to some of the greatest challenges of twenty-first century. In line with Sissy's own history of exposing and

responding to injustices and inequality as both a public servant and citizen, we are pleased to announce that the inaugural lecturer is investigative journalist and author Mark Danner (see back cover). Danner's talk is titled, "Spiraling Down: Human Rights, Endless War."

Many of Sissy's supporters from across the country have already donated or pledged over \$85,000 to establish the endowment (see page 13 for a list of contributors). We are seeking an additional \$115,000 to fully endow the series. We encourage you to support this important endeavor!



VISIT THE ONLINE EXHIBITION

rapoportcenter.org/farenthold



PHOTO CAPTIONS & CREDITS Top: Banner designed by Angela Yang, 2015. Bottom: Campaign brochure for Farenthold's 1972 gubernatorial campaign. All images courtesy of the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

Know Sissy, but never knew *she did so much*? Don't know Sissy, but want to learn more about her? We invite you to visit our online exhibition, which showcases important archival materials from Sissy's papers along with four short films from award-winning filmmaker Joe Bailey, Jr. and team. The films use the archives as well as many hours of interviews we conducted with Farenthold and some of the people with whom she worked over the years to provide a preliminary glimpse into her incredible life and career.

On the website you can: view all four films; hear Coretta Scott King's political endorsement of Sissy; read about Sissy's work with Central American refugees; watch some of Sissy's gubernatorial campaign ads; see a photo of Sissy with Nelson Mandela; and much more!

This online exhibition was the result of a five-year initiative to chronicle Farenthold's life and career, and was made possible by the generous support of the Creekmore and Adele Fath Charitable Foundation and the partnership of the Briscoe Center for American History.

RAPOPORT CENTER SUMMER FELLOWS



(Top row, L to R) Skyler Collins, Helen Kerwin, Safa Peera, Lochlin Rosen; (Bottom row, L to R) Kelsey Chapple, Mihret Getabicha, Camila Cossío, Briana Perez. Photo by William Chandler, 2015.

"Conducting legal research in a young democracy reveals the importance of combining advocacy, coalition building, and citizen education to encourage lawmaking that protects human rights and provides access to justice for all."

- Mihret Getabicha

Kelsey Chapple

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*Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
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*Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense
San José, Costa Rica*

Mihret Getabicha

*Ghana Center for Democratic Development
Accra, Ghana*

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*Inter-American Court of Human Rights
San José, Costa Rica*

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*Constitutional Law Center for Muslims in America
Dallas, TX*

Briana Perez

*Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
San Antonio, TX*

Lochlin Rosen

*International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
The Hague, Netherlands*

CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

Human Rights Clinic

As part of a long-term project, presented a report entitled "Deadly Heat in Texas Prisons" to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at a hearing in October 2014.

Assisted the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission in preparing an *amicus curiae* brief in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights case of *Ángel Duque v. Colombia*, challenging the State's denial of survivor benefits after the death of a same-sex partner.

Helped organize a conference in the Rio Grande Valley for activists, stakeholders, and local actors involved in the "Nuestro Texas" campaign, highlighting the impact of Texas reproductive health policy in the region.

Civil Rights Clinic

Engaged in civil rights litigation in federal court in Brownsville on behalf of a U.S. citizen alleging unlawful arrest and excessive use of force by a federal law enforcement officer.

Filed three habeas corpus actions in San Antonio seeking the release of Central American asylum seekers and their children, arguing they were detained in family detention facilities in violation of federal immigration laws and the Due Process Clause.

Worked with the Texas Fair Defense Project to research and document debtors' prison practices in local Texas courts, including the failure to provide alternatives to imprisonment for indigent and low-income individuals faced with traffic tickets and other civil penalties.

Immigration Clinic

Acted as co-counsel with the ACLU in major class action litigation challenging the government's family detention policies and practices, resulting in an injunction prohibiting the detention of Central American mothers and children.

Conducted a full-day merits hearing in the San Antonio Immigration Court, winning refugee protection for a mother and her 9-year-old son from Honduras.

With gratitude, to Professor Hines

Clinic Director Barbara Hines retired in December 2014, having been an integral part of the clinic's work for 15 years and the Rapoport Center's work since its inception. Thank you and best wishes, Barbara!



Summer 2015 team: (top row, L to R) Eamon Dowd, Justin Atkinson, Cieran Good; (bottom row, L to R) Daniel Brinks, Karen Engle, William Chandler, Vivian Shaw. Photo by William Chandler, 2015.

“Being a Human Rights Scholar has been the most rewarding of my law school experiences.”
- Rhiannon Hamam

Students explore trajectory of human rights

Over the past year, three human rights scholars, two graduate fellows, and eight interns (see below) worked with faculty and staff of the Rapoport Center to explore both historical achievements and forward-looking innovations within the trajectory of human rights. They contributed countless hours to an online exhibition (see page 8) and conference (see pages 6-7) on the life and career of Sissy Farenthold, edited papers for the Working Paper Series (see page 11), engaged in research for a multi-year grant (see pages 2-3), worked with student organizations across campus (see below), and prepared this Annual Review. Their creativity, passion, and energy strengthen the Rapoport Center and advance our collaborative pursuit of global justice.

For more info, visit:
rapoportcenter.org/students

INTERNS, SCHOLARS & FELLOWS

Undergraduate Interns

Justin Atkinson, Government, Women's and Gender Studies
Akira Conley, International Relations & Global Studies
Eamon Dowd, Physics, Plan II Honors, Economics, History
Victoria Grefer, History, Sociology
Hannah Guernsey, International Relations & Global Studies, Government
Collin Poirot, Plan II Honors, Political Communication, History
Bennett Torres, Film Production
Angela Yang, Human Biology

Human Rights Scholars

Julia Furlong, Law
Leah Glowacki, Law
Rhiannon Hamam, Law

Graduate Fellows

Cieran Good, Law
Vivian Shaw, Sociology



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Human Rights Law Society (HRLS)

at Texas Law provides support for students interested in human rights and a space for members to discuss contemporary human rights issues.

For more info, visit: law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/organizations/human-rights-law-society

The Human Rights Student Advisory Council (HRSAC)

is dedicated to serving the undergraduate community and aiding member organizations with human rights outreach, activities, and events.

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Audre Rapoport prize winner examines community mothers in Bogotá

Congratulations to Lina Buchely, winner of the 2014 Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on Gender and Human Rights, for her article, “Bureaucratic Activism and Colombian Community Mothers: The Daily Construction of the Rule of Law.” Distinguished scholars from UT and abroad selected Buchely’s paper in an anonymous competition that received submissions from 22 universities in 12 countries.

Although most scholarship on the rule of law considers the role that legislators and judges play in its construction, Buchely’s paper highlights the ways that daily practices within the social welfare system influence the rule of law. Specifically based on fieldwork she conducted with Community Welfare Homes in Bogotá, Colombia, Buchely

focuses on the role of community mothers—or women who are paid by the state to take care of other families’ children. Buchely demonstrates how these women—both as community members and part of the formal welfare state infrastructure—function as “street-level bureaucrats,” taking advantage of their relationship with the State as tools of empowerment within their communities.

Buchely earned her doctorate in law from Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia) in 2014. She is currently a professor and director of the Gender Studies Group at Universidad Icesi (Cali, Colombia). Her paper is published online in the Rapoport Center’s Human Rights Working Paper Series (see below) and also on the Center’s website alongside previous prize winners.

Working Paper Series publications analyze activism in Colombia and Brazil

The two papers published by the Working Paper Series (WPS) this year shed light on political innovations adopted by marginalized groups, enriching contemporary debates on human rights “from below.” The first is Lina Buchely’s Audre Rapoport Prize-winning paper (see above). The second is “Eliciting Self-determination: The Kayapo Mobilization Through Activism and Global Indigenous Media,” by Carla Silva-Muhammad, coordinator of the Brazil Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

Focusing on the Kayapo people, Silva-Muhammad’s paper explores media technology, such as video and the internet, as an important site for reclaiming indigenous agency. She argues that the Kayapo’s media practices subvert a Western-centric ethnographic gaze while also challenging international human rights discourses.

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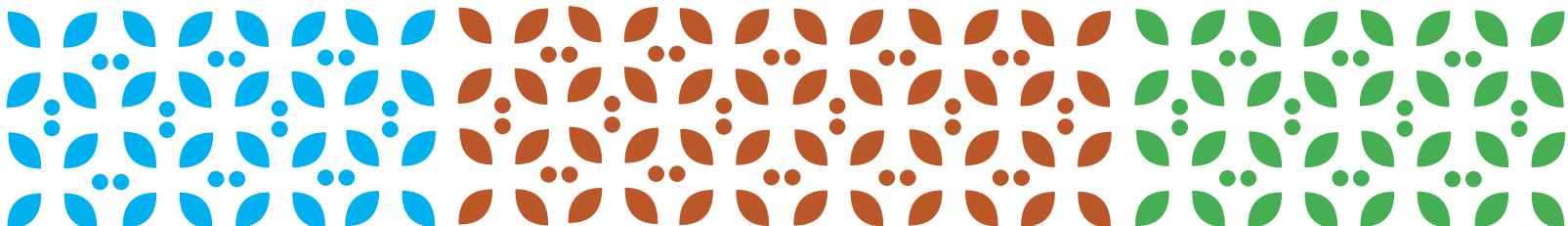
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