



**20**  
**YEARS**

GLADSTEIN FAMILY  
HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE  
AT UCONN

**EVOLVING LANDSCAPES OF HUMAN RIGHTS:**

# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF INTERDISCIPLINARITY & INNOVATION

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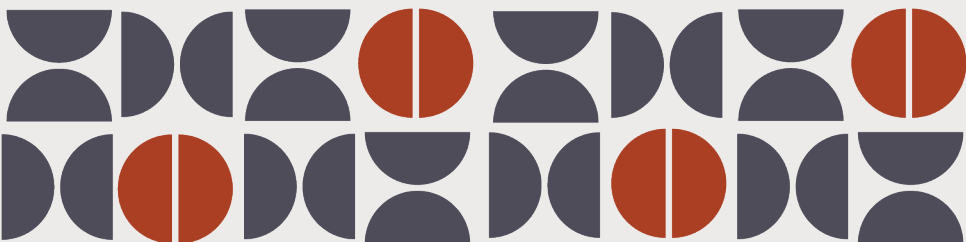
**MARCH 29 - MARCH 31, 2023**





Gary Gladstein and his family have been integral to the growth and success of the Institute. Their passion, dedication, and support have laid the foundation for a University-wide program that supports inquiry into the most pressing human rights questions and prepares the next generation of human rights advocates. We are incredibly grateful for their vision and generosity.”

UConn President Radenka Maric



# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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The Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut was established in 2003. In recognition of the contributions of Gary Gladstein '66 (CLAS), '08 (HON) and his family, on February 22, 2023, it was named the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute. This conference celebrates not only the Institute's anniversary, but also honors the Gladstein family. Convening more than 40 speakers over the course of three days, this international conference addresses themes central to the work of the Gladstein Institute's research and practice clusters, including:

- History and Future of War Crimes Prosecution
- Supply Chains Disrupted: The Social and Environmental Dimensions of Reform
- Russian Propaganda for War
- *A Legacy Without Limits* Film Screening and Discussion
- Global Health & the Right to Health: Critical Perspectives from Latin America
- The U.S. National Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct
- Human Rights Measurement and Monitoring: Challenges and Methodological Approaches
- Transforming Human Rights Education for Contentious Times
- Memorialization, Transitional Justice, and Human Rights
- Humanitarian Narratives in the Global South
- Biomedical Technologies and Human Rights: Conceptual, Ethical and Legal Considerations

These panels cut distinct routes through the human rights terrain while remaining rooted in rigorous social science and humanities methods of inquiry. The discussions both reflect and celebrate the interdisciplinarity of the Gladstein Institute's research programs and the innovative scholarship that has emerged from two decades of hosting conferences, workshops, and invited speakers across these domains.

The Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute has provided a fruitful site to convene scholars, practitioners, and students across disciplines, instigating and supporting collaboration across conventional academic boundaries. Situated at the intersection of academic inquiry between the legal, social science, and humanities traditions, the University of Connecticut is a place where the promise and claims of human rights are interrogated through research into institutions and processes, both global and local. Human rights are not simply academic subjects, however, and we seek to inform and shape policy decisions through our work.

This conference will continue its tradition, drawing scholars and practitioners from around the world to renew ongoing conversations and to inspire new ones about the latest challenges in the field.

# SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2023

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10:00AM

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

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10:15AM - 11:30AM

## History and Future of War Crimes Prosecution

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has precipitated a turning point in the international law of war crimes. In similar previous moments, new concepts and terms emerged to make sense of crimes and to prepare a path toward justice. “War crimes,” “crimes against humanity,” “genocide,” and “human rights” are examples of these earlier concepts. Recognizing the importance of historical context in establishing these precedents, what new concepts, what new language, can help make sense of crimes committed in twenty-first century warfare and contribute to securing justice?

### Panelists

Predrag Dojčinović, *Adjunct Professor and Research Affiliate, Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut*

Emma Gilligan, *Associate Professor of International Studies, Indiana University Bloomington*

Peter Pomerantsev, *Senior Fellow, Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University*

Nathaniel A. Raymond, *Executive Director, Humanitarian Research Lab, Yale School of Public Health*

**Moderator:** Sara Silverstein, *Assistant Professor of History and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

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11:45AM - 1:00PM

## Supply Chains Disrupted: The Social and Environmental Dimensions of Reform

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

Global supply chains have experienced multiple recent and high-profile shocks, driven in part by labor shortages and transportation snares spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic and by commodities shortfalls linked to the war in Ukraine. Beneath these disruptions are underlying problems including a lack of social protection floors for workers in multiple industries, and a lack of regulatory safeguards for new industries integral to contemporary supply networks (e.g., e-commerce and other elements of the digital economy). Panelists will explore problems and proposals for reform aimed at safeguarding the economic rights of workers while shoring up the social and environmental sustainability of global supply chains.

### Panelists

Tola Moeun, *Executive Director, Center for Alliance of Labor & Human Rights in Cambodia*

Marina Colby, *Senior Labor Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*

Mark Anner, *Professor of Labor and Employment Relations, and Director of the Center for Global Workers' Rights, Penn State University*

Judy Gearhart, *Senior Researcher, American University School of International Service*

**Moderator:** Shareen Hertel, *Professor of Political Science and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

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**1:15PM - 2:30PM**

**Lunch**

Student Union, Room 304

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**3:00PM - 4:00PM**

**Russian Propaganda for War**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

What is the character and function of Russian propaganda for war, and what concrete effects does it have on Russian popular opinion on the war? Has social media changed the terrain and meant that states can no longer control information as much as before? Can propagandists, publishers, and media owners be held accountable under international law for inciting war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide? This panel brings together experts in Russian media and international law to examine the legal and political implications of war propaganda.

**Speakers**

Richard A. Wilson, *Gladstein Distinguished Chair of Human Rights, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Law and Anthropology, University of Connecticut*

Peter Pomerantsev, *Senior Fellow, Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University*

Predrag Dojčinović, *Adjunct Professor and Research Affiliate, Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut*

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**4:30PM - 5:30PM**

***A Legacy Without Limits* Film Screening and Discussion**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

*A Legacy Without Limits* celebrates the life and work of human rights scholar and advocate Wiktor Osiatyński, highlighting his key role in the founding and development of the Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut. Directed by UConn faculty member Catherine Masud, the film features interviews with Wiktor's family and friends, as well as colleagues at UConn, Open Society Foundations, the Central European University, and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, each reflecting on the impact of Wiktor's legacy and what it means for human rights in our world today and in the future. For more information about the film, see pages 16-17.

**Respondents**

Ewa Woydyłło Osiatyńska, *Doctor of Clinical Psychology, Certified Family Counselor, and Supervisor in Addiction Treatment*

Natalia Osiatyńska, *Strategic Writer and Brand Naming Consultant*

Maciej Nowicki, *President, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights*

Małgorzata Szuleka, *Secretary of the Board, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights*

Gary Gladstein, *Founder, Marsha Lilien Gladstein Foundation*

Richard A. Wilson, *Gladstein Distinguished Chair of Human Rights, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Law and Anthropology, University of Connecticut*

**Moderator:** Kathryn Libal, *Director, Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute and Associate Professor, Social Work and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

**For more information about the film, see pages 16-17.**

# SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2023

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**9:00AM - 10:15AM**

## **Global Health & the Right to Health: Critical Perspectives from Latin America**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

The intersection of Global Health and Human Rights has generated concepts, methods, and political debates, as well as legislation and programs. In official accounts, the importance of local activism, social movements, and regional trajectories in the history of global health and the right to health is often overshadowed by international organizations and foundations' universalizing narratives of what human rights are and how to measure progress. In this panel, leading scholars and activists from Latin America will challenge these top-down accounts by sharing incredible conceptual, methodological and political contributions of subaltern proposals from Latin America. Panelists will not only shed light on the regional specificities of their struggles, but also show how this region is at the forefront of challenging Western perspectives on the right to health, for instance by proposing novel decommodified and pluriversal perspectives on the social determination of the health-disease-treatment process, intercultural health, and healthcare systems.

### **Panelists**

Mario Hernández-Álvarez, *Coordinator of the Doctoral Program on Public Health, Universidad Nacional de Colombia*

Alejandro Cerón-Valdes, *Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Denver*

Erika Arteaga-Cruz, *Professor, San Francisco de Quito University*

**Moderator:** César E. Abadía-Barrero, *Associate Professor of Anthropology and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

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**10:30AM - 11:45AM**

## **The U.S. National Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

On June 16, 2021, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced on behalf of the Biden-Harris Administration that the federal government would soon begin updating and revitalizing the United States' National Action Plan (NAP) on Responsible Business Conduct. Interested parties were provided the opportunity to submit written comments for federal government agencies to consider in developing the NAP. Submissions from business, civil society, and academia were followed by informal consultations between these groups and the government in 2022. The United States published its first NAP in December 2016, one of about 30 countries throughout the world to have done so. The panel will consider the role of NAPs and how the NAP could and should take forward the business and human rights agenda in the United States.

### **Panelists**

Jena Martin, *Robert L. Shuman Professor of Law and Ethics, West Virginia University*

Eric Biel, *Senior Advisor, Fair Labor Association; Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown Law*

Jordyn Arndt, *Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor*

**Moderator:** Rachel Chambers, *Assistant Professor of Business Law, University of Connecticut School of Business*



12:00 PM - 1:15PM

## Lunchtime Breakout Sessions

Student Union (SU) 304 A B C

### LUNCHTIME BREAKOUT SESSIONS TOPICS/PRESENTERS

#### Engaging the Human Rights Archive at The Dodd Center for Human Rights, SU 304A

The Human Rights Collections within UConn Archives & Special Collections documents human rights and social justice struggles. This growing collection is a repository for materials invaluable to researchers and in the classroom. Presenters share insights into several collections related to war tribunals, genocide, children's labor rights, rights to housing, and more. Attendees have an opportunity to think about how histories of human rights can be examined within this growing collection.

##### Presenters:

Catherine Masud, *Assistant Professor in Residence, Digital Media and Design and Human Rights, University of Connecticut; Director, A Legacy Without Limits*

Predrag Dojčinović, *Adjunct Professor and Research Affiliate, Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut*

Fiona Vernal, *Director of Engaged, Public, Oral, and Community Histories (EPOCH) and Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies, University of Connecticut*

#### Alumni Experiences in the Human Rights Field, SU 304C

Human rights informs work in a range of professions. This breakout session draws upon the experiences of three UConn alum who share insights into how human rights matter in their work. Attendees will have a chance to engage the panelists and each other to discuss the diverse applications of human rights knowledge in practice at the community, state, national, or international levels.

##### Presenters:

Victor Schachter, *Founder and President, The Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives*

Jeff Smith, *Founder and Director, Vanguard Africa; Producer, The Resistance Bureau*

Johanna DeBari, *Director of Workforce Equity and Training, Caring Health Center, Springfield, Massachusetts*

#### Exploring a Human Rights-based Approach to Engineering, SU 304B

Engineering has profound implications for human societies, individuals, and the environment. Yet, the field's traditional focus on shaping the physical and natural world has frequently underemphasized the social impacts of engineering practice. Human rights offer a specific framework for managing harm prevention and enhancing the social benefits of engineering. This breakout session will discuss the "Engineering for Human Rights" paradigm and showcase ongoing research and teaching efforts in this area at the University of Connecticut. Attendees will also have the opportunity to engage in a case study discussing the application of engineering ethics and Human rights to engineering work.

##### Presenters:

Davis Chacon-Hurtado, *Assistant Research Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

Shareen Hertel, *Professor of Political Science and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

Genevieve Rigler, *Ph.D. Student, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Connecticut*

# SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2023

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1:30PM - 2:45PM

## Human Rights Measurement and Monitoring: Challenges and Methodological Approaches

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

In order to document and describe the extent of human rights conditions and abuses, advance our understanding of their causes and consequences, and inform policy and advocacy we must accurately and systematically observe and measure these phenomena. Because human rights abusers seek to obfuscate their actions and deny access to evidence, this is a tremendous challenge. The Human Rights Research and Data (HuRRD) Hub session brings together scholars working on cutting edge techniques to improve and expand the measurement of human rights fulfillment and violations, as well as the institutional and policy approaches to prevent or address them, around the world. Panelists will explain the key challenges to human rights measurement and observation that their research aims to address, introduce their innovative methodological approaches to meeting these challenges, and discuss how their data can be used in human rights research, policy, and advocacy. Panelist presentations will lead to an open format discussion to 1) elicit critical feedback on the projects from the audience, 2) make these innovative methodological advances in human rights research accessible to the audience, and 3) identify limitations in human rights measurement and the needs for innovation and future research to address these gaps.

### Panelists

Rebecca Cordell, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Texas-Dallas*

Chris Fariss, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan*

Kelebogile Zvobgo, *Assistant Professor of Government, William & Mary; Founder and Director of the International Justice Lab*

Skip Mark, *Assistant Professor and Director, Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island*

**Moderator:** Mike Rubin, *Assistant Research Professor, Human Rights, Engineering and Business, and Director, Human Rights Research and Data Hub, University of Connecticut*





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**3:00PM - 4:15PM**

**Transforming Human Rights Education for Contentious Times**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that “every individual and every organ of society...shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms” (1948). Since then, human rights education has evolved from a field that aims to raise awareness about respect for human rights to one through which a person or community has the potential to transform as a result of realizing human rights and one’s ability to influence positive social change. At the same time, scholars and practitioners have critiqued human rights and human rights education for privileging Western and Eurocentric contributions to the fields over non-Western knowledge, values, and perspectives. As a result, they have been engaged in the work of decolonizing human rights education. In this panel, leading human rights education scholars will draw on their decades of experience to reflect on the past and discuss how human rights education needs to continue to evolve at present to meet these contentious times. They will discuss how human rights education can address global challenges such as prejudice and discrimination, economic injustice, and the effects of the climate crisis, and examine how scholarship can inform practice to contend with the human rights challenges of today.

**Panelists**

Audrey Osler, *Professor Emerita of Human Rights Education and Citizenship, University of Leeds*

Michalinos Zembylas, *Professor of Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies, Open University of Cyprus*

André Keet, *Research Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Transformation, Nelson Mandela University*

**Moderator:** Sandra Sirota, *Assistant Professor in Residence, Experiential Global Learning and Human Rights, University of Connecticut*

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**4:30PM - 5:45PM**

**“Accountability and its Discontent – Between Hope and Despair,” Gladstein Visiting Professor Keynote**

**Address by Rashida Manjoo**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

Rashida Manjoo, *Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Its Causes and Consequences; Professor Emerita, University of Cape Town*

# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2023

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9:00AM - 10:15AM

## Memorialization, Transitional Justice, and Human Rights

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

The power of memorialization is widely recognized as a form of symbolic reparation aimed at redressing social injustices in the aftermath of mass violence. Yet its potential to activate the connection between repair and social transformation remains underutilized in contexts of transitional justice and international human rights law. This panel unites memorialization practitioners with experts in international human rights law to address how we can integrate memorial practices into multilayered strategies for justice and social reconciliation.

### Panelists

Diego García-Sayán, *Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*

Sergio Beltrán-García, *Assistant Researcher, Forensic Architecture*

Jha D Amazi, *Principal and Director of the Public Memory & Memorials Lab, MASS Design Group*

Claret Vargas, *Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Justice & Accountability*

**Moderator:** Robin Greeley, *Professor of Modern and Contemporary Latin American Art History, University of Connecticut*

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10:30AM - 11:45AM

## Humanitarian Narratives in the Global South

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

This panel will reassess the narrative conventions surrounding human rights and humanitarianism as well as the responses they are presumed to evoke in readers and publics. Can appeals to empathy with human suffering or stories of traumatized refugees and witnesses to mass crimes still have a lasting and substantial impact in enlisting public support for human rights? What role can literature play in identifying new narrative forms or alternative kinds of evidence, including historical evidence, to make sense of the current relationships between humanitarianism, human rights, and global economic inequality?

### Panelists

Joseph R. Slaughter, *Professor of English and Comparative Literature, and Executive Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University*

Yogita Goyal, *Professor of English and African American Studies, University of California Los Angeles*

Eleni Coundouriotis, *Professor of English and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Connecticut*

Kerry Bystrom, *Associate Dean, Bard College Berlin*

**Moderator:** Sarah Winter, *Professor of English and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Connecticut*



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**12:00PM - 1:15PM**

**Lunch**

Wilbur Cross Reading Room

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**1:30PM - 2:45PM**

**Biomedical Technologies and Human Rights: Conceptual, Ethical and Legal Considerations**

Konover Auditorium, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

Emerging biomedical technologies, such as genetic engineering but also applications of artificial intelligence in medicine and healthcare, provide exciting new opportunities for improving human health and well-being. At the same time, they may create substantial ethical and legal challenges and the rapid pace of innovation makes responsible governance of these technologies increasingly complex. In this panel, we shall highlight some of the most pressing ethical and legal concerns and discuss possible approaches to more adaptive governance and regulation.

**Panelists**

Fruzsina Molnar-Gabor, *Professor of Law and BioQuant, Heidelberg Academy of Sciences*

Molly Land, *Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law*

Thomas Burri, *Associate Professor of International and European Law, St. Gallen University, Switzerland*

**Moderator:** Sebastian Wogenstein, *Associate Professor of German Studies, University of Connecticut*

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**3:00PM - 4:15PM**

**Closing Celebration and Reception**

Dodd Center Foyer, The Dodd Center for Human Rights

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**8:00PM**

***Death and the Maiden***, a co-production written by Ariel Dorfman, directed by Gary English  
Connecticut Repertory Theatre, 802 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT 06269

Together with Connecticut Repertory Theatre, HRI co-sponsored the production of *Death and the Maiden*. Conference participants are invited to attend the production on Friday March 31, 2023. To purchase a ticket from the box office, visit Connecticut Repertory Theater's website: <https://crt.uconn.edu/>.

*Death and the Maiden* deals with the conflict between justice and reconciliation in the aftermath of human rights abuses. After a chance meeting with her alleged attacker, Paulina Salas demands justice for past crimes on a personal level, which illustrates the difficulty of victims living within the same country as those who committed atrocities.



*Gary and Phyllis Gladstein (photo credit: Roger Castonguay)*

## THE GLADSTEIN LEGACY

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**O**n February 22, 2023, the University of Connecticut named the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute in honor of alumnus Gary Gladstein '66 (CLAS), '08 (HON) and his family. This naming recognizes the Gladstein family for its stalwart support to human rights at UConn for a quarter of a century and for playing a pivotal role in founding one of the most dynamic, interdisciplinary academic human rights programs in the world.

Gary Gladstein was born in Waterbury and grew up in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He majored in economics at UConn, where he also met his late wife, Marsha Lilien, who was attending Eastern Connecticut State College. Following his studies at UConn, Gladstein earned an MBA at Columbia University. He built a long career in finance, serving for many years as a partner and the chief operating officer of Soros Fund Management. Gladstein also was an independent director of several public and private companies, including Mueller Industries, a New York Stock exchange company, where he has served for more than 25 years.

In the late 1990s, Gary Gladstein reached out to UConn's President Philip Austin and CLAS Dean Ross MacKinnon to seed programming on human rights. This initiative was innovative for its time since few interdisciplinary human rights programs existed in the country.



The Gladstein family's human rights legacy at UConn officially began in 1998 when Gary honored his late wife through a gift that endowed the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professorship in Human Rights. He credited Marsha with sparking the family's interest in human rights. Her work as a kindergarten teacher in the Bridgeport, Connecticut school system and later, as a tutor for children with special needs, inspired the family to help create a novel, interdisciplinary human rights program at UConn. Gladstein's employment at Soros Fund Management, which shared office space with the Soros Foundations and the future Open Society Institute, also spurred his interest.

In 2001, Gladstein established the Human Rights Fund at UConn, followed by the Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights, and the Gary and Phyllis Gladstein Fund for the Human Rights Institute. Recently, the family also generously contributed to the creation of the Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights. Over the years, Gary and his family have given close to \$11.6 million to support UConn, including \$9.5 million to support human rights initiatives.

Committed to human rights awareness and understanding, Gladstein also has volunteered in multiple roles to support the Institute and the UConn Foundation. He served on the UConn Foundation Board from 1998 to 2008. Gary's wife, Dr. Phyllis Gladstein, has provided insights on programming related to human rights education. And, Gary's children, Jeffrey Gladstein and Mindy Grafstein, have become increasingly engaged over the years. Most recently, Gary and Mindy joined a new advisory board that advises the Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs, the public engagement and outreach arm of the Gladstein Institute.

The Gladstein family's support of the Institute has been transformative. Richard A. Wilson, the founding director of the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Law and Anthropology, and Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights, said "UConn's Human Rights Institute has gained strength in the past 20 years, projecting a vision of an interdisciplinary approach that comprehends human rights in their historical, social, and political contexts. This success is due in no small part to the support of Gary Gladstein and his family. The naming of the Institute reflects the remarkable leadership role they have played." We are grateful for the family's engagement and support, which has laid the foundation for the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute to thrive in perpetuity.

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I am a proud alumnus of UConn and wanted to give back to the University that helped develop all aspects of my life. Respect for human rights has always been a major concern to me. With the increasing challenges facing our society, I saw my support as an opportunity to educate current and future generations about the importance of human rights.”

Gary Gladstein '66 (CLAS), '08 (HON)



# HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT UCONN

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**T**he Thomas J. Dodd Research Center was dedicated in 1995 by President William J. Clinton and Senator Christopher J. Dodd to honor Thomas Dodd's service as Executive Trial Counsel in the International Military Tribunal, the first of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. The establishment of The Dodd Center spurred a university-wide initiative to launch human rights studies at the University of Connecticut. A generous gift by Gary Gladstein '66 (CLAS), '08 (HON) and his family in 1998 allowed the University to establish the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professorship in Human Rights. In Fall 2000, UConn hosted the first Gladstein Visiting Professor of Human Rights, Wiktor Osiatyński, an eminent constitutional and human rights scholar from Poland. Shortly thereafter UConn launched a minor in human rights and initiated a process to establish an interdisciplinary Human Rights Institute.

Founded in 2003, the Human Rights Institute has served as the intellectual hub of the University's human rights program. Richard A. Wilson, founding director and Gladstein Distinguished Chair of Human Rights and Board of Trustees Professor of Law and Anthropology, envisioned an interdisciplinary program predicated on university-wide engagement. Its growth and successes over the past twenty years have been based on the strength of university commitments to recognizing human rights as a priority. And, through the generous support of many donors, including Gary and Phyllis Gladstein and members of the Gladstein family as well as former Senator Christopher J. Dodd and Jackie Clegg, human rights studies at UConn has flourished.

The strengths and legacy of human rights education, research, and public engagement at UConn were highlighted in 2021 during the 25th anniversary of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, where the Institute is housed. On October 15, President Joe Biden and the Connecticut congressional delegation attended a ceremony to dedicate and rename the building "The Dodd Center for Human Rights," honoring the legacies of both Thomas J. and Christopher J. Dodd. The University also launched Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs, bringing together the outreach and engagement work of the Dodd Center with the academic programs of the Human Rights Institute. Within HRI, Dodd Impact serves as the external programming arm of human rights at UConn, weaving the interdisciplinary academic programs with action and practice.

In 2023, we are celebrating the Human Rights Institute's 20th anniversary. Recognizing this important milestone and the extraordinary contributions of the Gladstein family, the Institute was renamed the "Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute" by the UConn Board of Trustees on February 22nd of this year. Since the establishment of the first endowed fund for human rights in 1998, the Gladstein family has played a pivotal, transformative role in the Institute's development. Their generous support has provided robust funding for student scholarships, internships, study away programs, faculty and graduate student research, resident Scholars at Risk, conferences and workshops, and visits of scores of experts and practitioners to campus.

In its academic programs, the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute fosters empirical, theoretical, and historical approaches to human rights teaching and research that subjects universal moral values and legal rights to rigorous scrutiny. Today the Gladstein Institute is a vibrant intellectual community, with 15 jointly appointed or core faculty members in 10 different departments, 3 post-doctoral fellows, and nearly 50 faculty members serving on the Gladstein Advisory Committee across the University. The Gladstein Institute, including its Dodd Impact Programs, has a number of programmatic and research clusters including:

- Arts and human rights (with the School of Fine Arts)
- Business and human rights initiative (with the School of Business)
- Democracy and dialogue initiative
- Economic and social rights
- Engineering for human rights (with the School of Engineering)
- History of human rights
- Holocaust and genocide
- Humanitarianism
- Human rights education in primary and secondary schools (with NEAG School of Education)
- Human rights film and digital media (with the Department of Digital Media and Design)
- Human rights research and data hub
- Global health and human rights

As a University-wide endeavor, the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute advances human rights teaching across all University of Connecticut colleges and schools, pursuing novel and critical approaches to human rights scholarship and pedagogy. It is home to robust undergraduate and graduate programs, including a sizable minor (established in 2001); the first undergraduate major at a public research university (established in 2012); a University-wide graduate certificate program (launched in 2008); and master of arts degree (launched in 2021). Aiming to educate well-rounded scholars with an informed understanding of human rights, the Gladstein Institute promotes interdisciplinary scholarship and provides experiential learning for our students. Undergraduate and graduate programs provide education through courses taught by expert faculty from across UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Schools of Business, Engineering, Law, Neag School of Education, Social Work, and Health Sciences.



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# CASA COMÚN/COMMUNAL HOUSE:

## A COLLECTIVE ART PIECE FROM VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA

FEATURED EXHIBIT, THE DODD CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LOUNGE

Casa Común is an art archive from Colombia that confronts the atrocities of war and presents hopes for a peaceful future through the handcrafted work of victims. The 2016 peace accord between the Colombian government and the FARC-EP guerrilla put an end to 52 years of armed conflict. According to the Colombian truth commission, the war left over 8 million victims (Colombia's current population is 51.5 million people), including thousands of people who were tortured, kidnapped, or victims of sexual violence. Since 1985, 7.7 million were forcibly displaced and 450,664 people were killed.

One of the guiding principles included in the peace accord is *Buen Vivir*, an ancestral indigenous epistemology that speaks to the harmony between humans and nature. In this participatory action research and artistic project, two organizations of victims of the armed conflict in the state of Caquetá were invited to create a collective art piece. In sewing drums, the artists, primarily women, embroidered, painted, and used seeds to tell their stories of survival and their ideas for a future of *Buen Vivir*. In their art, any prospect of justice and hope remains forever entangled with war-related pains and memories. However, they also convey that community building, taking care of plants and animals, and the powers of medicinal plants allow survivors to find joy and solace.

Casa Común invites audiences to think that besides respecting rights, *Buen Vivir* can only happen if we care for whatever territories we happen to inhabit, and nurture plants, rivers, animals, and humans.

The Communal House welcomes all people from the conference. Please visit Casa Común in The Dodd Lounge at The Dodd Center for Human Rights.



Casa Común, photo credits: Camilo Ruiz



Past exhibit “From Civil Rights to Human Rights: African American and West Indian Housing Struggles in Hartford County 1940-2019,” photo credit: Defining Studios

## HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTION: MODELING ENGAGED PUBLIC, ORAL, AND COMMUNITY HISTORIES FEATURED EXHIBIT, THE DODD CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HALLWAY

**T**his retrospective highlights eight years of collaborative intellectual inquiry between undergraduate students and Professor Fiona Vernal (History and Africana Studies). Central to these exhibitions are a deep commitment to using a human rights framework to explore a range of subjects, including the anti-apartheid movement, child labor and human rights, and the history of housing access and discrimination. These exhibitions highlight the rich collections of UConn Archives & Special Collections, including the U. Roberto (Robin) Romano Papers and the African National Congress Oral History Transcripts Collection, as well as our library databases. We thank the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute, Office of Global Affairs, the Department of History, and the Africana Studies Institute, in particular, for seed funding to explore the possibilities of this approach for enriching the undergraduate humanities and human rights curriculum. We look forward to collaborating in the future to showcase undergraduates as co-creators of knowledge and to promote human rights research and action.



# A LEGACY WITHOUT LIMITS

A FILM CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WIKTOR OSIATYŃSKI

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**A** *Legacy Without Limits* (2023, 24 minutes) offers a tribute to the life and work of human rights scholar and advocate Wiktor Osiatyński (1945-2017), highlighting his key role in the founding and development of the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut. Directed by UConn faculty member Catherine Masud, the film features interviews with Osiatyński's family and friends, as well as colleagues at UConn, Open Society Foundations, the Central European University, and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, each reflecting on the impact of Osiatyński's legacy and what it means for human rights today and in the future.

**Production credits:** *Director*, Catherine Masud; *Executive Producer*, Kathryn Libal; *Post Production Producer*, Sahil Laul; *Archival Producer*, Alex Branzell; *Camera*, Catherine Masud, Sahil Laul, Laurel Pehmoeller; *Editing*, Catherine Masud, Sahil Laul



*Film still, "A Legacy Without Limits"*





*Courtesy of Natalia Osiatynska*

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## ABOUT WIKTOR OSIATYŃSKI

It is fitting for us to honor Wiktor Osiatyński and his legacy during our 20th anniversary year, given his pivotal role in the establishment and vision of the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute. An internationally recognized lawyer, professor, and human rights advocate, Osiatyński was born in Białystok, Poland. He spent his boyhood in Warsaw, where in the 1950s dissidents were jailed for the slightest infraction under the oppressive postwar system. Osiatyński recalls, “Most unbearable for intellectuals was the lack of freedom of speech. The state’s monopoly over the media, along with the strictest kind of censorship, made it difficult for ordinary citizens to learn the truth, both about ‘the rest of the world’ and about Poland’s own history.”\*

Osiatyński’s participation in the demonstrations of March 1968 marked an early point in his activism and interest in human rights, which grew in the wake of the 1975 Helsinki Agreement and the 1976 UN human rights covenants.

With the rise of the Solidarity Movement, human rights became an important part of dissident platforms in Eastern

Europe. Osiatyński was engaged both as an activist and as a theoretician in this movement. Osiatyński advised on several constitutional committees and co-authored the draft of Poland’s Bill of Rights that President Lech Wałęsa presented to the Polish Parliament. He also wrote a number of provisions that became part of Poland’s new Constitution (1997).

Between 1991 and 1997, Osiatyński co-directed the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe at the University of Chicago Law School, and in 1995 he was appointed Professor in the Department of Legal Studies at the Central European University in Budapest. He was a long-standing board member of Open Society Foundations (OSF), the OSF Global Board, and the Open Society Justice Initiative.

In the late 1990s, Osiatyński formed close relationships with colleagues at the University of Connecticut, where he played a pivotal role in fostering the development of human rights programs and the founding of the Human Rights Institute. In October 2000, Osiatyński delivered the first lecture as the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professor of Human Rights at UConn. On that day, he highlighted themes relevant two decades later, including the importance of developing programs “that not only talk about human rights in history, sociology, and political science, but really work on attitudes and how we [relate] to each other.” He returned annually to lecture and co-teach courses with UConn faculty and he served on HRI’s Board of Overseers.

\*Wiktor Osiatyński, *Human Rights and Their Limits* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2009), xi.





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