WHERE WE’VE BEEN IN 2015

**HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER**

**ATROCITY RESPONSE PROGRAM**

**FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**
Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire | Bangkok, Thailand | Dakar, Senegal | Eloy, Arizona | Hood River, Oregon | New Delhi, India | San Francisco, California | San Salvador, El Salvador | Tegucigalpa, Honduras

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROGRAM**
6th of October City, Egypt | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | Ankara, Turkey | Cairo, Egypt | Chicago, Illinois | Dakar, Senegal | Gaziantep, Turkey | Geneva, Switzerland | Istanbul, Turkey | Johannesburg, South Africa | Kampala, Uganda | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | London, United Kingdom | The Hague, Netherlands

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

**FORENSIC PROJECT**
San Salvador, El Salvador | Santiago, Chile | Kraków, Poland
From the Directors

Dear Friends,

We began 2015 with the announcement that the Human Rights Center had won the **MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions**.

The award, given to nine organizations worldwide, marked the beginning of an extraordinary year of accomplishments—from the official launch of our **Human Rights and Technology Program** to the publication of **seminal research on accountability for sexual violence** to a groundbreaking study of victim participants at the **International Criminal Court**. We wrapped up the year with the completion of our book *Hiding in Plain Sight: The Pursuit of War Criminals from Nuremberg to the War on Terror*, which will be released in April 2016.

And none of this work would have been possible without our students.

Alicia De Toffoli in the Master of Development Practice program spent endless hours transcribing and coding **interviews with war crime survivors**. Undergraduate Kevin Reyes conducted **background research** and scrupulously checked **hundreds of footnotes** for our publications. Meanwhile, Human Rights Center Fellows and sociology doctoral students Chris Herring and Dilara Yarbrough investigated the **criminalization of homelessness** in San Francisco, and graduate student Audrey Whiting helped organize HRC’s **workshop on sexual violence** in Uganda.

Over 21 years, thanks to generous funding from Dr. Thomas J. White, we’ve supported 275 Human Rights Center Fellows. We have also engaged thousands of students in our work—whether in the classroom or in our office or on research missions around the world.

We are thrilled that the cover of this annual report is a photograph taken by Human Rights Center Fellow and UC Berkeley Journalism School graduate Terray Sylvester. Terray photographed Mkyala Tahkeal while reporting on the challenges faced by members of the Yakama Nation who live along the Columbia River.

Thank you for making our work with students—and all of our work—possible.

Sincerely,

Eric Stover, Faculty Director  
Alexa Koenig, Executive Director
Students at the Pader Girls Academy in northern Uganda gather for a vocational class. The Human Rights Center’s Atrocity Response Program with UC Berkeley School of Education’s Sarah Freedman conducted preliminary research about educating girls in post-conflict settings (photo by Stephen Smith Cody).
I expect that this participation will provide a lot of evidence to the court. The judges will use this. They will tell [Joseph] Kony [leader of the Lord’s Resistance Army]: ‘See, this is what you have done. These are people from the community where you went and committed atrocities. Hear and listen to their voices. This is exactly what the victims suffered as a result of the crimes you committed.’

**Survivor interviewed for The Victims’ Court?**

I’m ready to provide testimony because the shoe wearer knows where it pinches. It really pinches me. I lost everything. I lost my wife because of the post-election violence, so it pinches me, even right now as we speak today.

**Survivor interviewed for The Victims’ Court?**

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From rural farming communities in northern Uganda to the sprawling urban capital of Côte d’Ivoire, our researchers interviewed more than 600 survivors of grave international crimes to understand their experiences at the International Criminal Court (ICC). **What motivates these men and women to participate in trials? Do they feel safe? Are they treated with dignity and respect?** We asked them to share their thoughts about justice and the ICC. Nearly three years of research and analysis led by Stephen Smith Cody, director of the Atrocity Response Program, resulted in *The Victims’ Court: A Study of 622 Victim Participants at the International Criminal Court*. The study was supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Ministry of Finland.

Cody presented study findings to diplomats, judges, prosecutors, and advocates gathered in The Hague for the ICC’s annual meeting of the Assembly of States Parties. The study promises to shape reforms and make participation more meaningful to survivors.
Human Rights Center Fellow Natalie Petrucci, UCLA School of Law, talks about her work with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, which provides legal services to detainees in Eloy, Arizona (photo by Andrea Lampros).
My time in Honduras gave me a deeper understanding of the complex factors pushing migration and the heartbreaking circumstances of young people forced to leave their homes and families behind. They show such remarkable resilience and persistence—many will make multiple attempts to get to the U.S. even as they are turned back again and again. Yet when asked, they express the desire to be able to stay with their families in Honduras, if only the conditions were better and real opportunities to develop and thrive existed. We are looking at a refugee crisis in Central America—one that the U.S. government still refuses to recognize and address from a human rights perspective.

Lyndsay Hughes, UC Human Rights Center Fellow who worked with Casa Alianza in Honduras

Honduras is among the most violent countries in the world, with nearly a dozen murders per day. Similar to the region’s civil wars in the 1980s, current upheavals in Honduras take the biggest toll on young people, including thousands who flee the violence only to be rejected by the United States. Lyndsay Hughes, a 2015 Human Rights Center fellow and UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare master’s student, worked at Casa Alianza in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa last summer assisting children who had either attempted or were considering the perilous journey through Mexico to the United States. Natalie Petrucci, a 2015 fellow and UCLA law student, worked on the receiving end, advocating for the legal rights of immigrants and refugees detained in Arizona.

Twelve other HRC fellows worked in seven countries, defending sexual minority rights in Senegal, housing rights in San Francisco, voting rights in Côte d’Ivoire, and more. To date, our Fellowship Program has enabled 275 students from seven University of California campuses to work with human rights defenders around the world—learning skills, contributing expertise, and often being transformed into lifelong advocates for human rights.
In a time of chaos and upheaval, rape was the least concern in the eyes of law enforcement. To them, they were there to maintain order, maintain peace, and protect lives and property. But rape isn’t visible . . .

Practitioner interviewed in Kenya for The Long Road

The workshop has been an eye-opener and an opportunity for me to be connected to other experts who have agreed to mentor me through the journey of responding to women’s rights issues, especially sexual violence.


At the Missing Peace Practitioners’ Workshop, held in Kampala, Uganda, more than 80 doctors, police officers, judges, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and advocates met for the first time to discuss concrete ways to improve the investigation and prosecution of sexual violence cases, including those that arise during armed conflict. The workshop, in August 2015, was framed by findings from our just-released study, The Long Road: Accountability for Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-conflict Settings, which identifies challenges and promising strategies in the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of such crimes. Workshop participants discussed this research and ways to build upon their day-to-day work in order to address sexual violence as a war crime, crime against humanity, or act of genocide. We also launched the Missing Peace Practitioners’ Network, a new online community for sharing expertise and resources on sexual violence.

In November, Sexual Violence Program Director Kim Thuy Seelinger spearheaded a group of leading experts, including Justice Richard Goldstone, Dr. Kelly Askin, Mr. George Kegoro, Dr. Patricia Sellers, and Professor Beth Van Schaack, to submit an amicus brief in the case of former Chad dictator Hissène Habré, urging the Senegalese court to revise charges to include rape and sexual slavery. HRC researchers also traveled to Turkey, Egypt, Malaysia, and Ethiopia to begin research on human trafficking and refugees.
UC Berkeley undergraduates Kevin Reyes, Alec Konstantin, and Hannah Bagdasar confer with Human Rights and Technology Program Director Keith Hiatt (photo by Andrea Lampros). The Human Rights Center is launching a Human Rights Lab for students and technology experts in 2016.
The Human Rights Center’s newly launched Human Rights and Technology Program works to develop next-generation tools and methodologies for investigations, examines how new and existing technologies affect human rights worldwide, and puts technology experts to work on the most serious human rights problems.

In 2015 we worked to improve the technological capacity of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, which investigates and prosecutes war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Keith Hiatt, program director, spent two months embedded in the ICC’s Office of the Prosecutor, assessing the court’s technology needs and helping implement smart solutions for efficiency and effectiveness. Keith also recruited experts from Silicon Valley and beyond to advise ICC investigators and staff. Already this work is strengthening cases before the ICC. Because of this leadership and the center’s longstanding work in this field, Keith and HRC Executive Director Alexa Koenig were selected to administer the court’s new Technology Advisory Board.

In 2016, HRC is launching a Human Rights Lab to bring students, tech experts, and scholars together to examine and solve human rights challenges. The lab will serve as a hub for the growing community of Bay Area software engineers and data specialists who are committed to using their skills to advance human rights.
Cristián Orrego Benavente, former director of the Forensic Program and now HRC Senior Research Fellow, continues to work with the Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos to pioneer life-changing DNA analysis to reunite families torn apart by the civil war. This year, an Oakland mother who fled El Salvador in the late 1990s found the biological daughter she was forced to give up—thanks to Pro-Búsqueda’s investigative team and the Human Rights Center’s outreach in the United States. Pro-Búsqueda investigators also used key DNA evidence to reunite Germán Zamora, who was raised in Australia, with his mother Milagro del Pilar Martínez. Zamora was a 5-year-old boy when he was captured 35 years ago by the Salvadoran military during a massacre in La Quesera, Usulután.

Orrego is also coordinating a team of thirteen experts to use DNA and advanced microbial genomics to investigate the cause of death of the poet Pablo Neruda (winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and former Senator from the Chilean Communist Party) who died days after the Chilean military coup in 1973. The expert panel convened by a court in Chile also includes HRC Senior Research Fellow and forensic mathematician Charles Brenner and UC Berkeley Professor George Sensabaugh.

This is the most beautiful symbol of compensation for damage done.

Pro-Búsqueda Director Eduardo García upon the reunion of Germán Zamora and his mother, Milagro del Pilar Martínez.
Hiding in Plain Sight: The Pursuit of War Criminals from Nuremberg to the War on Terror
by Eric Stover, Victor Peskin, and Alexa Koenig
University of California Press, forthcoming 2016

The Human Rights Center’s Faculty Director Eric Stover and Executive Director Alexa Koenig, together with Arizona State University Professor Victor Peskin (Human Rights Center research fellow) tell the provocative stories and delve into the complex politics of pursuing war criminals.

The cycle of impunity for atrocity crimes is closing slowly but surely. This book documents how that steady progress has been achieved, but also how hard it was and how difficult it is to maintain its momentum. Telling a complex story in a highly readable way, the authors make their own significant contribution to accountability and justice for human rights crimes. The torturer still runs, but he can no longer hide.

Juan Méndez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

The Victims’ Court? A Study of 622 Victim Participants at the International Criminal Court, November 2015
by Stephen Smith Cody, Eric Stover, Mychelle Balthazard, and Alexa Koenig

This multi-country study interviews 622 survivors of war crimes and crimes against humanity about victim participation at the International Criminal Court.

The Long Road: Accountability for Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings, August 2015
by Kim Thuy Seelinger and Julie Freccero

This report examines the ways in which health professionals, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and judges respond to cases of sexual violence committed during or in the aftermath of armed conflict or periods of political violence in Kenya, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Uganda.

Extreme Punishment: Comparative Studies in Detention, Incarceration and Solitary Confinement
edited by UC Irvine Professor Keramet Reiter (a former Human Rights Center fellow) and HRC Executive Director Alexa Koenig
Palgrave Macmillan, 2015

The book investigates the physical architecture, legal administration, and lived experiences of 21st-century prisoners in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Groundbreaking in its research and documentation, this bracing collection forces us to think again—and in unexpected ways—about how law abets and sustains a global network of military, immigration, and penal polices, unprecedented in their severity and reach.

Vanderbilt University Professor Colin Dayan

A BBC reporter conducts an interview with Dr. Joan Nyanyuki at the Missing Peace Practitioners’ Workshop in Uganda in August 2015. Sexual Violence Program research was also covered by The Guardian.
From the start of the semester, it was clear that Professors Stover and Koenig were not only interested in lecturing about human rights but were invested in developing the next generation of human rights activists. Through personal experience, after Professor Stover’s health and human rights lecture and many office hours with Professor Koenig, LS 154 helped me discover my passion for medicine and human rights, allowed me to critically and skillfully apply lecture material to research projects at the Human Rights Center, and introduced me to a summer internship in New York with Physicians for Human Rights that changed and consolidated my life pursuits.

Sayaka Ri, UC Berkeley student in HRC’s inaugural Legal Studies course on human rights

Teaching students and training future human rights researchers and advocates is at the heart of the Human Rights Center’s work. In 2015, we engaged more than 200 students through teaching, research, and events on campus. We also received two competitive university grants for 2016—the Presidential Chair Fellows Award and the American Cultures Engaged Scholarship grant—to strengthen UC Berkeley’s undergraduate teaching and research in 2016.

Our 2015 classes and mentorship included:

- **International Human Rights Law (Legal Studies 154)**
- **Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders: Justice After Mass Atrocity (Law 262)**
- **Health and Human Rights (Public Health 211 & Law 264)**
- **International Human Rights Workshop**
I think that we need to understand something: When our society refuses to react, when society chooses to deny, it means that it accepts anything, even the unimaginable. Because as a father, grandfather even, I perform surgery in tears because [rape of children] is something that I can’t understand. It has nothing to do with sex. It is simply a deliberate desire to destroy a people, and so we destroy someone before they can even be a part of society.

Dr. Denis Mukwege, winner of the 2014 Sakharov Prize, speaking about the rape of children in the Democratic Republic of Congo during his Q & A with Sexual Violence Program Director Kim Thuy Seelinger.
The Human Rights Center combines rigorous, leading-edge scientific research with on-the-ground work, yielding valuable contributions to our understanding of rights violations and our collective commitment to hold perpetrators accountable. MacArthur applauds the Human Rights Center’s creativity and effectiveness, and we hope this recognition and investment will help sustain its work and expand its impact.

MacArthur Vice President Elspeth Revere

The Human Rights Center was one of nine nonprofit organizations around the world to receive the 2015 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Known for its “genius awards” to individuals, the MacArthur Foundation also honors extraordinary organizations—in this case, recognizing the Human Rights Center’s investigations and research on war crimes and human rights abuses in more than a dozen countries and spotlighting the center’s recent work on wartime sexual violence. The MacArthur Foundation awarded the center $1 million to establish an endowment and support its Sexual Violence Program.
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- Human Rights Center staff members following a planning retreat in Mendocino, California include: (behind) Keith Hiatt, Eric Stover, Stephen Smith Cody, and Julie Freccero; (front) Andrea Lampros, Alexa Koenig, Kim Thuy Seelinger, Kat Madrigal, Julie Lagarde, and Alexey Berlind.
- Eric Stover, faculty director, speaks about the Nuremberg trials.
- Julie Lagarde, Khaled Alrabe, and Leila Ullrich
- Kim Thuy Seelinger, Audrey Whiting, Ketty Anyeko, and Julie Freccero at the Missing Peace Practitioners’ Workshop
- Alexey Berlind, programs administrator
The Human Rights Center’s Fellows have partnered with many other nonprofit organizations to study a broad range of abuse and infringement of rights, not only in foreign countries, but also on a national, statewide, and local level here in the United States. The projects and reports have improved public awareness of atrocities, sexual violence, and injustice and the Fellows have often proposed novel ways to alleviate or prevent future abuses. There should be a Human Rights Center at every university in the nation.

Dr. Thomas J. White, longtime supporter of the Human Rights Center whose generosity makes the Fellowship Program possible.

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We’ve been supporters of the Human Rights Center since we first discovered the amazing work of Eric Stover and his wonderful team in 2006, when the center was part of International and Area Studies. We have been delighted to continue our support ever since—through the move to Boalt and an increase in visibility, prominence, and national and world-wide impact. It’s been inspiring to watch as HRC continues to grow in importance, and we look forward to seeing what you all come up with in the future.

Liz and Greg Lutz are longtime supporters of the Human Rights Center whose matching gift in 2015 inspired new donations and significantly contributed to the center’s global impact. Liz also serves on HRC’s Advisory Board.

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San Diego Law Professor Bert Lazerow and Berkeley Law Professor Richard Buxbaum join the Boalt Hall celebration of the Human Rights Center’s MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions.
2015 Financial Report

**Revenue**
- Contracts and Grants: $1,101,702 (72.6%)
- Individual Support: $350,850 (23.1%)
- UC Berkeley School of Law: $65,117 (4.3%)
- Total: $1,517,669

**Expenses**
- Program Expenses: $1,521,447 (78%)
- Salaries (non-program): $177,516 (9%)
- Development and Supplies: $66,000 (3%)
- University Overhead: $176,850 (9%)
- Total: $1,941,813

**Programs Breakdown**
- Atrocity Response: $370,000 (28%)
- Forensic: $15,000 (1%)
- Fellowship: $87,000 (6%)
- Technology: $232,000 (17%)
- Sexual Violence: $501,000 (37%)
- Other programs: $139,597 (10%)
- Total: $1,344,597

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On a bright May afternoon in 1982, twelve-year-old Nic Dunlop sat on a sofa in the living room of his parents’ home in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland, fascinated by a National Geographic article about Angkor Wat, the vast complex of ancient temples in Cambodia built between the ninth and fifteenth centuries for the Hindu god Vishnu and his consort, Lakshmi. Dunlop turned the page. He paused, lingering on a photograph of a palm-lined hill, its tropical undergrowth split open by a large brown crater. On the crater’s rim, embedded in brown mud, were shards of clothing and hundreds of human skulls and other skeletal remains, white-washed by the sun. The gruesome pit that had so absorbed young Dunlop’s imagination was called Choeung Ek; it was one of thousands of mass graves that were dug when the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979. In those 1364 days, one of Cambodia’s population, were killed.

Eventually, Dunlop attended art school but spent most of his time gazing out of the window dreaming of Cambodia, thinking that one day he would go there. Dunlop’s first visit to Tuol Sleng [the Cambodian prison turned museum] would haunt him for years to come. As he walked through the musty concrete corridors and empty cells, snapping photographs and jotting down notes, he struggled to comprehend the sheer horror of the place. He found rows of iron shackles bolted to the walls of prison cells and, in one room, what appeared to be a large pool of dried blood below a metal bed frame. Dunlop entered a large room with tall windows and cracked terra cotta tiles. On all four walls were rows and rows of black-and-white photographs.

Moving slowly around the room, Dunlop paused to snap photographs of a few of the portraits: a boy of eight or nine, his face bloodied and swollen; a woman cradling a sleeping baby. Dunlop came upon a photograph of what appeared to be a group of prison guards standing shoulder to shoulder in front of the prison gates. Next to the picture was a smaller photograph encased in a narrow wooden frame. Just below the picture a faded label read, in English: “Comrade Duch, Commandant, S-21.” Dunlop aimed his Nikon and snapped the shutter.

On his repeated trips to Cambodia, where he eked out a living as a freelance photographer, Dunlop carried the prison commander’s photograph in his shirt pocket on the off chance that he might encounter him or, more likely, someone who knew of his whereabouts. Dunlop traveled throughout Cambodia, interviewing Duch’s family members, S-21’s few survivors, and former prison guards. He learned that Duch’s real name was Kaing Guik Eav and that he had been a high school math teacher before joining the Khmer Rouge.

In early 1999, Dunlop received a commission to photograph landmine-clearance teams in Samlaut. He was excited, as he knew from interviews with Duch’s relatives that the former Khmer Rouge commander was probably living somewhere in the area. He walked over to a Khmer Rouge soldier who was sitting on his motorbike chatting with some children. He asked in his rudimentary Khmer if he could photograph them, and they agreed. A small, older man approached the group and, noticing Dunlop, introduced himself as Hang Pin. He had once been a math teacher and had recently worked in a refugee camp on the Thai border. Dunlop could hardly believe his luck as he looked closely at the man. Before leaving, he surreptitiously snapped a photograph of him.

Back at his Bangkok apartment, Dunlop hurried to develop his film. “The negative was back lit, but clear enough,” he recalled. “Emerging from the developer was Duch with a coy grin on his face. Behind him was the Khmer Rouge soldier looking directly at the camera. I compared it to the creased picture that I had carried in my pocket for so long. There was no doubt in my mind. His hairline, although graying, remained the same and his stretched lips revealed identical teeth.”

Feeling slightly out of his depth and uneasy about security, Dunlop approached Nat Thayer, a fellow correspondent, to accompany him to Samlaut. The two journalists met Duch at his home and accompanied him to a nearby beer stall. “It was clear we had caught Duch completely unawares,” Dunlop recalled. “But when he knew why we had come, he seemed to accept it.”

Duch sighed in resignation. “I have done very bad things in my life,” he said. “Now it is time for les représialles [to bear the consequences] of my actions.” The two journalists were stunned; it was almost as if the aging Khmer Rouge commander had wanted to be caught.

On May 10, 1999, Hun Sen [Cambodia’s prime minister] ordered the Cambodian police to arrest Duch. That afternoon, Duch was apprehended and placed in a high-security prison, not far from Tuol Sleng.
Students at the Pader Girls Academy in northern Uganda, a school established for young mothers who had escaped the Lord’s Resistance Army, take a break from classes. The school now serves women from throughout northern Uganda (photo by Stephen Smith Cody).
A message stenciled on a home in Suchitoto, El Salvador, translated to English: In this house, we want a life free of violence against women (photo by Robin Mejía).