

CALL FOR PAPERS

SPHR 2017 **The Social Practice of Human Rights:** **Charting the Frontiers of Research and Advocacy**

3rd Biennial Conference
University of Dayton Human Rights Center
Dayton, Ohio
November 8-10, 2017

The Social Practice of Human Rights (SPHR) conference is a unique biennial dialogue between human rights scholars and practitioners, featuring research panels and plenary dialogues. Hosted by the Human Rights Center at the University of Dayton, SPHR reflects the Center's mission to advance the theory and practice of human rights; to conduct research that facilitates the work of front-line human rights, humanitarian, and development NGOs; and to address systemic patterns of injustice. SPHR encourages critical reflection on the state of the evolving global human rights movement and constructive critique of human rights advocacy.

SPHR 2017 explores challenges to advocacy posed by the resurgences of racism, xenophobia, other forms of extremism, and what Pope Francis has termed "the globalization of indifference." The plenaries focus on the need for new strategies to confront three interconnected human rights challenges that have taken on new and alarming dimensions: conflict and the challenge of peace, forced migration, and modern-day slavery.

Keynote and featured speakers at the conference will include **Carol Anderson**, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of African American Studies at Emory University, among others to be confirmed.

The Human Rights Center invites proposals from scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and advocates on a broad array of human rights topics. The Center welcomes both theoretical and applied research proposals that capture important trends in human rights scholarship and research. We encourage the submission of individual papers, complete panels, roundtables, workshops, and practitioner presentations, as well as interdisciplinary and scholar-practitioner collaborations.

While there are no restrictions on the subject matter of proposals, the Center is especially interested in papers and panels that address:

- Conflict and mass displacement
- Nonviolent advocacy strategies
- Poverty, inequality, and exploitation
- Human trafficking and forced labor
- The U.N. Sustainable Development Goals
- Corporate social responsibility and accountability
- Catholic social teaching and human rights
- Faith-based approaches to human rights, such as liberation theology

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To Apply:

Please submit a proposal by March 17, 2017, via the conference website, go.udayton.edu/hrc.

Proposals/paper submissions must contain:

- A title
- An abstract of 300 or fewer words
- Three to five keywords
- A short biographical statement (no more than 200 words) for each author, including name, title, and institution/organization affiliation.

Applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals by May 1, 2017.

For more information about SPHR, and/or to stay updated on keynote speakers and conference activities:

- Email us at hrc@udayton.edu
- Visit our webpage: go.udayton.edu/hrc
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About the Conference

More than 100 scholars presented research on a broad array subjects at the SPHR conferences in 2013 and 2015. Select papers were published in an edited volume, *The Social Practice of Human Rights* (Palgrave Macmillan, Joel R. Pruce, Ed.), and a special edition of *Public Integrity* (forthcoming).

SPHR's plenary sessions feature advocacy-oriented dialogues among academic experts and practitioners focusing on critical issues on the human rights agenda. The inaugural SPHR conference in 2013 focused on the state of the human rights movement, the changing nature of human rights advocacy, and the renewed importance of academic research. The second, in 2015 — convened just days after the United Nations adopted the global sustainable development agenda— highlighted the importance of integral approaches to advocacy to achieve the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. For more information about our previous events, please visit our website: go.udayton.edu/hrc

SPHR's concurrent panel sessions feature the original research of leading and emerging human rights scholars from across the disciplinary spectrum.
