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HIGHLIGHTS

Call for Nominations: Human Rights Innovators The Coalition will recognize outstanding examples of human rights projects that have effectively incorporated science and technology to achieve their goals. The deadline is June 2 Learn more »

COALITION

Webinar - Skills to Succeed: Approaches to Blending Science and Human Rights May 21 at 10:00 AM ET, join the Coalition for a webinar with Save the Children’s Chris Ying about the organization’s approach to blending science and human rights for their Skills to Succeed
youth employment program. Register »

How Clinicians Can Help LGBTQ Asylum Seekers The Office on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity of the American Psychological Association published a report about how clinicians can support asylum seekers who identify as LGBTQ. Read »

Coalition Representative Named Visiting Professor and Scholar at MIT Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Kean University and Sigma Xi representative to the Coalition, Jeff Toney was named a visiting professor and scholar in linguistics and philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the summer of 2019.


ON-CALL SCIENTISTS
AAAS Features the Work of On-call Scientists The AAAS Member Spotlight published two articles about the work of On-call Scientists. One article highlights how volunteers help to solve global crimes. The other features P. Rai Menges and how her operational security expertise helps keep researchers safe in dangerous conditions.

Calls for Volunteers

- An NGO working with communities in Nigeria seeks experts to assess the impacts of gas flaring on air quality and human health. The volunteer will help develop a community-led data collection and monitoring program.
- An expert in testing and analyzing water quality is needed to help develop a community-led assessment of mining impacts in Sierra Leone.
- A South American geologist working with a human rights organization seeks help obtaining and using the Surface Deformation Prediction System software from the US Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement to analyze subsidence risk.

Intelligence and Transhumanism (OpenGlobalRights)

» Egypt: Attacks on Academic Freedom Require Global Response (Scholars at Risk)

» Iran: Scholars at Risk Outlines Threats to Academic Freedom in Submission to the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (Scholars at Risk)

» Japanese Medical Science Federation to Investigate Involvement in Forced Sterilizations (The Mainichi)

» OSCE Alliance Against Trafficking Conference Explores How to Turn a Liability into an Asset (OSCE)

» Researchers at US Universities are Reportedly Helping China to Track its Citizens (Forbes)

» When Science is Put in the Service of Evil (Phys.org)

READING LIST

Discriminating Systems: Gender, Race, and Power in AI (AI Now Institute)
If you have relevant experience and are interested in donating your time with the human rights NGOs leading these projects, please email oncall@aaas.org for more information.

Intimidation and Persecution: Sudan’s Attacks on Peaceful Protesters and Physicians (Physicians for Human Rights)

States’ Human Rights Obligations in the Context of Climate Change - 2019 Update (The Global Initiative)

Latent Influence Networks in Global Environmental Politics (PLOS ONE)

Violence and Mortality in the Northern Rakhine State of Myanmar, 2017 (The Lancet)

RESOURCES
Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations

Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights

Bibliography: Science and Human Rights

Science and Human Rights Campus Event Toolkit

See more resources »