



AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting

**January 31 – February 1, 2013
Washington, D.C.**

This meeting of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition will focus on the intersections between children’s rights, science and technology. Participants will learn about the rights of children set out in international declarations and treaties, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and how this approach differs from others with which scientists, engineers and health professionals who study or work with children may be more familiar. Panels and workshops will explore cutting edge issues including: new opportunities and challenges for research on children’s rights; urgent children’s rights issues in the United States on which science and technology could have an impact; the positive and negative effects of the Internet for protecting children’s rights; and the implications of children’s rights for research ethics and professional responsibility.

Planning the July 2013 Coalition Meeting

Haskins

What tools and topics would you like to learn about and discuss at the next Coalition meeting? Have your say on the agenda for the July 2013 Coalition meeting.

Facilitator: **Theresa Harris**, AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program

2:00 p.m. Working Group Meetings (*concurrent*)

In keeping with the Coalition's commitment to action and measurable outcomes, Coalition members and affiliates contribute to one of five working groups. Through these meetings, working groups will take stock of progress made and, together with new and potential members, will continue work toward their objectives for 2013.

Welfare of Scientists

Room 700, 7th Floor

This working group is devoted to the protection and defense of scientists and engineers under threat and will work to increase the effectiveness of professional societies in defending the human rights of our colleagues.

Co-Chairs: **Alec Greer**, Committee of Concerned Scientists
Juan Gallardo, American Physical Society

Ethics and Human Rights

Revelle

This working group is devoted to fostering appreciation among scientists, engineers and professional associations for the relevance of human rights to ethical standards, the conduct of science, the applications of science and technology, and human research protections.

Co-chairs: **Robert Albro**, American Anthropological Association
Douglas Richardson, Association of American Geographers

Service to the STEM Community

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This working group is devoted to building the commitment and capacity of professional associations to contribute meaningfully to human rights issues and activities, including through the application of their discipline's tools and techniques.

Co-chairs: **Clinton Anderson**, American Psychological Association
Margaret Vitullo, American Sociological Association

Service to the Human Rights Community

Abelson

This working group is devoted to bridging the scientific, engineering and human rights communities with the aim of encouraging and facilitating the greater engagement of scientists and engineers in efforts to advance human rights.

Co-chairs: **Brian Gran**, American Sociological Association
Susan Hinkins, American Statistical Association
Patricia van Arnum, Affiliated Individual

Education and Information Resources

Room 207

This working group is devoted to producing a variety of accessible information materials for the promotion and support of collaboration between scientists, engineers and human rights practitioners.

Co-chairs: **Mark V. Frezzo**, Sociologists Without Borders
Sam McFarland, Affiliated Individual

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Workshops (*concurrent*)

Introduction to Science, Technology and Human Rights

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What is the human rights framework that guides the Science and Human Rights Coalition? This session will provide an introduction to the international human rights framework, giving special attention to the connections of human rights to science and technology.

Presenter: **Jessica Wyndham**, AAAS

Children's Rights in the United States

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This session will explore human rights issues confronting children in the United States, such as equitable education, juvenile justice and access to health care. Speakers who are connecting their own work on behalf of children in the United States to the international human rights framework will discuss their experiences and the future possibilities they foresee.

Presenters: **Jonathan Todres**, Georgia State University College of Law
Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University

Moderator: **Robin Kimbrough-Melton**, American Orthopsychiatric Association

5:30 p.m. Reception

2nd Floor

6:30 p.m. Evening Plenary: Children's Rights in Scientific Research

Auditorium

Research involving children poses a special set of ethical questions, asking scientists to consider how to promote the best interests of children as a group while protecting them as individual research subjects. Similar questions arise in human rights: for example, a child's right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress informs and intersects with, but may at times conflict with, the right to informed consent and the right to actively participate in research that addresses children's rights. This plenary session will explore these questions and identify ways in which the two approaches may expand and strengthen each other.

Presenters: **Michael D. A. Freeman**, Faculty of Laws, University College London
Eric Kodish, Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care, Cleveland Clinic
Gary Melton, University of Colorado School of Medicine
Maya Sabatello, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

Moderator: **Jerry A. Menikoff**, Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services

Friday, February 1

9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **Workshops** (*concurrent*)

Human Rights Committees and Affinity Groups in Your Society

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Are you thinking about starting a human rights committee within your society? Maybe your association has had an affinity group for many years and is looking for a new direction. Learn from colleagues at this interactive, cross-disciplinary roundtable discussion. Coalition leaders who have experience creating or working with human rights committees and affinity groups in their own associations will share examples and offer mentorship.

Presenters: **Bradley Miller**, American Chemical Society
 Margaret W. Vitullo, American Sociological Association

Moderator: **Theresa Harris**, AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program

Children's Rights Online

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This session will address issues related to the Internet and children's rights. Speakers will explore the opportunities new technologies offer for advancing children's rights, as well as the unique concerns for children involved in online communications. Examples include: use of the Internet by, and to stop, child traffickers; cyber bullying; online forums that reconnect children with their families after conflict or disaster; the tension between freedom of expression and the desire to protect children from harmful material online; and the impact of the Internet on children's access to education and public participation.

Presenters: **Emma Llansó**, Center for Democracy and Technology
 Mark Latonero, Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership & Policy,
 University of Southern California

Moderator: **Liepa Gust**, American Orthopsychiatric Association

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. **Closing Plenary: Researching Children's Rights: Innovations, Opportunities
and Responsibilities**

Auditorium

The children's rights framework relies heavily on monitoring and evaluation, and consequently, on scientific research and analysis. At the same time, the focus on children as rights holders and the necessity of their involvement suggests different approaches to researching children's rights issues. A cross-disciplinary panel of researchers will discuss their work at the forefront of human rights, including the opportunities and challenges involved.

Presenters: **Thomas Parsons**, International Commission on Missing Persons
 Yvonne Rafferty, Pace University
 Ian M. Kysel, American Civil Liberties Union

Moderator: **Lauren Fasig**, American Psychological Association

12:45 p.m. Wrap Up

Auditorium

Remarks: **Jessica M. Wyndham**, AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Post-meeting Events

1:00 p.m. Council Lunch (*invitation only*)

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2:00 p.m. Council Meeting (*invitation only*)

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