

COALITION CALENDAR

July 27-28: Coalition Meeting | Article 15 – the Right to Science

[Registration is now open!](#) The Coalition meeting will focus on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. Presentations will include updates on the Coalition's project to better define this right in international human rights discourse and opportunities for future involvement of Coalition members. Confirmed speakers include Mikel Mancisidor of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Competitions Winners Announced

Congratulations to Miriam Aczel (Imperial College London) and Church Lieu (California State–Los Angeles), winners of the 2017 student essay competition, and to Vivekanand Vimal (Brandeis University), winner of the Coalition's first digital media competition! Thank you to everyone who served as a judge for the competitions. More details about the winners are available [here](#) and [here](#).

Work of Forensic Anthropology in Human Rights Highlighted by AAAS

AAAS MemberCentral recently profiled the [work](#) of 2016 student essay competition winner Julie Fleischman, a Ph.D. anthropology candidate at Michigan State University, whose research in forensic anthropology supports human rights efforts in Cambodia. Fleischman used her training in anatomy and anthropology as part of a team charged with cleaning, preserving, and analyzing skeletal remains from the mass graves of the victims of the Khmer Rouge regime under which nearly two million people were killed between 1975 and 1979. Her work focused on one site in Choeng Ek, and it helped establish the age and gender of the victims as well how they were killed. Her experience showed how scientific evidence plays a crucial role in putting forth an account of what happened, which then can be used as part of efforts to prevent mass violence and similar atrocities.

ASA Provides Update on Prosecuted Statistician

The American Statistical Association (ASA), through its Committee on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights, provided an [update](#) on Dr. Andreas Georgiou, who became president of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) in August 2010, where he was responsible for producing public finance data on the Greek economy. In providing that data, which included an assessment of Greece's budget deficit, he was subject to criminal and civil charges for slander, criminal complicity against the state, and violation-of-duty charges. He was acquitted in May 2017 of the charge of complicity against the state, which included allegations that he had artificially inflated the size of Greece's budget deficit. This was the second time he was acquitted of those charges, but the state can further appeal. He is also now facing a [second trial](#), scheduled for later in July, for a charge of violation-of-duty, a charge of which he had been acquitted in December 2016. The ASA notes that his data have been accepted many times since 2010 by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

SRCD Journal Publishes Research on Resilience of Refugee Adolescents

Child Development, a journal of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), recently published an [article](#) that highlighted validated measures for assessing resilience in conflict settings. In particular, the article highlighted the Child and Youth Resilience Measure (CYRM) that was developed and tested in Jordan with Syrian refugees and Jordanian host-community adolescents. The study found that in assessing individual, family, and community-level dimensions of resilience, the CYRM is a useful measure for research and practice with refugee and host-community youth.

APA Underscores Importance of the Human Right to Psychological Science

In a recent [article](#) in its member newsletter, *Psychology International*, the American Psychological

Association (APA) highlighted its support for and the importance of the recent March for Science, held in April, to underscore the importance of the right to psychological science and the role of psychologists in promoting human rights.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Call for Comments: Performance Indicators for the International Criminal Court

The [International Criminal Court \(ICC\) Forum](#), an online discussion hosted by the UCLA School of Law's Human Rights Project in collaboration with the ICC Office of the Prosecutor, invites comments from experts regarding the ICC's performance indicators. What are appropriate ways to measure the ICC's progress towards its goals? How can the performance of the ICC as a whole be properly assessed?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Work at AAAS – Director, Center of Science, Policy and Society Programs

AAAS is [hiring](#) a Director for the Center of Science, Policy and Society Programs (one of which is the AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program). The Director will lead this AAAS Center in supporting the AAAS mission, with an emphasis on advocating for and contributing to activities that focus on the intersection of science and policy, as well as science and societal interest. Applications are due by July 30, 2017.

Call for Articles: Mental Health and Well-Being in Human Rights

The *openGlobalRights* blog has launched an online [debate](#) on the role of mental health and well-being in human rights. Authors conducting research in related areas are invited to submit articles between 700-1,000 words. Please contact Theresa Harris (tharris@aaas.org) if you would like to discuss an idea for an article before submission.

Aug. 21: Submission for Special Issue on Business and Human Rights

The *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* invites [submissions](#) for a special issue on research methods related to business and human rights (BHR) to be published in 2018. The special issue will focus on the interdisciplinary potential of BHR research by inviting contributions that develop new methods for research and analysis or pragmatically apply methods across academic disciplines.

Aug. 31: Call for Manuscripts: Human Rights and Infectious Diseases

A new cross-journal article collection in [BMC International Health and Human Rights](#) and [BMC Infectious Diseases](#) is looking to highlight studies that illuminate human rights infringements as structural determinants of infectious diseases, including sexually transmitted infections. This includes epidemiologic studies, interventional outcomes leveraging implementation research, implementation research methods, mathematical modeling studies, and qualitative study of the contexts in which infectious disease programs are being implemented. Research to be considered for inclusion can be submitted directly to [BMC International Health and Human Rights](#) and [BMC Infectious Diseases](#) or you can email presubmission inquiries to Philippa.Harris@biomedcentral.com

Sept. 1: AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility

The AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility is presented annually by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions have fostered scientific freedom and responsibility. More information about how to make a nomination is available [here](#).

Sept. 28-29: Human Rights and the Arctic

The seventh [Human Rights and Science Symposium](#), hosted by the Council of Finnish Academies, will discuss the human rights dimension in Arctic studies. The focal themes revolve around the rights of indigenous peoples, preconditions of scientific research in the Arctic, and the human rights

perspectives in research and utilization of natural resources. While the program on September 28 is only for European science academy representatives, the event on September 29 is open to the public.

Nov. 5-17: Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Certificate Program

The [Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma's](#) (HPRT) Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Certificate Program is [seeking applicants](#). The training program offers a cultural and scientific learning experience to address the needs of traumatized persons or communities worldwide. The course involves a two-week learning program in Italy followed by five months of collaborative online learning. Certificates of completion are awarded by HPRT and the Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education.

SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

US Supreme Court Partially Reinstates Travel Ban

In late June, the US Supreme Court [partially lifted](#) the injunction on President Trump's ban on entry for nationals of six Muslim-majority countries, allowing it to take effect except for in the cases of "foreign nationals who have a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States." The ruling indicates that students admitted to US universities, workers with job offers from US companies and lecturers with invitations to address US audiences all would qualify as having such a "bona fide relationship," and therefore would not be subject to the reinstated travel ban. The Court will [later hear arguments](#) in October about President Trump's executive order barring travel for 90 days for nationals of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Syrian Political Scientist's Asylum Petition Mired by Definition of Terrorist Groups

Radwan Ziadeh, a political scientist of and previous fellow at Harvard, Georgetown, and the United States Institute of Peace, has been [denied a request](#) for political asylum in the US on the basis he provided "material support" to Syrian groups that the government considered undesignated terrorist organizations. At issue is a series of conferences he organized from November 2012 to May 2013 to discuss a democratic transition in Syria. Among those invited to the workshops, held in Istanbul, were self-described commanders in a loose confederation of rebel groups called the Free Syrian Army as well as political leaders affiliated with the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood, two groups supported by the US government. His case underscores gaps in US immigration law and foreign policy.

United Nations Committee Recommends US Action on Child Trafficking

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, as part of its formal review of the US under two of the optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, has [recommended](#) that the US take further action to combat child trafficking. Some key shortcomings that the US was recommended to address were: insufficient data collection and evidence-based research; lack of evaluation of training programs; underaddressing labor tracking; lack of primary prevention focus and efforts; and insufficient attention to address issues for refugees and migrant children.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Applying Modeling for Mapping Hidden Graves in Mexico

A recent [article](#) in *Science* chronicled the work of the Human Rights Program at Ibero-American University in Mexico, which is part of team that is identifying and documenting hidden graves in that country. The number of hidden graves have escalated due to increased drug violence. The team built a model using data from municipalities where hidden graves were reported in the media from 2013 to 2016 and classified each according to 35 geographic and socioeconomic variables, including murder rate, average level of education, and distance to the US border. The model then found municipalities with similar characteristics and determined the likelihood of whether they would contain hidden graves.

NASA Scientist Imprisoned in Turkey

A recent [article](#) in *Foreign Policy* details the imprisonment in Turkey of Serkan Golge, a Turkish-American who until last year was a senior research scientist at NASA, studying the effects of space radiation on humans in advance of an eventual mission to Mars.

NEW REPORTS AND RESOURCES

Nuremburg Betrayed: Human Experimentation and the CIA Torture Program

Physicians for Human Rights has issued a new [report](#) that examines the US Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) enhanced interrogation program used on US detainees following the September 1, 2001 terrorist attacks in the US. The report concludes that the CIA program rested on the flawed claim that torture could be useful in overcoming a person's resistance to interrogation and in facilitating the collection of intelligence.

PEOPLE

Ali Arab, a representative to the Coalition Council for the American Statistical Association, has been elected by the membership of Amnesty International USA to serve a three-year term on that organization's Board of Directors.

Joel Ericson joined the Secretariat staff at AAAS on July 10. Joel is taking on the responsibilities of former Program Assistant Ellen Platts, who will soon begin graduate studies in anthropology at the University of Maryland.

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