UCI HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM: CALL FOR MEMBERS

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<u>The Program in Human Rights will be a network to coordinate human rights-related</u> <u>education, research, and events at UCI.</u> A Human Rights Program will allow UCI to participate as a core member in the UC-wide Human Rights Initiative. Also the network will serve as a basis for referrals in response to increasingly frequent external inquiries from academic colleagues, media, community, and foundations. This year, the program will be sponsored financially by the Dean of Social Sciences, in the form of a membership contribution to the Human Rights Initiative.

WE WANT YOU—TO JOIN, REFER OTHERS, AND PARTICIPATE; HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING ARE NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER!

Activities: The Human Rights Program will coordinate:

--graduate education referrals and fellowships (through the UC-wide Initiative)

--invitations of network participants to human rights-related events sponsored by all members at UCI, and coordination with events on other UC campuses via the Initiative

--cross-listing of undergraduate human rights courses provided by members

--exchange of information on members' current research and activities, via a web site

--listing of UCI on the UC-wide Web site (a project of the Human Rights Initiative)

<u>Structure</u>: In order to maximize participation without duplicating existing structures, the program will be composed of individual faculty affiliates and institutional "program partners."

- 1) To foster open but meaningful participation, individual faculty affiliates will be selected on the basis of interest *plus* evidence that they have taught a course or published research on human rights during the last five years. The sole membership requirement for individual affiliates is to provide full and timely information on their courses, events, and research on a quarterly basis, either via attendance at a quarterly meeting or e-mail.
- 2) Institutional program partners commit to disseminating members' information, listing their own human rights-related activities and inviting all members, and periodically co-sponsoring some human rights events or activities of network members as appropriate and feasible.

MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS:

Director: ALISON BRYSK, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, is UCI's representative to the system-wide Human Rights Initiative Steering Committee. She sits on the Executive Boards of the International Studies Association Human Rights Section, the Human Rights Portal Project of the Human Experience Coalition, and UCI's Center for Citizen Peace-Building. Brysk is the Book Review Editor for H-Net Human Rights. She is a member of UCI's International Studies Program, CGPACS, and the Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality. In 2007, she received the Distinguished Mid-Career Research Award of the UCI Faculty Senate for writing and editing six books on various aspects of human rights. She offers an annual upper-division course, "International Human Rights," which is listed in the Political Science and International Studies programs.

Program Partners

-the International Studies Program,
-the Center for Citizen Peace-building,
-the Center for the Study of Law and Society,
-the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs,
-the Law School,
-the UCI Humanities Center.

(invited):

--the Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality, --Global Peace and Conflict Studies.

Faculty Affiliates

Scott Bollens, Social Ecology Alison Brysk, Political Science Daniel Brunstetter, Political Science Susan Coutin, Social Ecology Theo Goldberg, UCHRI Aaron James, Philosophy Katherine Liu, Media Studies Kevin Olson, Political Science Tony Smith, Political Science Jeff Wasserstrom, History (invited).