2015 Human Rights Awards Reception

Thursday, December 10th
Gold Room, Rayburn House Office Building

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Hosted by the Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr. - Virginia’s 8th District
and
The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area
“Amid large-scale atrocities and widespread abuses across the world, Human Rights Day should rally more concerted global action to promote the timeless principles that we have collectively pledged to uphold.

In a year that marks the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, we can draw inspiration from the history of the modern human rights movement, which emerged from the Second World War.

At that time, President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States identified four basic freedoms as the birthright of all people: freedom of expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. His wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, joined forces at the United Nations with human rights champions from around the world to enshrine these freedoms in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Today’s extraordinary challenges can be seen – and addressed – through the lens of the four freedoms.

First: freedom of expression, which is denied to millions of people and increasingly under threat. We must defend, preserve and expand democratic practices and space for civil society. That is essential to lasting stability.

Second: freedom of worship. Around the world, terrorists have hijacked religion, betraying its spirit by killing in its name. Others are targeting religious minorities and exploiting fears for political gain. In response, we must promote respect for diversity based on the fundamental equality of all people and the right to freedom of religion.

Third: freedom from want still plagues so much of humankind. World leaders in September adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the aim of ending poverty and enabling all people to live in dignity on a peaceful, healthy planet. Now we must do everything possible to realize this vision.

Fourth: freedom from fear. Millions of refugees and internally displaced persons are a tragic product of the failure to fulfil this freedom. Not since the Second World War have so many people been forced to flee their homes. They run from war, violence and injustice across continents and oceans, often risking their lives. In response, we must not close but open doors and guarantee the right of all to seek asylum, without any discrimination. Migrants seeking an escape from poverty and hopelessness should also enjoy their fundamental human rights.

Today we reaffirm our commitment to protecting human rights as the foundation of our work. This is the spirit of the UN’s Human Rights up Front initiative, which aims to prevent and respond to large-scale violations.

On Human Rights Day, let us recommit to guaranteeing the fundamental freedoms and protecting the human rights of all.”
WELCOME
Ambassador Donald T. Bliss (Retired)
President, United Nations Association of the National Capital Area

PRESENTATION OF THE UNA-NCA LOUIS B. SOHN HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD
Ambassador Mark P. Lagon (Retired), President, Freedom House
Presented by Ms. Elisa Massimino, President & CEO, Human Rights First

PRESENTATION OF THE UNA-NCA PERDITA HUSTON HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD
Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast, Senior Gender Advisor, United States Institute of Peace
Presented by Dr. Nora Dudwick, Director of Gender and Social Inclusion, Millennium Challenge Corporation

PRESENTATION OF THE UNA-NCA F. ALLEN “TEX” HARRIS HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY AWARD
Dr. Wesley Reisser, Senior Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, International Organization Affairs Bureau, United States Department of State
Presented by Ms. Bathsheba Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs

PRESENTATION OF THE UNA-NCA DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD
Martha’s Table
Accepted by Ms. Patty Stonesifer, President & CEO
Presented by Mr. David C. Simmons, Chief Administrative Law Judge, District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights

CLOSING REMARKS
Ms. Paula Boland
Executive Director, United Nations Association of the National Capital Area

The following distinguished leaders join UNA-NCA in honoring tonight’s awardees in the field of human rights.

Ms. Goli Ameri  
President & Interim CEO, Center for Global Engagement

Ms. Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini  
Co-Founder & Executive Director, ICAN

Dr. Anthony C. Arend  
Director, Master of Science in Foreign Service Program, Georgetown University

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Partner, National Security and Public International Law Practices, Arnold & Porter, LLP

Representative Donald S. Beyer, Jr.  
Member of the US House of Representatives from Virginia’s 8th District

Dr. Susan Bissell  
Director a.i., The New Global Partnership – ending violence against children, UNICEF

Mr. Mark Bromley  
Council Chair, Council for Global Equality

Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat  
President, Women in International Security

Delegation of the European Union to the United States

Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky  
Senior Fellow, The Future of Diplomacy Project, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

Representative Sam Farr  
Member of the US House of Representatives from California's 20th District

Ms. Karla Koppell,  
Chief Strategy Officer, US Agency for International Development

Representative Barbara Lee  
Member of the US House of Representatives from California’s 13th District

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President, U.S. Institute of Peace

Ambassador Michael Guest  
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Member of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts' 2nd Congressional District

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Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States

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Ambassador, President and CEO of World Learning

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UNA-NCA LOUIS B. SOHN HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

1997 – Professor Louis B. Sohn
1998 – Father Robert Drinan
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2001 – Representative Tom Lantos and Annette Lantos
2002 – U.S. Ambassador Robert E. White
2003 – Sister Alice Zachmann
2004 – U.S. Ambassador Philip C. Wilcox
2005 – Mr. Leonard Rubenstein
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2007 – Reverend Joseph Eldridge
2008 – Dr. Gay Mcdougall
2009 – Dr. Thoraya Obaid
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2011 – Ms. Zainab Salbi
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UNA-NCA F. ALLEN “TEX” HARRIS HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY AWARD

2013 – Mr. F. Allen “Tex” Harris
2014 – Ms. Suzanne Nossel

UNA-NCA DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

2014 – Ms. Terri Lee Freeman

on behalf of
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region

Mark P. Lagon is President of Freedom House. From 2010 through 2014, Lagon was the Chair for Global Politics and Security at Georgetown University’s Master of Science in Foreign Service Program, and Adjunct Senior Fellow for Human Rights at the Council on Foreign Relations. He was previously Executive Director and CEO of the leading anti-human trafficking nonprofit, Polaris. He earlier served at the State Department as U.S. Ambassador at Large, directing the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, from 2007 to 2009. He was previously Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, with responsibility for human rights, humanitarian issues and United Nations reform.

Lagon received both his M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University, and an A.B. from Harvard University. He is the author of numerous articles on international affairs and co-editor of the recently released book *Human Dignity and the Future of Global Institutions.*
The UN’s vital – if not fully sufficient – work on human rights and rule of law is not limited to the resolutions, rapporteurs and review by peers of the Human Rights Council. It's not limited to the work of the General Assembly – from Third Committee resolutions like Canada’s on Iran to the funding of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. It's not limited to work of the Security Council where rights and atrocities abut questions of peace and security. The UN’s goals and work on development are intimately connected to and dependent on matters of human rights and rule of law.

Without state support for fair and democratic institutions, development is quite simply unsustainable. All people deserve to live in a stable, safe environment where laws are indiscriminate and enforced justly. Even when our trust in democracy is waning, “honest and responsive government” was still one of the top four development priorities identified by over 7 million people worldwide in the U.N.’s 2014 My World survey. This is why UN endeavors to promote human rights are significant. The inclusion of Goal 16 – which promotes access to justice and the importance of rule of law – in the new Sustainable Development Goals is one recent example of an important step forward.

Notwithstanding a desire by some countries to strike Goal 16 from the SDGs entirely, the UN’s Open Working Group was able to agree to include it, which in many ways represents a worthy stride in the global development community’s conception of the importance of rule of law and global governance in achieving their own objectives.

Economic and political development are only possible through providing everyone with basic human rights, which occurs when governments are held accountable.

So the world, and especially the 193 countries who committed to the Sustainable Development Goals in early October, have a stake in building upon Goal 16. Implementing concrete benchmarks for rule of law, social inclusion and access to justice are integral in holding said governments accountable. If we are serious about achieving sustainable development globally, an emphasis on supporting civil society and creating institutions that respond to citizens’ demands should be prioritized.

Since its independence, Kenya has grown into East Africa’s largest economy, with ambitions to become a middle-income country by 2030. But Kenya's democracy and civil society are being threatened by attempts to gut 2013 legislation largely protecting NGOs, which play important roles in Kenya’s civil society – not only do they provide ways for citizens to self-organize, they promote good governance and enable social progress. This pressure on NGOs in Kenya is just one example of how governments attempt to restrict civil society space.

In Qatar, home to U.S. Central Command’s Forward Headquarters and the Combined Air Operations Center, migrant workers die while at work, have been known to suffer unimaginable human rights abuses at the hands of their employers, and are often forced into involuntary servitude after willingly migrating to the country. Though Qatar has made massive gains in economic development since the 1970s, these advances are tainted by the blatant denial of dignity to those who go there seeking honest work. Rule of law and human rights are necessary to people thriving more.

Thus in a time when faith in democratic institutions is plummeting, it is now more important than ever to reinforce their importance to development and the spread of equity. With the inclusion of Goal 16 in the SDGs, the UN is taking steps toward doing that.
Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast is the senior gender advisor at the U.S. Institute of Peace, where she has worked since 2008. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. As a socio-cultural anthropologist, Kuehnast has focused on the different gendered impacts of violence and conflict on both men and women. In addition, her efforts have focused on the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325, including the critical role women should play in all aspects of peacebuilding. In this capacity, Kuehnast co-edited the volume, “Women and War: Power and Protection in the 21st Century” (2011). She has been a part of the international vanguard of introducing the concept of engaging men in conflict countries in the championing of women’s rights. Prior to USIP, Kuehnast worked 15 years in the international development field, primarily with the World Bank, where her role as a senior social scientist included research and project management on the thematic streams of women and poverty, social capital and community driven development in fragile and post-conflict societies. Kuehnast’s regional expertise is Central Asia, where she lived for several years in the post-Soviet country of Kyrgyzstan completing her doctoral dissertation research, which resulted in a number of publications on the impact of post-Soviet transition on Muslim women, including the co-edited volume, “Post-Soviet Women Encountering Transition: Nation Building, Economic Survival, and Civic Activism” (2004). Dr. Kuehnast is a recipient of the post-doctorate Mellon Foreign Fellowship at the Library of Congress, and also a former post-doctorate Kennan Institute Fellow at the Wilson Center. Kuehnast holds a doctorate in socio-cultural anthropology from the University of Minnesota.
Why Gender Equality is Integral to Sustainable Peace

By Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast
Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace

Nothing changes a society faster than war. Not only does it affect the political and economic landscape, it also reshapes the roles for men and women during and after conflict. Yet rarely do we consciously leverage this upheaval to create more gender-equal societies for the peace that we hope will follow, and for a peace that is more likely to last. Research has begun to shed light on this question. The WomenStats project from Texas A&M has for example established a correlation between a country’s gender equality quotient and its relative level of peacefulness.

Up until a few decades ago when it came to war, we only saw conflict through the eyes of men. Or as filmmaker Abby Disney describes the male-only view of war as if a camera was mounted on John Wayne’s helmet and focused only on the ensuing battle. But 15 years ago, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1325, which recognized the serious impacts of war on women. Not only should protections be in place to protect women from gender and sexual violence, but that they must play an integral and active role in building sustainable peace. And though 1325 has brought a more holistic understanding of the impacts of war, women still remain notably absent when peace treaties are being shaped and signed. This is a gap in our peace processes that needs urgent attention.

No doubt rewriting gender equality into peace and security institutions will take years. Nevertheless, there is incremental progress. Globally we have finally begun to take seriously that women (and men) are often victims of wartime sexual violence. In other words, that conflict-related sexual violence is, in fact, a criminal act. No longer do policymakers and military generals brush off that rape is some sort of entitlement for the victors of war. We recognize it is a devastating crime against humanity that cannot be tolerated.

Another important shift underway is that we recognize that gender is not another name for women, but that men are also gendered beings. Men must be a part of the change on gender equality. Men must be integral to helping to solve the global epidemic of gender-based violence. Although it is accurate that much of the violence around the world is committed by men, nevertheless, it is actually very few men who commit violence compared to the many who just remain silent about the violence.

Research by neurobiologists like Dr. Deborah Niehoff (The Biology of Violence) suggests that ultimately violence is not “hardwired” into the male species. Such science is helping us understand how early we learn and reinforce violence in boys as a part of their male identity. Indeed, if violence isn’t hardwired – and if sexual violence in war is neither inevitable nor ubiquitous -- possibilities open up for society to solve human problems without resorting to violence.

Where the culture of violence has become the norm for solving social issues, another gender question also needs to be asked on how to help young men “unlearn violence”? The United Nations Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zainab Bangura explains that it is not enough to take the guns out of the hands of young men at the end of war; instead we have to take the guns out of their minds. In Afghanistan, working with local partners, USIP is committed to helping to end violence there through an effort to engage men around the concept of creating peaceful narratives about manhood. Indeed, this is another approach toward gender equality.

Given that war is a violent social process that changes every facet of how a society is organized, peace treaties can offer a critical entry point for integrating gender equality norms into the new social framework. This can only occur when both men and women are creating and securing the peace together. This is the way forward in the 21st Century. Sustainable peace is a whole of society effort. Where gender equality is reached and sustained, peace will follow.
Dr. Wesley Reisser

Wesley Reisser is a member of the State Department’s civil service, where he has spent the past thirteen years working mostly on Middle Eastern issues, first serving as the Consular Desk Officer for Israel, Egypt, Yemen, and the UAE, and then as a Desk Officer in the Office of Israel & Palestinian Affairs, and currently as the Senior Foreign Affairs Officer in the International Organizations (IO) Bureau’s Office of Human Rights & Humanitarian Affairs. While serving in IO, Dr. Reisser has had a range of responsibilities including work on Israeli-Palestinian issues, human rights in Iran, Syria, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and Libya, Palestinian refugees, and creating a policy on promoting the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

Dr. Reisser holds a Bachelor’s Degree, Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, in International Affairs and History from the George Washington University, and a Master’s Degree in Geography from the same institution. In 2010, he completed a Ph.D. in Geography from UCLA with a dissertation on American border proposals and peacemaking efforts following World War I. Dr. Reisser is a professor of Geography at the George Washington University where he teaches courses on political geography and energy resources. He is a regular lecturer on Middle East Geography, Multilateral Diplomacy, and Middle East Peace at the State Department’s Foreign Service Institute. His first book, “The Black Book: Woodrow Wilson’s Secret Plan for Peace” was published in April, 2012. His second book, “Energy Resources: From Science to Society” is scheduled for release in 2016. In 2013, Dr. Reisser was elected a National Councilor and Fellow of the American Geographical Society. Besides his professional work, in 2011 Dr. Reisser founded a Central and Eastern European dance group in DC called Carpathia Folk Dance Ensemble, and he is the 2007 National Geography Bowl Champion.

Partnering with Civil Society in the Pursuit of Human Rights

By Dr. Wesley Reisser
Senior Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, International Organization Affairs Bureau, U.S. Department of State

As we take stock of the renewed U.S. engagement on human rights at the UN over the past seven years, I am struck by one factor that has certainly played a central role in this pivot and in our successes over these years – the extensive partnership between the State Department and American civil society in promoting human rights at the UN. In the bilateral arena, the United States government has worked hand-in-hand for a long time with civil society groups abroad to promote human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, among many other priorities. At the UN, for a long time, this meant primarily fighting for the right of NGOs to attend and speak at various multilateral fora.

However, following the U.S. decision to engage at the UN Human Rights Council in 2009, a further step was taken; one that must continue to be at the forefront of our human rights engagement. This was the decision to open a genuine, robust and regularized dialogue with American and international civil society on what issues we should pursue at the various UN human rights fora. We have always taken seriously the importance of keeping civil society abreast of our priorities, but we now have taken the added step of regular dialogues with NGOs not only to discuss these priorities, but to seek ideas on future initiatives.

The relationship goes two ways, as we are also engaging with civil society to lobby on behalf of tough resolutions where we need outside support. American and international civil society groups have a key role to play in pressing other countries, especially democracies, to support important human rights votes at the UN. Often, nations in the global south seek out the safety of bloc positions rather than standing up for human rights. These governments must hear not only from the U.S. and our allies, but also from their own people that they must take the right position. Unfortunately, civil society organizations in many countries remain unaware of the role their governments play at the UN. Together, we can empower these voices and ensure that emerging democracies work together with the United States and our close partners to promote and protect human rights.

I look forward, as do my colleagues at the Department, to continued close engagement with the myriad civil society groups that follow our work at the UN. Even though the United States will be off the Council in 2016, we will remain a critical voice within the UN system for human freedoms like LGBTI rights – and we will continue to deepen our ongoing dialogue with NGOs and other civil society groups about the state of play for these rights. We won’t agree every time on what to pursue and how to get there, but these frank and open discussions must continue. After all, as your representatives to the United Nations, we owe it to our citizens to continue this close cooperation going forward.
At Martha’s Table, we believe in the power of community – a strong community. For over 35 years, we have offered a continuum of support — through which we offer access to healthy food and quality education — in order to strengthen the lives of children and their families, and build stronger, healthier communities.

**Healthy Start:**
Our Healthy Start program provides nationally accredited, high-quality early education programming and the health and life supports to ensure a great start for children from 3 months to 13 years of age. In addition, we offer dedicated out-of-school time for early childhood and elementary age children, offering activities and academic support for our older students. Our Healthy Start program is also complemented by a critical family component, which engages parents in their child's success.

**Healthy Eating:**
Through our Healthy Eating program, we make it possible for individuals and families to access healthy and fresh food that would otherwise be too expensive or out of reach.

We believe it is vital that we address both hunger and nutrition by utilizing the most effective strategies that lead to the best health outcomes. This is the goal of our Healthy Eating Program, which includes our Joyful Food Markets in D.C. elementary schools; our lobby market at our 14th Street site and at community locations; McKenna’s Wagon, our daily mobile food truck which serves homeless and hungry residents in downtown D.C.; and the healthy meals and snacks served to students in our on-site educational programs.

**Healthy Connections:**
As young people progress through middle school, high school, and college, we support youth with service, leadership and work opportunities as they mature as learners, leaders, and earners. At the same time, we work with the parents of our Healthy Start students to become family visionaries and leaders on their family's path toward a self-defined vision of success, and also provide ongoing support services into adulthood -- for example, through free clothing and housewares from our thrift store, Martha's Outfitters.
Providing Meaningful Access to Quality Food

By Ms. Patty Stonesifer
President and CEO, Martha’s Table

This October, we celebrated World Food Day – a day of action against hunger, where people around the world come together to declare their commitment to eliminating hunger. And while many often think of hunger and food insecurity (the inability to access a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food) as foreign challenges, it’s critical to note that these are issues that affect us here in the US and—more specifically—here in the District of Columbia.

Food insecurity is a major issue for DC children and families. According to a new report released by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), one in six in 6 DC households—15.9% of survey respondents—reported in 2014 that they struggled to afford enough food for their households. Feeding America notes that 30.5% of DC children live in a food insecure household.

At Martha’s Table, we know what meaningful access to quality food looks like. It looks like the grocery store where those of us who have a choice choose to shop. It’s a joyful environment of ample choice, with food demonstrations and nutrition knowledge at every corner.

And in an effort to provide this type of access to families all over the city, we’ve launched a new initiative called Joyful Food Markets, in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank. Joyful Food Markets are free, monthly grocery markets in which students and their families can shop for up to 23 pounds of fresh produce and non-perishable groceries per enrolled student.

Joyful Food Markets are upbeat and enjoyable, and you’ll feel that positive energy from the moment you step into a market. Families are surrounded by lively music, they taste fresh-cooked food samples that they can recreate at home (using the food available at that month’s market), and they can watch their kids enjoying the ‘Kids Cooking Corner,’ where they learn to make everything from spinach smoothies to kale chips. And while we aim for the market experience to be joyful and fun, our overarching goal is to make certain that these children and families have access to healthy, nutritious food, as well as the nutrition knowledge necessary to ensure their health.

We’re not just providing families consistent access to healthy and nutritious food – we’re shifting practices towards healthy food, we’re encouraging young children to establish lifelong healthy eating habits, and we’re supporting schools in engaging children and their families on a regular basis.

Joyful Food Markets represent a unique partnership that ought to serve as a national model for how communities can tackle challenges. We’re uniting an entire community: the food sector, nonprofit organizations, health organizations, government, schools, and community members.

At Martha’s Table, we believe that strong children and strong families are the foundation of strong communities. And by providing families all over the city with increased access to and knowledge about healthy, nutritious and affordable food, we are not just strengthening the families who live in those areas—we are helping to make the communities themselves stronger.
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America's diplomacy must rest on this nation's core values.

"Human rights are the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights are the very soul of our sense of nationhood."

Jimmy Carter

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William Faulkner

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AIRSCHOTT is proud to celebrate Human Rights Day and pay tribute to each of this year’s honorees for their tireless work improving human rights for all.

“The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.”
Martin Luther King

On this International Human Rights Day 2015, we honor the individuals and organizations who carry on the work.

“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.”
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