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The Human Rights Institute
2021 continued grow ,
despite conditions
the pandemic which limited
In -person activities. conjunction
with the Kaschak Institute for
and Social Justice for Women
the Girls, hosted President
the -American Court
Human Rights, Judge Elizabeth
ber Odio Benito, for terrific talk
as 30 \Experiences a Judge
Three International Tribunals.
600 The talk drew over
and participants was broadcast

STATEMENT

: HRI's first working group began with a SUNY
Conversations in the Discipline grant and conference on Technologies

: The pandemic hindered follow-up activities to the bi-national reading group on Racialized Policing held in fall 2020. However, conversations amongst participants continue, and two BU faculty members are developing a conference and possible book project that builds on the reading group discussions.

2021 highlights include: meetings of subgroups (New York State Food Policy; Campus Food Security; Food Justice Reading Group on Research and Data Analysis; and Curriculum Development & Pedagogies around Food Justice); organizing a speakers' series at the nexus of food, racial, and environmental justice; conference presentations; grant writing and submission; participation on local and regional food policy coalitions; course-based community-engaged learning and research experiences; and established relationships with local Indigenous community members. Members of this working group also participated in the following conferences:

- “Just Food because it is Never Just Food.” 2021 Joint Annual Conference. Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS); Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS); Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS); The Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN). June 9-15. (Various Food Justice Working Group participants)
- “Let Us Dream: Ensuring Equity and Access for All.” 2021 Virtual Conference. November 19.
- Social Justice Panel: Supporting Food Justice and Immigration Rights (Organized by Brenton, Moderated by Imbruce)

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CURRICULUM

The Human Rights Institute submitted a proposal for HMRT 100: Human Rights to be taught by Dr. Cingranelli as a gateway course to the field and the minor. The course was approved and will be offered in Spring 2023.

In addition to cross-listing with other departments to provide essential courses for the HMRT minor and offering the portfolio course (HMRT 496) and internship, collaborative research and independent study courses each term, HRI offered its own courses in Winter and Summer sessions.

Thirteen students in Dr. Moore's spring 2021 course, HMRT 276, had their work published in the

COLLABORATIONS

We continued to nurture our partnerships with the Helena Kennedy Centre for International
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EVENTS

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Friday, November 5, 2021

A roundtable webinar featuring representatives of Upstream,

HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIPS

Nine Binghamton University undergraduate and graduate students took part in HRI internships in 2021. The placements included Human Rights Quarterly, HRI's own Human Rights Lab, the Broome Community Land Trust (now the Southern Door Community Land Trust), the American Civic Association, and the Refugee Hub at the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice at Sheffield Hallam University in England. Students worked on topics ranging from forced labor to refugee family reunification to housing rights to far right militias, and in the process they gained valuable experience in research and human rights practices.

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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

The goal of the CIRIGHTS data project is to generate numerical scores for the full range of human rights included in the International Bill of Human Rights using content analysis. Numerical scores measuring human rights are necessary to compare the human rights practices of different countries to develop and test theories of why states violate human rights, evaluate the human rights consequences of policy decisions, and determine whether government protection of various rights is improving or declining. The data generated by the activities of this project are widely used by policymakers.

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