

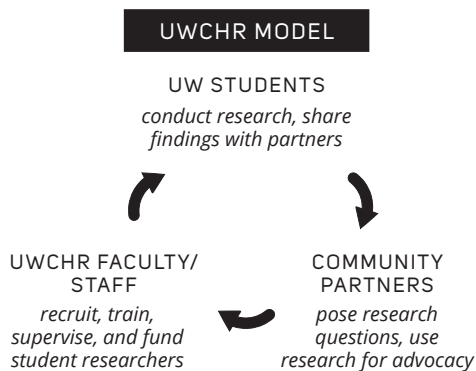


UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON CENTER *for* HUMAN RIGHTS

Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

The University of Washington Center for Human Rights (UWCHR) is dedicated to advancing human rights, locally and globally, while providing exceptional educational opportunities for students.



At UWCHR, graduate and undergraduate students alike have hands-on opportunities to partner with leading human rights practitioners and contribute to real-world social change. Students often go on to become leaders in the field and cite their involvement in the Center as pivotal in their careers. For organizations that partner with the Center, not only is their capacity enhanced by the cutting-edge expertise

of UW researchers, but the Center's outreach and educational efforts introduce human rights issues to new audiences. This collaboration ensures that UWCHR research has an on-the-ground impact, placing us at the nexus of education, engagement, and change.



Signing of the bill creating the Center for Human Rights.

SINCE 2009

UWCHR was established by an initiative of the Washington state legislature in 2009, following a decade of ambitious program-building on all three University of Washington campuses.

Housed within the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, **UWCHR is the only university-based human rights organization in the nation with a legal mandate to catalyze collaboration between academic researchers and frontline human rights advocates.**

CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

>> UWCHR has brought **seven Freedom of Information Act lawsuits** against U.S. government agencies, fighting for access to information used to investigate human rights issues.

>> The Center's FOIA research led to the **declassification of 400+ U.S. government documents** exposing human rights violations in El Salvador.

>> UWCHR has **funded over 85 students and awarded over \$1,821,037 to students** doing human rights research and projects.

>> UWCHR students have gone on to have **careers in academia, labor organizing, public interest law, medicine, government, journalism, and more.**

>> In 2020, the ACLU of Washington **recognized the UWCHR with the William O. Douglas Lifetime Achievement Award** for outstanding and sustained contributions to the cause of civil liberties and freedom.

>> UWCHR steering committee member and project leader **Chandan Reddy was named a 2023 "Freedom Scholar"** by the Marguerite Casey Foundation.

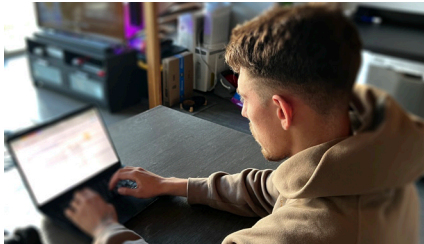
>> Research from UWCHR, in partnership with local immigrant rights groups, **contributed to the 2019 pause of deportation flights from King County's Boeing Field.**

>> Research by faculty leaders from the Center's Rethinking Punishment project **aided in the 2018 WA State Supreme Court ruling to end the death penalty.**



CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH AND ACTION

Learn more about UWCHR projects >>>> jsis.washington.edu/humanrights/projects



Center student researcher analyzes documents. Photo credit/ Carlos Alberto Yanez Navarro.

Human Rights at Home

Working with immigrant rights organizations in WA state, UWCHR trains student researchers to obtain and analyze data about immigration enforcement practices and their impact, including: conditions at the Northwest Detention Center, tracking compliance with immigrant rights laws, and the shadowy ICE Air deportation flight networks.



Photo credit/ MPOP.

Strategies for Massage Parlor Workers' Rights

This project centers community-led campaigns and research to find systemic ways to improve Asian migrant massage and sex workers' living and working conditions in the Chinatown/ International District and the greater Seattle area.



Satory Adams interviews Martina Kartman, founder of the Community Justice Project. Photo credit/ Satory Adams.

Rethinking Punishment

Projects under the Rethinking Punishment initiative work to share stories of people who have served or are serving long prison sentences, and to find new ways to frame problems of violence and mass incarceration in order to allow politicians and the public to consider meaningful reforms of the legal system.



UW undergraduate students search documents related to the Salvadoran civil war. Photo credit/ UWCHR.

Unfinished Sentences

Unfinished Sentences is an initiative of the UWCHR that aims to document and share stories of survivors of crimes against humanity committed in the context of El Salvador's armed conflict, and to support Salvadoran efforts for truth and accountability.



Media creation workshop, Chief Leschi School student led interview. Photo credit/ Jessica Rose.

Indigenous Rights and Environmental Sustainability

Aiming to center the rights of Indigenous peoples in discussions about climate change and environmental sustainability in Washington, this project partners UW faculty and students with tribal communities to support recovery of the Salish Sea.

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INVESTING IN THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Generous investments from individuals, foundations, and organizations help make the work of the UWCHR possible. From funding innovative faculty research and programs to supporting student travel and experiential learning opportunities, private funds are crucial for ensuring that the UWCHR remains a major catalyst for the study and practice of human rights. We invite you to partner with us and create change that reaches far beyond the classroom.