

# AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

23-24 July 2009  
Washington, DC

## Thursday, July 23

5:00pm Registration

5:30 Opening Plenary *Auditorium*

### A Special Event to Honor Dr. Richard Pierre Claude

**Richard Pierre Claude** has dedicated his career to integrating human rights with the practice of science. Indeed, through his career, mentoring, and scholarship, Dr. Claude has inspired and enabled scientists to take up the important work of human rights. Himself inspired by Albert Einstein and others, Dr. Claude believes that the education of young scientists and health professionals must be bound by a social contract that safeguards their freedom to travel, associate, and communicate freely, but asks in return that they do no harm and direct their talents toward caring for all human beings and the earth we inhabit. Dr. Claude developed this thesis in his award-winning book, *Science in the Service of Human Rights*. A Professor Emeritus of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park, Dr. Claude is a founding editor of *Human Rights Quarterly*, published by John Hopkins Press and now in its 25th year.

**Welcome:** **Mona Younis**, AAAS Science and Human Rights Program

**Introductions:** **Susan Hinkins**, American Statistical Association

**Tributes:** **“Science in the Service of Human Rights: A Conversation”**

**Elena Nightingale**, Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences

**Eric Stover**, Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley

**Bert Lockwood**, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights

**Richard Alan White**, author of *Breaking Silence: The Case That Changed the Face of Human Rights*

**Ellen Dorsey**, Wallace Global Fund

**Allen Keller**, NYU School of Medicine and Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture

**Howard Schneider**, Washington Post

**Remarks:** **Richard Pierre Claude**, honoree

6:30 - 7:30 Reception *2nd Floor Reception*

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition thanks the  
**Association of American Geographers**  
and the  
**American Sociological Association**  
for their sponsorship of the reception

## Friday, July 24

8:30am **Plenary** *Auditorium*

### **Welcome**

**Mona Younis**, AAAS Science and Human Rights Program

### **Coalition Council Report**

**Paula Skedsvold**, Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences

### **Meeting Objectives**

**Douglas Richardson**, Association of American Geographers

9:15 **Sessions (concurrent)**

### **“Ethical Dilemmas in Science Practice: Human Rights Perspectives”** *Revelle*

This session will bring together leading human rights defenders to share their perspectives on science and technology, and the conduct of science. Each will speak from their specific area of human rights expertise about the challenges and/or potential threats to human rights of particular scientific practices, uses of technologies, and/or research approaches.

Facilitator: **Rob Albro**, American Anthropological Association

Presenters: **Leslie Harris**, Center for Democracy and Technology  
**Eric Rosenthal**, Mental Disability Rights International  
**Len Rubenstein**, Physicians for Human Rights

### **“Human Rights 101 for Scientists”** *Abelson/Haskins*

What are human rights and who is responsible for protecting them? How do science and human rights intersect and what can scientists do to contribute to the realization of human rights? These and other questions will be answered in this session that is designed to provide a basic understanding of human rights law, the human rights system, and where science and scientists are needed.

Trainer: **Margaret Huang**, Rights Working Group

10:45 Break

11:15 **Areas of Activity: Working Group Meetings (concurrent)**

In keeping with the Coalition's commitment to action and measurable outcomes, Coalition members and affiliates are required to contribute to one of five working groups. Through these meetings, working groups will take stock of progress made and, together with new and potential members, will continue work toward their objectives for 2009.

### **Welfare of Scientists** *Auditorium*

This working group is devoted to the protection and defense of scientists under threat and will work to increase the effectiveness of scientific organizations in defending the human rights of scientists.

Co-chairs: **Michele Irwin**, American Physical Society  
**Brad Miller**, American Chemical Society

**Science Ethics and Human Rights** *Abelson*

This working group is devoted to fostering appreciation among scientists and scientific associations of the relevance of human rights to ethical standards, the conduct of science, and human research protections.

Co-chairs: **Rob Albro**, American Anthropological Association  
**Paula Skedsvold**, Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences

**Service to the Scientific Community** *Haskins*

This working group is devoted to building the commitment and capacity of scientific associations to contribute meaningfully to human rights issues and activities, including through the application of their discipline's tools and techniques.

Co-chairs: **Clinton Anderson**, American Psychological Association  
**Lee Herring**, American Sociological Association

**Service to the Human Rights Community** *Revelle*

This working group is devoted to bridging the scientific and human rights communities with the aim of encouraging and facilitating the greater engagement of scientists in efforts to advance human rights.

Chair: **Susan Hinkins**, American Statistical Association

**Education and Information Resources** *Room 207*

This working group is devoted to producing a variety of accessible information materials for the promotion and support of collaboration between scientists and human rights practitioners.

Co-chairs: **Judith Blau**, Sociologists Without Borders  
**Amy Crumpton**, Affiliated Scientist  
**Jeffrey Toney**, Sigma Xi

12:45 Lunch

1:30 **Areas of Activity: Working Group Reports-back** *Auditorium*

Areas of Activity working groups will report on the progress made and the decisions taken toward meeting their objectives. Working group co-chairs also will share their insights: *What to try* and *What to avoid*.

Facilitator: **Mona Younis**, AAAS Science and Human Rights Program

2:00 **Joint Initiative: Article 15 - Our Work Together** *Auditorium*

Through its joint initiative the Coalition is committed to harnessing the vital voice of scientific associations in the elucidation and promotion of the right to the benefits of scientific progress (Article 15, ICESCR). This session will introduce the aims of the initiative, and how we will accomplish them. It will also include a report on the outcomes

of a UNESCO meeting on Article 15, held on July 16-17, in which AAAS Science and Human Rights Program staff participated.

Presenter: **Jessica Wyndham**, AAAS Science and Human Rights Program

3:00 Break

3:15 **Sessions (concurrent)**

**“Getting Your Association Involved: A Workshop on Clarifying Commitment and Building Capacity”** *Abelson/Haskins*

According to an informal survey conducted during the Coalition launch, the commitment of scientific associations to addressing human rights is greater than their capacity. The objective of this session is to assist scientific association members and their staff to build their organization's capacity to engage in human rights activities. Session participants will work in small groups with experienced facilitators and will each receive a "tool box" to assist in following up from the workshop.

Organizer: **Clinton Anderson**, American Psychological Association

**“Human Rights and the Mobility of Scientists: Acting on Visa Restrictions”** *Revelle*

Governments have a responsibility to respect the right of scientists to develop international scientific contacts and to cooperate across international borders. So says Article 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. What is more, the free transnational exchange of scientists and engineers is essential to the research enterprise. This session will provide S&T societies with information they can use to inform and educate international meeting attendees in navigating the US Visa application process, and ideas and best practices for engaging policy makers on scientific mobility

Facilitator: **Brad Miller**, American Chemical Society

Presenters: **Sophie Cook**, Committee of Concerned Scientists  
**Kathie Bailey Mathae**, National Academies  
**Rob Quinn**, Scholars at Risk Network

4:45 Break

5:00 **Planning Meeting for January 2010 Meeting** *Auditorium*

The Steering Committee will present a recommendation for a program for the January meeting of the Coalition and will invite input and suggestions.

Facilitator: **Clinton Anderson**, American Psychological Association

5:30 **Meeting Adjourns**