

**The 60th Anniversary  
of the Declaration of  
Human Rights:  
A Reality Check**

Thursday, March 13  
Dinner/Keynote Presentation

Friday, March 14  
Symposium



Dr. Johannes Van Aggelen, Senior Officer at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, will provide a keynote dinner presentation on March 13 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He will discuss the "Insider's Story and Implementation of Article 28 of the Universal Declaration by the UN Conferences in the 1990s."

On Friday, March 14, U.S. and international scholars, law practitioners, and government officials will gather to reflect on sixty years of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights commitment to the recognition and protection of human rights.

## **The 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights: A Reality Check**

In commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, *The Journal of Public Law and Policy* at Hamline University School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota, will host an international symposium titled “**The Declaration of Human Rights: A Reality Check.**” The symposium will be held on Thursday, March 13 (dinner program) and Friday, March 14, 2008.

This symposium will gather U.S. and international scholars, law practitioners, and government officials to reflect on more than half a century of the Declaration’s commitment to the recognition and protection of the “inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family” around the globe. The symposium will address the future challenges in fulfilling the aims of the Declaration in promoting respect for personal rights and freedom.

Our world lately has witnessed tremendous changes, including the proliferation of nuclear warfare, terrorism, violation of human rights, and the clash of ideologies. All of these changes have been fueled by the need for power, dominance over resources and political influence. Today’s conflicts indicate that we have a long way to go to fully realize the goals of the Declaration. This anniversary serves as the springboard for a reinvigorated commitment by the international community to ensuring the realization and universality of human rights for all.

CLE credits will be applied for.

*This symposium is presented with support from the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.*

# Schedule

Thursday, March 13, 2008 — Keynote Dinner Program  
The University Club, 420 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

6:00 p.m.

## Welcome and Introduction

Jon Garon, Dean  
Hamline University School of Law

Aneta Toporowska, Symposium Editor  
Journal of Public Law and Policy

6:15 p.m.

## Dinner and Keynote Speaker (to follow)

Dr. Johannes Van Aggelen, United Nations  
Human Rights Commissioner Office,  
Geneva, Switzerland

*Insider's Story and Implementation of  
Article 28 of the Universal Declaration by  
the UN Conferences in the 1990s*



Van Aggelen

Friday, March 14, 2008

Klas Center, Hamline University, St. Paul

7:45 a.m.

## Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

Adam McBeth, Monash University, Australia

*Every Organ of Society: The Responsibility of  
Non-State Actors for the Realization of Human Rights*



McBeth

9:30 a.m.

## Panel: Embedding Indigenous, Racial and Cultural Perspectives Into Human Rights

Introduction by Robin Phillips, Executive Director at  
Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights



Brennan

9:40 – 11:30 a.m.

Fernne Brennan, University of Essex, UK

*Exploring a Reparations Framework for  
Addressing Trade Inequality*

Don Wedll, Ojibwe Tribe, MN, USA

*United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous  
People and its Relation to Tribal People in Minnesota*



Wedll

Nsongurua Udombana,  
Central European University, Hungary

*Assessing the Impact of the UDHR in Africa*

Johanna Gibson,  
London University Queen Mary School of Law, UK

*Individual and Community Rights to Culture*



Gibson



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11:45 – 12:45 p.m.

## **Lunch**

Dina Francesca Haynes,  
New England School of Law, MA, USA

*International Civil Service: Ethics and Self-Care*



Haynes

1:00 p.m.

## **Panel: Re-Imagining the Role of Human Rights in the Modern Nation-State**

Introduction by Velma Korbel, Commissioner  
of the MN Department of Human Rights



Carter

1:00 – 3:45 p.m.

William Carter, Temple University  
Beasley School of Law, PA, USA

*Principle of Subsidiarity Underlying the  
International Human Rights Regime*



Van Der Vyver

John Cary Sims, University of the  
Pacific McGeorge School of Law, CA, USA

*The Asymmetrical Nature of the U.S. Treaty  
Process and the Challenges That Poses for  
Human Rights*

Johan Van Der Vyver,  
Emory University School of Law, GA, USA

*Binding Force of Economic and Social Rights  
Listed in Articles 21 to 27 of the UDHR*



Sims

Miguel Gonzales Marcos, International Center  
for Not-for-Profit Law, D.C., USA

*The UDHR and the Use of International Law  
in Constitutional Adjudication*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

## **Symposium Culmination Address**

Rahul Manchanda, Manchanda Law Offices  
PLLC, NY, USA

*Correspondence Between the Evolution of  
Humans and the Progress of Human Rights*



Marcos

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