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Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., Memorial Human Rights Lecture

“Reconnecting in the Aftermath of El Salvador’s Civil War: The Joys and Challenges of Finding Family”

Prof. Margaret E. Ward and Nelson Ward de Witt

Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
International House Assembly Hall
1414 East 59th Street

Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., 1940-2002

This lecture series honors the life and work of Robert H. Kirschner, MD. Dr. Kirschner was a clinical associate in the Department of Pathology and Pediatrics and a founding member of the faculty board of the Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago. He was an internationally recognized authority on forensic pathology, human rights violations, police brutality, torture and child abuse and an outspoken opponent of the death penalty.
Human Rights Program Student Achievements

Ignacio Martín-Baró Human Rights Essay Prizes 2012

Undergraduate: Vanessa Bernick, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
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Dr. Aizik Wolf Human Rights Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship 2012-13

Lucy Little, Music: Heartland Alliance Youth & Residential Services - Chicago, IL

Special Award:
Samuel Arthur Devenport, Classical Studies: Burmese Labor Radio - Thailand

Seeing Human Rights Photo Contest 2011

Colleen Denny, Pritzker School of Medicine
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Program:

Welcome and Recognition of HRP Student Achievements
John Kelly, Professor, Anthropology and Interim Faculty Director; Daniel Brudney, Professor, Philosophy; Renslow Sherer, Professor, Medicine

Introduction
Susan Gzesh, Executive Director

Prof. Margaret E. Ward and Nelson Ward de Witt

All are invited to the reception to follow the lecture in the lobby of International House Assembly Hall.

Margaret E. Ward and Nelson Ward de Witt

Margaret Ward, Emerita Professor, Wellesley College, is the author of Missing Mila, Finding Family: An International Adoption in the Shadow of the Salvadoran Civil War; the story of her son's adoption from El Salvador and their later connection with his birth family through Asociación Pro-Búsqueda. Nelson Ward de Witt, Margaret’s son, is now a filmmaker. He will present excerpts from Identifying Nelson/Buscando a Roberto in which he tells the same story from his perspective. Asociación Pro-Búsqueda was founded by the late Dr. Robert Kirschner and Salvadoran colleagues to reunite Salvadoran families with children adopted abroad during the war years. It was a 1997 call from Dr. Kirschner to the de Witt-Ward family that set in motion this remarkable reunion.