University of Chicago Human Rights Program presents:

“Understanding Human Rights”
One-day Seminar
May 20, 2011

Learn how an international human rights perspective can promote creative thinking about social problems locally. Understanding Human Rights will begin with a mini-version of the University’s core Human Rights curriculum followed by small group sessions focused on topics relevant to the Chicago area.

In the morning, participants will review the Philosophy and History of Human Rights as well as an overview of Contemporary Issues. In the afternoon, each participant will choose a workshop where an academic and an activist will discuss how international human rights have helped remedy local injustice. Topics include:

- Health & Human Rights
- Immigrants’ Rights as Human Rights
- Police Torture and Human Rights, and
- Housing as a Human Right.

This program is suitable for a general audience and for staff of foundations, non-profits, and NGOs who wish to add an international dimension to their analysis and advocacy.

The program is presented by the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies in conjunction with the Human Rights Program. Featured speakers include University of Chicago faculty Rob Chaskin, Susan Gzesh, Ben Laurence, and Dr. John Schumann, University of Chicago PhD candidates Jennifer Amos and Toussaint Losier, and human rights advocates Maricela Garcia (National Council of La Raza), Michaela Purdue (Jewish Council on Urban Affairs), Standish Willis (National Conference of Black Lawyers), and Ben Wolf (ACLU of Illinois).

The seminar will take place at the University of Chicago Gleacher Center at 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive (just east of the Tribune Tower). We strongly encourage early registration as capacity is limited.

Registration costs $115 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Register https://grahamschool.uchicago.edu/php/offering.php?oi=5959. For questions, please contact Sarah Pesin at spesin@uchicago.edu.