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

“Rage Against the Machine: Torture, Bystanders and the Failure of Journalism”

John Conroy

Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7 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 2011

Undergraduate: Nurjannah Ahmat, Economics; Sela Cowger, Political Science
MA/Professional: Matthew Lebrato, MA - Latin American and Caribbean Studies
PhD: Gabriel Mares, Political Science

Dr. Aizik Wolf Human Rights Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship 2011-12

David Schmutzer, Political Science
Host Organization: Northwestern University School of Law Center on Wrongful Convictions

Human Rights Research Grants 2011-12

Graduate students:
Jessica Darrow, SSA
Rachel Feinmark, History
Jaira Harrington, Political Science
Yaqub Hilal, Anthropology

Faculty: Mariela Szwarcberg and Valeria Manzano

Spring 2011 Graduates

Human Rights Minors
The College
Cindy Agustin
Nurjannah Ahmat
Timur Akman-Duffy
Isadora Blachman-Blatch
Stephen Bonnett
Erin Cary
Hannah Fine
Lauren Greubel
Jennifer Hsiao
Jessica Kadish
Ashley Lane
Ah Rume Park
Michael Quiroz
Ellenor Riley-Condit
Michelle Schmitz
David Schmutzer
Bianca Scott
Alexander Sisto
Alessandra Stevens
Joseph Tomino
Stephanie Venskoske
Asha Woodall

Human Rights Interns
Anna Alekseyeva
Harry Backlund
Lily Baker
Samuel Braxton
Erin Cary
Sebastien Davis-VanGelder
Christopher Eves
Karla Fernandez
Lauren Greubel
Mariel Gruszko
Jamie Hayes
Kayla Higgins
Betsy Illingworth
Sean McClellan
Nelly Mecklenberg
Prakriti Mishra
Van Nguyen
Michelle Schmitz
David Schmutzer
Megha Shankar
Divya Sundar
Stephanie Venskoske
Tim Walsh

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Program:
Welcome and Recognition of Human Rights Program Student Achievements
Mark Bradley, Professor, History; Co-Chair, Human Rights Program

Faculty Board

Introduction
Susan Gzesh, Executive Director of the Human Rights Program

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

John Conroy

John Conroy is the author of two books, Belfast Diary: War as a Way of Life and Unspeakable Acts, Ordinary People: The Dynamics of Torture. His writing has been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Boston Globe, Mother Jones, the Village Voice, The Nation, and the Chicago Reader, and he is also the author of My Kind of Town, a play set against the backdrop of the Chicago police torture scandal, which he was instrumental in exposing. He now works as senior investigator for the Better Government Association, a Chicago-based, privately-funded, nonpartisan agency that investigates government misconduct, corruption, and waste. He lives in Oak Park with his wife and two children.