In 1997 a group of faculty from across the University of Chicago believed that the theory and practice of human rights would benefit from engagement across disciplines and professional schools and the study of human rights should be part of a robust liberal arts education. With their shared enthusiasm for the project, the support of the Provost, and a grant from the MacArthur Foundation, the University of Chicago Human Rights Program began. In 2014 the Human Rights Program was renamed the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights to honor the generous gift from Ann and Richard Pozen, AB'69.

Tonight the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights begins the celebration of its 20th Anniversary. Over the past two decades, human rights education at the University of Chicago has grown to include a robust set of courses taught by faculty from many disciplines, a Human Rights Minor in the College, a Human Rights Core Civilizations sequence, and a Human Rights Study Abroad program in Vienna, Austria. The Pozen Center has hosted figures such as Justice Albie Sachs, Elizabeth Borgwardt, and Monica McWilliams as Pozen Visiting Professors in Human Rights. Furthermore, the Center supports faculty and graduate student research in the form of projects, grants, fellowships, and lectureships each year.

More than 450 students have participated in the Human Rights Internship Program. This year-long program helps students search and prepare for a summer internship, integrate their summer experience into their academic work, and share their experience with the broader university community. Internship alumni include six Rhodes Scholars, eight Truman Scholars, and numerous other winners of awards and fellowships. Many have gone on to work as physicians, teachers, filmmakers, lawyers, public policy analysts, and professors.

In our third decade, the Pozen Center will continue to deepen our commitment to the practice of human rights. This will include activities such as developing a Director of Human Rights Practice, supporting research projects to explore critical dimensions of human rights thought and practice, and building connections between alumni and students.

We invite you to join us in these exciting new efforts, as well as for our celebration activities throughout the 2017-18 academic year.

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The Pozen Center congratulates our 2017 student award recipients, interns, and graduating Human Rights minors.

Ignacio Martín Baño Human Rights Essay Prizes
Recognizes excellence in writing related to human rights.

College Student Category
Valerie Gutmann (Sociology)
Essay title: “Housing As A Human Right: The Gautreaux Cases and Housing Choice Vouchers in Chicago”

Chelsea Rapoport (Psychology)
Essay title: “Infiltrators or Refugees? African Asylum Seekers in Israel and Their Clash with the Jewish State”

Doctoral Student Category
Emma Mackinnon (Political Science)
Essay title: “Universalizing the Promise of Empire: Human Rights “Hypocrisy” and France’s Defense of the War in Algeria”

Pozen Research Grants for PhD Students
Support pre-dissertation and dissertation research projects that make a significant contribution to the study and field of human rights.

Alejandra Azuero-Quijano (Anthropology)
Genevieve Bates (Political Science)
Zoe Berman (Comparative Human Development)
Molly Cunningham (Anthropology)
Chiara Fratto (Economics)
Caterina Fugazzola (Sociology)
Jenna Henderson (Anthropology)
Mishal Khan (Sociology)
Roy Kimmey (History)
Mili Leitner (Music)
Steven Schwartz (Anthropology)

Graduate Lectureships in Human Rights
Awarded to advanced doctoral students to teach one undergraduate Human Rights course of their own design during the 2017-18 academic year.

Yuna Blajer de la Garza (Political Science)
Course title: “A Right to Belong?”

Nethanel Lipshitz (Philosophy)
Course title: “Cognitive Disability and Human Rights”

Alicia Riley (Sociology)
Course title: “Health in a Changing America: A Focus on Social Context and Human Rights”

Gabriel Velez (Comparative Human Development)
Course title: “Memory, Reconciliation, and Healing: Transitional Justice as Human Rights”

Pozen Human Rights Dissertation Completion Fellowship
One yearlong fellowship awarded to a doctoral student in the Humanities or Social Sciences whose work makes an important contribution to human rights scholarship.

Erika Tschinkel (History)
Dissertation title: “The Just Enemy in a Time of Terror and Conflict”

Dr. Aizik Wolf Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship in Human Rights
One yearlong fellowship awarded to a graduating College student to support work at an organization or agency dedicated to human rights.

Zachery Taylor (Geographical Studies and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies)
Fellowship year at Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago)
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Nick Antos, College 2017, Biological Sciences
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Alex Ding, College 2018, History and Anthropology
Leilani Douglas, College 2017, Public Policy Studies
Danna Elmasry, College 2017, Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
Hayley Goldstein, College 2017, History
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Sarah Y. Jung, Center for Middle Eastern Studies 2017
Marci Kirchberg, School of Social Service Administration 2017
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Cara Piraino, College 2017, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Golda Sinyavskaya, Pritzker School of Medicine 2019
Zachery Taylor, College 2017, Geographical Studies and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
Keirsha Thompson, College 2017, Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
Gabe Velez, Comparative Human Development PhD

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