FALL 2019 ROBERT H. KIRSCHNER, MD, HUMAN RIGHTS MEMORIAL LECTURE
Thursday, November 7, 2019

Welcome & Opening Remarks
Denise M. Jorgens, International House
Susan Gzesh, Pozen Center

Introduction, Reuben Miller, SSA

Lecture, Albert Woodfox
in conversation with Alice Kim, Pozen Center

Audience Q&A

Public Reception

ALBERT WOODFOX is a former political prisoner and human rights advocate who served 43 years in solitary confinement for a crime he didn’t commit. His sentence, served in a 6-by-9-foot cell at Louisiana’s Angola Prison, is the longest solitary confinement ever endured in the United States. After decades of activism and many legal appeals, Woodfox was released from prison in February 2016. He speaks to audiences worldwide about the inhumanity of solitary confinement.

Woodfox’s new memoir, Solitary: Unbroken by Four Decades in Solitary Confinement. My Story of Transformation and Hope, is a 2019 National Book Award Finalist. It is for sale in the foyer from the Seminary Co-op.
About Robert H. Kirschner, MD

Robert H. Kirschner, MD (1940-2002), a clinical associate in the Department of Pathology and Pediatrics and a founding faculty board member of the Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago, died at the University of Chicago Hospitals on September 15, 2002.

Dr. Kirschner 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. He founded Asociacion Pro-Busqueda, a past project partner of the Human Rights Program, in their mission to reunite Salvadorean families with the children who disappeared or were adopted during that country’s civil war. He provided the initial diagnosis of torture in the Chicago Police torture cases.