



## **The Redemption of Reason Conference**

**The University of Chicago  
Swift Lecture Hall, The Divinity School  
November 6 – 8, 2008**

### **Social Justice and Human Rights: Social Science, Public Policy and Christian Faith In Conversation**

***In recognition of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
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This was a more complicated conference because we sought to make clear that the challenge laid down by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/> applies to the United States, not only the foreign countries that Americans often criticize.

We needed to confront America's history of African American slavery as well as US mass incarceration. We sought to consider restorative justice in the US as well as those in war torn Rwanda, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

In all these, the basic principles of love, justice and human rights needed attention.

We also sought to bring together scholar-specialists with practitioners directly confronting these issues in the US and elsewhere.

#### **Thursday Evening, November 6**

##### **Documentary Screening: Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North**

A screening of a Public Broadcasting Service (US public television) documentary produced by Katrina Brown, whose ancestors in the DeWolf family were the biggest slave traders in America. <http://www.tracesofthetrade.org/>

**Tom DeWolf**, author of the book about this project, answered questions on the documentary and his book, **Inheriting the Trade**.

<http://tomdewolf.com/category/inheriting-the-trade/>

In addition, he spoke about his participation in an ongoing racial reconciliation discussion project called Coming to the Table, organized in partnership with the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University.

<https://emu.edu/cjp/coming-to-the-table>

<http://comingtothetable.org/about-us/cttt-execdir/>

**Friday, November 7, 2008**

**Cathleen Kaveny** (Notre Dame Law School, now Boston College Law School)

“Imagination, Virtue, and Human Rights: Lessons from Australian and American Law” - see published version of this talk at the link below

<http://www.lawandphilosophy.org/Kavenyhumanrights.pdf>

**Randolph Stone** (The University of Chicago Law School)

“Mass Incarceration and its Aftermath: What Do We Do When Hundreds of Prisoners Are Released and Return to Troubled Communities”

See Stone’s section of “Mass Incarceration: Perspectives on US Imprisonment”

[https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/journal\\_articles/498/](https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/journal_articles/498/)

**Michael Perry** (Emory University Law School)

“Human Rights in Society - Religious vs. Secular Foundations”

See Perry’s published article on these issues

“The Morality of Human Rights: A Nonreligious Ground?”

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=685550&rec=1&srcabs=1330693&alg=1&pos=10](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=685550&rec=1&srcabs=1330693&alg=1&pos=10)

**Jeanne Ward** (Kenya, consultant on violence against women for the UN & other groups)

“Human Rights for Women and Children”

See her book and manual at the links below.

Broken Bodies, Broken Dreams: Violence against Women Exposed (UN, 2006)

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9966710809>

<http://www.peacewomen.org/node/89497> [text by sections without photos]

Violence against Women in Conflict, Post-conflict and Emergency Settings

<http://www.endvawnow.org/uploads/modules/pdf/1405612658.pdf>

**Neha Gill** (Executive Director, Apna Ghar, a support services for immigrants, especially women and children, in the Chicago area)

<http://www.apnaghar.org/>

**Dinner Panel Discussion: Social Justice and Human Rights Ministries**

Neha Gill, Jeanne Ward, Michael Perry and Nicholas Wolterstorff

**Saturday, November 8, 2008**

**Nicholas Wolterstorff** (Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology, Yale University)

“Love and Justice”

Relevant interview with Wolterstorff “Loving Justice ...”

<https://cct.biola.edu/loving-justice-nicholas-wolterstorff-full-interview/#!>

Justice in Love (Eerdmans, 2015)

<https://www.eerdmans.com/Products/7294/justice-in-love.aspx>

**Video Screening:** a documentary based on the book *As We Forgive*

A journey into the lives of three Rwandan genocide survivors who discover the power and pain of radical forgiveness.

<http://www.asweforgivebook.com/as-we-forgive-movie.html>

**India McCanse** (Marquette Law School Restorative Justice Initiative)

<http://scholarship.law.marquette.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1518&context=facpub>

**Panel Discussion**

India McCanse, Jeanne Ward, Michael Perry, and Nicholas Wolterstorff

**Presentations**

Local Chicago groups on Social Justice and Human Rights

## **CONFERENCE RESOURCES**

### **Resources on Restorative Justice**

The Restorative Justice Initiative, Marquette Law School

<https://law.marquette.edu/community/restorative-justice-initiative>

Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking, Minnesota School of Social Work

<http://rjp.umn.edu/>

Center for Peacemaking, Fresno Pacific University

<https://www.fresno.edu/visitors/center-peacemaking>

The Restorative Justice Project, John Marshall Law School

<https://www.jmls.edu/restorative-justice/>

Center for Justice and Peace Building, Eastern Mennonite University

<https://emu.edu/cjp/>

Centre for Justice and Reconciliation, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship International  
<http://restorativejustice.org>

Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Northeastern University, Boston  
<https://www.northeastern.edu/law/academics/institutes/crrjustice.html>

Restorative Justice Specialization, Vermont Law School  
<https://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/specializations/restorative-justice>

Restorative Justice Project, Wisconsin Law School  
<http://law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp/testimonial.html>

### **Restorative Justice at the National Level**

Gacaca Courts in Rwanda after the genocide  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gacaca\\_court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gacaca_court)

Sierra Leone - after the Civil War  
[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1057/9781137468222\\_4](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1057/9781137468222_4)

South Africa Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
<https://www.sahistory.org.za/topic/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-trc>  
<http://www.justice.gov.za/trc/>

South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Process  
<https://oldsite.issafrica.org/uploads/111CHAP2.PDF>

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