

DIGNITY RIGHTS PROJECT

WIDENER UNIVERSITY DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL

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The Dignity Rights Project works to advance human dignity through education, training, and advocacy support founded by Professors [Erin Daly](#) and [James R. May](#).

DRP is branching out!

The Dignity Rights Project is developing a program of Affiliations with Chapters at law schools around the world.

Our first project is with Pakistan College of Law in Lahore where Dignity Rights Project-Pakistan will soon be launched. DRP-Pakistan will include a lecture series, a public awareness campaign, litigation, classes, and more to advance dignity rights in Pakistan.

Please get in touch with us if you'd like to discuss the possibility of starting a Dignity Rights Project Affiliation at your institution.

“The establishment of Dignity Rights Project can provide solutions to multiple hard and pressing issues faced by Pakistan in the social and legal domain.”

-Pakistan College of Law

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 3: DIGNITY & GENDER

The 3rd Virtual Workshop is on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 8a.m.-10a.m. ET (New York time).

This is the third in a series of programs that provide a forum for academics, policymakers, and members of civil society to share ideas about how rule of law can protect human dignity in its various manifestations. This Virtual Workshop will focus on Gender. Because the Dignity Rights Project aims to put "dignity in action," we welcome scholarly contributions as well as interventions based on dignity-based advocacy and legal work.

If you would like to participate in the 3rd Workshop, please send either of us a brief abstract of your proposed contribution by the **first week of June**. Anyone interested in attending without presenting is also welcome to do so. We hope you can join us.

The Virtual Workshop is the Third in a series of conversations about the study of dignity rights. Previous events were held in May and November 2017, with participants from Bhutan, the UK, Nigeria, Norway, Canada, and the United States, as well as many observers. Speakers presented papers on the role of dignity rights in a variety of contexts, including education, prisoner's rights, health, and environmental justice. Videos of previous Virtual Workshops are available on our website.

We will use [ZOOM](#) video and audio conferencing. Instructions will be provided in the week prior to the event. There is no registration fee. You are welcome to join this event whether or not you participated in the previous Virtual Workshops.

“Dignity rights, your time has come!”

-- Stephen Kass,

Dignity Rights and Environmental Justice Symposium

DIGNITY RIGHTS PRACTICUM, AUG. -DEC. 2018

Each year, the DRP offers a Dignity Rights Practicum for JD and LLM students at Delaware Law School. Students work with partners to help develop theoretical arguments and practical strategies to advance dignity rights. *Amicus briefs, white papers, and litigation support are especially well suited to the class. **Please let us know if you are interested in partnering with us for the upcoming semester.***

Past Partners include: Center for Applied Legal Students at Witwatersrand University (ZA), Center for Environmental Rights (ZA), Chester Environmental Partnership (US), Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice (US), Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti/Bureau des Avocats Internationales (US & Haiti), Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law (Bhutan), Lenape Tribe of Delaware (US), The Office of the High Commission for Human Rights (Geneva), Refugee Legal Support (UK, Greece), Universidad del Norte (Colombia).

DIGNITY RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 13, 2018.

A SYMPOSIUM TO EXPLORE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THROUGH THE LENS OF HUMAN DIGNITY

On April 13, 2018, 25 presenters and more than 100 members of the public and the Law School community gathered together with more watching on line to examine environmental justice in the US and abroad through the lens of human dignity. The Honorable Judge Bernice Donald, of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, gave a riveting keynote address drawing the line from the history of racism in the United States through the civil rights movement, to the environmental justice movement of today. Panels during the day highlighted (1) the physical and psychological indignity of living day-to-day with environmental injustice with residents of Delaware; St Lawrence Island, Alaska, and Flint, Michigan describing their personal experiences and those of their communities; (2) policy responses to environmental injustice with panelists from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice; (3) novel approaches to confronting environmental injustice from Pakistan to New York City to Nigeria; (4) teaching and learning about environmental injustice with panelists from Golden Gate Law School, Yale Law School, and Universite de la Fondation Dr Aristide in Haiti describing clinical and experiential programs to engage students on the issues of environmental justice; and (5) litigation strategies for advancing environmental justice claims in diverse contexts including climate litigation, litigation against the United Nations, and litigation about natural resources.

Co-Sponsors included Coming Clean, Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice, the First State Fund, the ABA Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice, the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment, and Earthjustice, Environmental Health Justice Alliance; NYC Bar Task Force on Climate Adaptation, and the Environmental Rights Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School.

Proceedings and articles relating to the Symposium will be published in the Fall 2018 issue of the Widener Law Review.

