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SUSTAINING, DEATH-DEFYING, LIFE-
GIVING, AND JOY CREATING PLACE”

- PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN K. ROTH, CO-FOUNDER

A Letter from the Editors



Dear Readers,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with enthusiasm for the insightful content we've curated for this anniversary edition of our newsletter on human rights.

As a sophomore majoring in Economics and Finance, my passion for journalism and multimedia intersects deeply with my dedication to advancing human rights causes. Through this newsletter, we aim to explore complexities and stimulate meaningful conversations that transcend traditional boundaries.

I invite you to delve into the pages of this newsletter, to engage with the stories and perspectives shared within. Together, let us embark on a journey of understanding, empathy, and action for a world where human rights are cherished, protected, and upheld for all.

Thank you for being a part of this endeavor. Your support and engagement fuel our commitment to amplifying the voices that champion human rights causes.

Warm regards,
Maram Sharif '26

Dear Readers,

My name is Ambika Gupta, and I am a first year student at CMC. I am so thankful that I am able to work at the Mgrublian Center this semester and meet so many impassioned people. I've learned so much from all the people I've been able to interact with.

I believe that the first thing I should do as a human rights advocate is to educate myself, a journey I am constantly on. I need a solid level of knowledge before I can even attempt to help enact sustainable change.

From the Middle East conflict, to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, to the Taliban's continued human rights violations in Afghanistan, to domestic issues such as reproductive and immigration rights and many more incidents, I've been reminded of the work I need to do if I want to call myself a human rights advocate.

However, it is a luxury to simply learn about these issues. I hope that, with help from the Mgrublian Center, I can lead a life of action as well.

Wishing you the best.

Ambika Gupta '27



The Mgrublian Center hosted an Open House on September 12, 2023, inviting staff, faculty, and students keen on exploring its programs, research, and educational opportunities. In the weeks following the Open House, the Center reviewed numerous applications and ultimately selected the 2023-24 student assistants and John K. Roth Research Fellows. This cohort comprises enthusiastic students committed to raising awareness about human rights issues who will work on activities including public advocacy, service initiatives, research and educational endeavors, and other hands-on opportunities to study the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights.



Student Assistants Angela Gushue '25, Joseph Zohng '25, and Maram Sharif '26 at the Open House, pictured with Professor Wendy Lower and Assistant Director Kirsti Zitar

Evan Sevaly '26 and Professor Wendy Lower discussing the John K. Roth Research Fellowship program

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

The Mgrublian Center's 20th Anniversary Campaign stands as a testament to two decades of unwavering dedication to scholarly study of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights advocacy. This milestone celebration doesn't just commemorate the passage of time; it amplifies the voices that have shaped and propelled the Center's mission since its inception.

Central to this campaign is the remarkable initiative to spotlight alumni from each of the twenty years since the center's founding. Through a series of interviews, the campaign weaves together a tapestry of narratives, each representing a unique thread in the Center's history.

From the inaugural year's founders to the recent graduates making waves in contemporary human rights discourse, the stories of these alumni reflect not just personal journeys but also the evolution of the center's impact. Their experiences, triumphs, and enduring commitment to human rights echo the core values that the Mgrublian Center embodies.

As these alumni share their insights, reflections, and aspirations, they inspire current students, faculty, and supporters to continue the legacy of the Mgrublian Center, igniting a flame of passion and dedication for generations to come.

Here are just a few of the remarkable individuals who were featured:



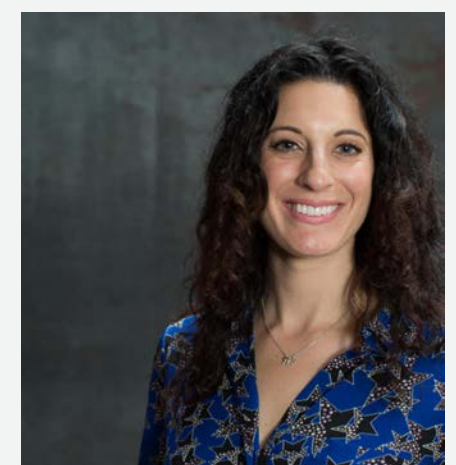
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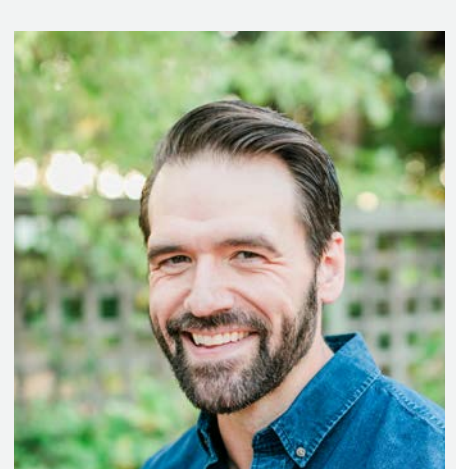
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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



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Coie LLP



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Co-Founder - Musizi
University, Uganda



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Sarah Swartz '15
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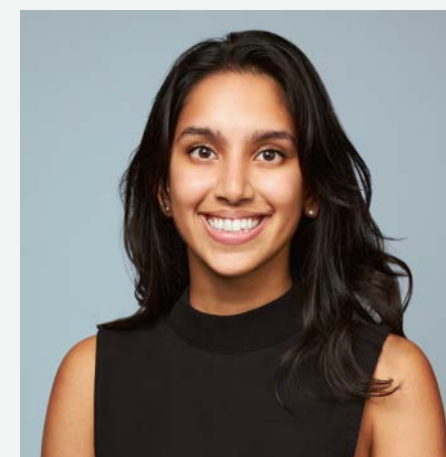
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Bureau for Humanitarian
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Human and Women's
Rights Manager - United
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Will Cullen '19
McCain Strategic Defense Fellow
U.S. Department of Defense



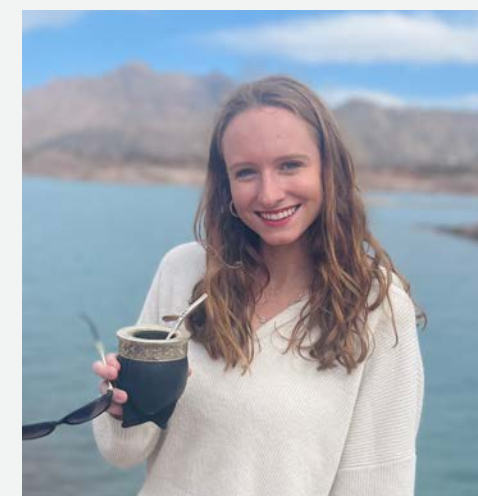
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Fulbright Cyprus 2023-24



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Senior Researcher - The Sentry



Tallan Donine '21
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Skjodt Center for the Prevention of
Genocide, US Holocaust
Memorial Museum



Sydney Heath '22
Masters Student - Columbia
School of Social Work



TASK FORCE UPDATES

Student-led human rights task force groups at the Center are a dynamic force addressing pressing national and global human rights challenges. These groups offer a platform for students to engage as volunteers and to lead as community educators and organizers, focusing on a diverse array of human rights topics or campaigns of their choice. During academic year 2023-2024, the Center is supporting a wide variety of student-run task forces including:

- **Amnesty International** led by Ambika Gupta '27, focusing on advocacy and activism efforts.
- **Combatting Antisemitism** under the guidance of Sofia Weinstein '26.
- **Curis**, (Global Poverty/Public Health) led by Angela Gushue '25, focusing on addressing poverty and public health concerns worldwide.
- **IDEA (International Development and Education Association)** led by Andrew Yuan '26, concentrating on fostering international development and education.
- **Liberty in North Korea (LiNK)**, led by Chloe Kastl '25, continuing its efforts toward freedom and human rights in North Korea.
- **Ongoing Genocides Awareness**, led by Tanzila Jamal '26, focusing on raising awareness about persisting genocides globally.
- **Women's Rights**, led by Sophia Lakhani '27, advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment.

If you are interested in joining any of these task forces or in starting your own, please contact student liaison Sofia Weinstein (sweinstein26@cmc.edu).

LIBERTY IN NORTH KOREA

TASK FORCE

The CMC Liberty in North Korea Task Force is part of a global movement working with the North Korean people to achieve their liberty.



CMC LiNK at the Club Fair

The North Korean people are suffering under one of the most authoritarian regimes on the planet. LiNK helps North Koreans escape North Korea, reach freedom, and thrive in their new lives.



Upcoming Plans:

On campus, LiNK is planning to host interactive events such as discussions, documentary screenings, and fundraisers!

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ONGOING GENOCIDE AWARENESS

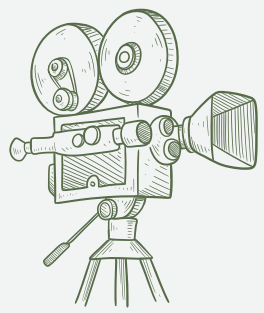
TASK FORCE

GOALS:

We hope to raise awareness of current genocides, especially ones that are not highlighted in the news, among the 5C student body. Our efforts focus on fact-based approaches that seek to unite rather than to divide, and to lead to possible mitigation.

We raise awareness for global human rights crises through in-person events like information sessions, fundraising and petition/letter-writing campaigns to call for policy change while also maintaining an online presence to reach as many people as possible.

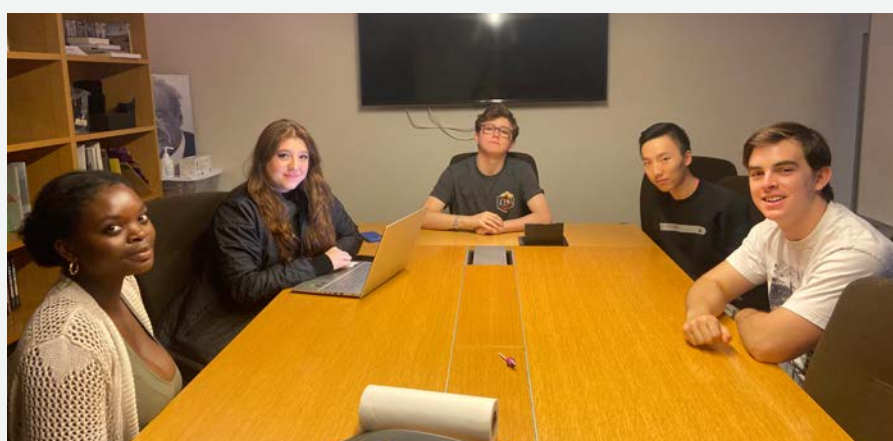
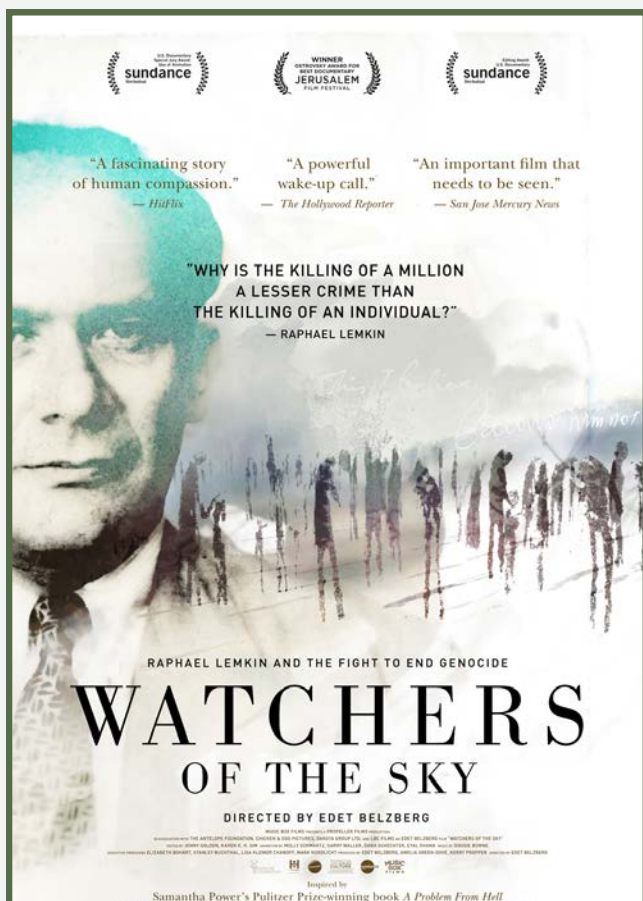
EVENTS:



December 9th—Genocide Prevention Day: Documentary screening of *Watchers of the Sky* from 3:00-5:00PM, CMC CARE Center.



Spring Semester: Clothing and food drives to assist with relief efforts for the Congolese.



LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Social Media Manager



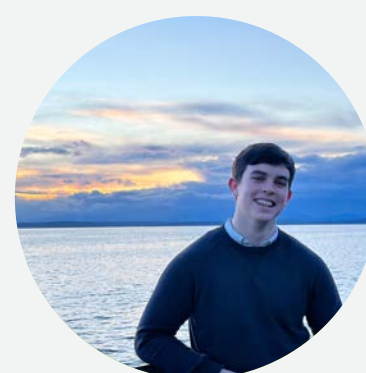
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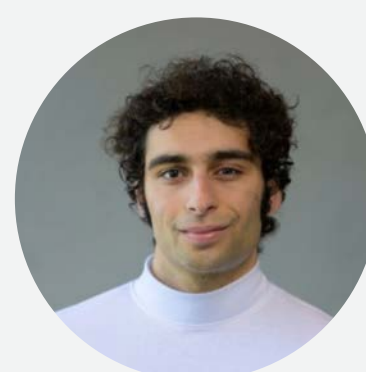
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IDEA

International Development in Education Association

TASK FORCE

Leadership Team:



Andrew Yuan
President



Alana Nahabedian
Vice President



Nitya Gupta
Communication
Director



Meghan Bartsch
Outreach
Director

IDEA is a student-led organization focused on raising awareness about the many issues affecting education in low income and under-served communities. These include: poor quality of education, a general lack of resources, and policies to support equal access to education. IDEA believes that education is a fundamental human right, essential to helping students grow and develop.

Upcoming Projects:

- Providing free STEM tutoring and college counseling support to California communities in the Inland Empire
- Organizing fundraisers and related events to educate the community about various international education issues

Women's Rights *Task force*

Goals:

Organize events, initiatives, and workshops focused on raising awareness for global women's rights issues including child marriage, reproductive healthcare, and femicide.

Menstrual Health:

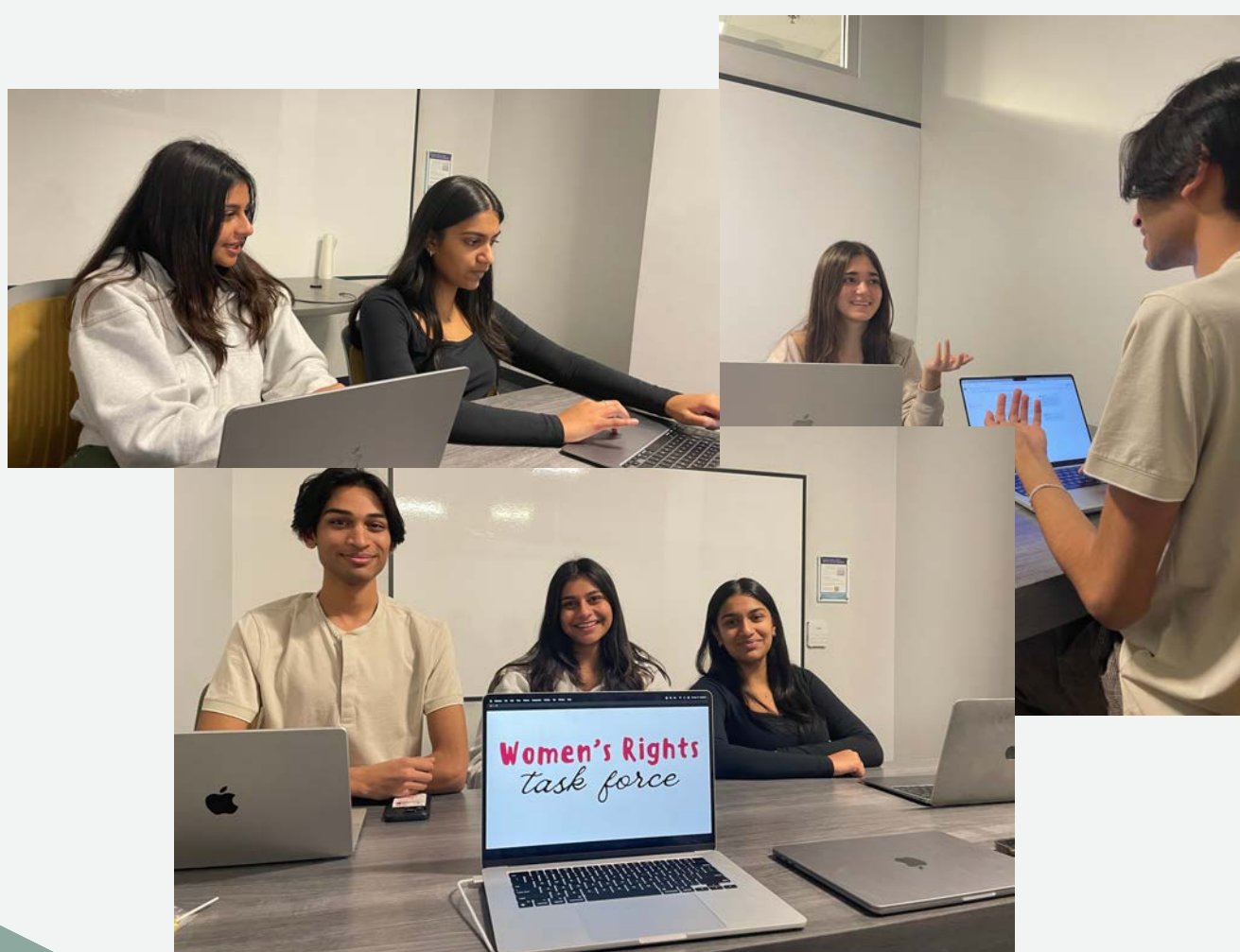
Access to menstrual products is limited, not only in many public bathrooms here, but also worldwide period poverty has become a global crisis.

Reproductive Health:

Taboos regarding the discussion of female reproductive health has contributed to misinformation, men creating laws regarding women's bodies, and little to no assistance for women in need.

Upcoming Events:

- Short Story Club- Famous Female Authors
- Women in Leadership Workshop
- Human Rights Career Panel
- Menstrual Products in Campus Bathrooms
- Female-Directed Film Screenings



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

CMC's chapter of Amnesty International aims to educate our wider community about human rights developments and provide aid to help rectify active human rights violations.

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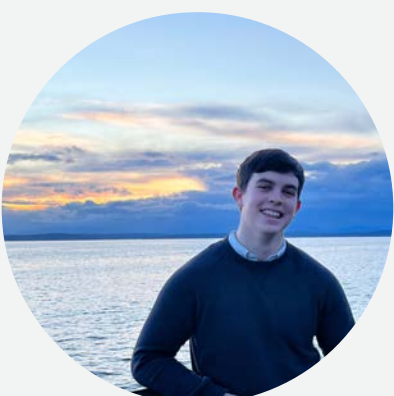
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FALL 2023 EVENTS:

- Task Force Discussions:
Sundays at 1:30PM in the Mgrublian Center's Roth Library
- Pumpkin Pancake Fundraiser for Prison Library Project
- Write for Rights letter-writing campaign



HIGHLIGHTING SUMMER INTERNS

Sylvana Poon '26
Musizi University



This summer, I went to work with Musizi University, the first liberal arts college in Uganda. There, I helped Takako Mino (CMC '11) develop 20+ curricula for a Healthcare Data Analytics major. As part of my work, I got to interview medical professionals and academics to understand what content to include in syllabi and the needs of college students within the local Ugandan context. The most meaningful experience I had was interacting with the people who lived in my community: the guards for our housing complex, the food vendors who worked outside where we lived. We had meaningful conversations about the Ugandan economy and political system and what it was like to live there. Through these experiences, I developed a more global perspective and a deeper understanding of how political and economic systems can create or hinder economic growth, which supplemented what I am currently learning in Macroeconomics! Overall, I realized the value of working with a local community and designing solutions to empathetically solve their problems.



Riley Green '24

POLIN Museum for Polish Jews

This summer, I lived in Warsaw, Poland and worked at the POLIN Museum for Polish Jews in the heart of the former Warsaw Ghetto. My most meaningful work was interviewing descendants of Holocaust survivors and sharing their stories via the Museum's social media platforms. I had the opportunity to conduct research, organize and attend international academic conferences, and travel to Upper Silesia with POLIN's mobile exhibition. I also learned how to critically analyze the construction of narrative in historical exhibitions. While working in culturally and linguistically unfamiliar spaces, I was granted the opportunity to grow as a student, listener, traveler, and human.



Anjali Thakore '25 - The Sentry

Over the summer, I worked as an Investigative Intern at The Sentry, a policy organization in Washington, DC that aims to disable global corruption networks and illicit finance in conflict zones. During my time, I was assigned projects ranging from investigating the corporate footprints of operatives in the Wagner Group charged with war crimes to developing comprehensive graph databases and dossiers summarizing war profiteering networks in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. My most meaningful experience was undoubtedly being mentored by my two supervisors and the guidance, wisdom, and advice they provided on navigating a career in the human rights field. Working at The Sentry was one of the most transformative and rewarding summer experiences I have ever had, both professionally and personally. I am so grateful to everyone I worked with and learned from.

Chelsea Luo '25

Women in International Security



During my summer internship as a Global and Gender Security Program Assistant at Women in International Security (WIIS), I worked closely with Ruth Mikre—my beloved mentor—to launch an institutional membership campaign. This included editing testimonial videos, compiling faculty contact lists for potential partnerships, and handling membership inquiries. Additionally, I was part of the Professional Development Team, contributing to the planning and execution of virtual events featuring renowned speakers in international security.

Other responsibilities included daily operations like email correspondence, job postings, website maintenance, and event calendar management. I actively contributed to a separate project, gathering data for a grant research report aimed at supporting Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) efforts by identifying private funders and barriers to grantmaking.

The most significant takeaways from this experience were the valuable connections I made and the profound knowledge I gained about the critical role of gender-sensitive perspectives in international security. The WPS agenda's significance in conflict prevention is evident, and I met dedicated individuals who worked tirelessly to further this mission, inspiring me in the process. I felt I was able to forge lasting personal relationships with my team and especially CMC alumni in DC. Lunchtime conversations with my supervisors provided invaluable insights into their career journeys and life aspirations, which reduced my anxiety about the future. Witnessing their dedication to their passions and hobbies gave me some clarity, especially as someone interested in both creative and academic pursuits. I will forever be grateful to my mentors for their friendship and everything they taught me.



Kirby Kimball '25

Humanity in Action

I interned as a 2023 Humanity in Action Fellow in their Amsterdam office this past summer! As a HiA Fellow, we took part in activism training, lectures, and designing our own social impact project. The program was conducted through this year's HiA global theme: colonialism. It was incredibly rewarding to meet with Dutch leaders in postcolonial subfields such as immigration policy, mobility research, gender representation, and housing accessibility. Our group of fellows were even able to engage in dialogue with Mitchell Esajas of The Black Archives, who led the Black Lives Matter movement in The Netherlands. My final project



analyzed the postcolonial patterns of sexual violence in the Dutch sex worker industry, compiled through empirical and testimonial research. As someone who hopes to work in international gender-based violence law, it was such a privilege to merge my education and positionality with those of passionate, overseas fellows and mentors. With support from the Mgrublian Center, I am now a HiA Senior Fellow who joins a network of thousands of young activists across the world!

Margo Cohen '25

Women in International Security

This summer, I had the opportunity to intern in-person at Women in International Security (WIIS) in Washington, D.C. It was a wonderful experience that allowed me the opportunity to immerse myself in a meaningful and high-impact research project with women working in security as practitioners and academics. During the time I worked at WIIS, I was consistently challenged and pushed outside of my



comfort zone, making the entire internship a learning experience in every sense of the phrase.

Our work researching and summarizing progress towards the UNSCR 1325 – the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda – for US Southern Command felt like a project that had the potential to do a lot of good and to guide future actions toward female participation in military and national police forces on every level in Latin America and the Caribbean. Working at WIIS showed me so much about what work in security as a career field would actually look like, and has really shaped how I think about my future after I graduate. Thank you so much to the Mgrublian Center for helping me complete this wonderful internship!

Kyra Variyava '25

The Sentry



This summer, I was an investigative intern at The Sentry, an investigative and policy organization operating in Washington DC that aims to disable networks of corruption and illicit finance in kleptocracies and war-torn regions. I was delegated a series of responsibilities such as developing graph databases for in-depth analysis of high-profile investigations: "Al Cardinal" (South Sudanese kleptocrat) and "Gaming the System" (Canadian mining giant in DR Congo). I was a part of the Research and Data Team, where we transformed complex data into meaningful formats (link charts, network diagrams, mapping, tables). Additionally, I was designated a private senior investigator and

received extensive training in open-source intelligence (OSINT) techniques and focused on creating a network map for a new investigation being carried out in Azerbaijan. This role allowed me to attend strategic meetings with various teams for crisis updates, ongoing investigation management, and budget strategies, allowing me an inside view of the proceedings. One of the best parts about working with a smaller organization is the one-on-one attention and opportunities we had to interact with senior partners who imparted their wisdom and career navigating advice. It was truly an unforgettable experience that I am very grateful to have been a part of.

HIGHLIGHTING SUMMER INTERNS

Shriya Velichala '26

Connecticut Against Gun Violence

This past summer, I worked remotely as an intern for Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV). The most meaningful experience I had was being able to listen to the personal stories of survivors of gun violence and learning why advocating for this cause was so important to them. I learned about the importance of having stronger gun safety laws to protect citizens and the positive impact advocacy and volunteer work can have on getting these laws in action. As an intern for CAGV, I was responsible for completing any research or administrative tasks given to me by the staff. One of my biggest projects was giving my own research presentation on any topic of gun violence that I was interested in. I gave a presentation on the economic cost of gun violence in our country and through this presentation I was able to learn more about the topic myself while contributing a new aspect of information to CAGV. From this internship, I gained valuable research, writing, and communication skills while getting to work first-hand with experienced professionals in an area of human rights advocacy that I am passionate about.

Ilma Turcios '25

Xumek- Derechos Humanos & Rerooted Archive

This summer I had the opportunity to intern in Argentina for two non-profits: Xumek-Derechos Humanos, and the Rerooted Archive. I began working virtually for Xumek—which is a human rights non-profit organization based in Mendoza, Argentina—towards the end of last spring semester. I was assigned to their Childhood and Adolescence sector, where I worked primarily in communications-based projects. For example, I was tasked with interviewing with local radio stations to discuss the scope of the organization's, and my specific sector's, work. I was also a part of a task force that met regularly to brainstorm ways to



expand Xumek’s presence beyond Mendoza, and how to effectively fundraise. Additionally, I collaborated with other members of the Childhood and Adolescence sector in updating and refining our communications portfolio, and the sector’s annual report on the state of institutional violence in Mendoza.

For the latter half of the summer, I interned for the Rerooted Archive. Rerooted is a NGO founded by CMC alumna Anoush Baghdassarian ‘17 dedicated to documenting and preserving the stories of Armenian individuals in the diaspora. Through this, I was able to travel to Córdoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina to meet and interview members of the Armenian communities of both cities. These interviews were particularly meaningful to me because they gave me the privilege of becoming more educated about a community and a history that is not my own. Both of these internships were incredibly life changing experiences and I am completely certain that I will always carry them with me.



Guadalupe Loza-Mendez ‘25

Rerooted Archive & Xumek-Derechos Humanos

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to intern in Argentina, for two NGOs: Rerooted Archive and Xumek-Derechos Humanos. For the initial eight weeks, I had the privilege

of interning at Xumek-Derechos Humanos, a human rights non-profit organization in Mendoza, Argentina. My focus was on the Gender and Sexual Diversity sector, where I worked on two key projects. The first involved the Femicide Observatory, where I engaged in both quantitative and qualitative research to understand and document femicides and trans-femicides in the broader Argentina region, with a specific emphasis on Mendoza. The second project entailed designing workshops for incarcerated women, which were successfully conducted at the local women’s prison. During my last month, I had the privilege of working with Rerooted Archive, working specifically in Cordoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Rerooted Archive, co-founded by CMC alum Anoush Baghdassarian, is dedicated to documenting the stories and experiences of the Armenian community on a global level. Within his role, I had the honor of conducting interviews and connecting with the incredible Armenian community. One particularly meaningful experience was interviewing a father-son duo who shared their traditional Armenian music and taught us a folk dance, making me feel truly welcomed and embraced. These experiences were transformative and further fueled my commitment to serve the Latin American region.



Elbaz Post-Graduate Fellowship Presentation: Sydney Heath '22

On September 29th, the Mgrublian Center welcomed alumna Sydney Heath '22 to share highlights from her one-year Elbaz Post-Graduate Fellowship. Attendees joined to learn more about the fellowship and Sydney's work with two human rights NGOs in Mendoza, Argentina: El Espacio Para la Memoria and Xumek.

Sydney graduated from CMC with a degree in International Relations and the Human Rights, Genocide & Holocaust Studies sequence and is currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work at Columbia University.



Sydney Heath '22, above at the 40th anniversary of democracy march in Buenos Aires

Ideally the position focuses on one or more of these areas: leadership training; project management skills; field work and research; professional networking; and advocacy work to advance human rights. The fellowship is intended to lead to full time work or preparation for graduate school and provides up to \$50,000 to cover living expenses for the one-year duration of the fellowship. Elbaz Post-Graduate Fellowship applications are due in late March 2024 for this year's graduating class. To learn more visit the Mgrublian Center's website.



The Elbaz Post-Graduate Fellowship program is open to all graduating CMC seniors interested in pursuing a career in human rights, Holocaust and genocide studies. The fellowship is awarded for one year following graduation during which the recipient will receive funding for a position with a major human rights organization (to be identified by the applicant or through partnerships maintained by the Mgrublian Center).



CONFRONTING THE UNTHINKABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE UYGHUR GENOCIDE IN CHINA



NURY TURKEL

September 11, 2023

Athenaeum Dinner

On opening night of the 2023-24 Athenaeum event calendar, the Center partnered with the CMC Alexander Hamilton Society to welcome Nury Turkel, Commissioner at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and author of *No Escape: The True Story of China's Genocide of the Uyghurs*. In his remarks, Mr. Turkel shared his personal story and drew from his decades of experience as an attorney and human rights advocate to shed light on how the Chinese Communist Party has engaged in trans-national repression and technological surveillance, and employed forced labor in detention camps to perpetuate genocide in Xinjiang.

A Reflection

Written by CMC Communications

Turkel urged members of the Ath audience to be wary of consuming goods produced in China, noting that many multinational corporations use Uyghur forced labor in their supply chain.

"People deserve better than to be unwittingly complicit in modern-day slavery with their investment and consumer dollars," he said. "Over the years, I've had the opportunity to meet with presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors, and legislators to pass laws. But taking in the big picture, despite those accomplishments, I have been frustrated by the lack of action for those who could make a difference in people's lives. I often remind myself of those words of the late Senator John McCain that hope is a powerful defense against oppression".



Turkel also acknowledged the personal toll that his work has taken. "It's impossible to just turn your phone off and sleep because I have a mother in China and to have this work every day can be disappointing. It's difficult. But I have to stay faithful in the level of the support that we the community have received from the Jewish community, the Catholic community, and the LDS (Church of Latter Day Saints) community around the world," he said.

EXPLORING THE WORLD WITH A CAMERA AND A PURPOSE



September 14, 2023

Athenaeum Dinner

In this talk, co-sponsored by the Roberts Environmental Center and the Women in Leadership Alliance, conservation photographer Gabby Salazar shared how curiosity and a camera have taken her to many unexpected places—from the top of a volcano in Guatemala to the savannas of Zimbabwe. She also discussed how collaborations with scientists, conservationists, and other artists have expanded the impact of her work.

Inequities of Climate Change

A Reflection By Ambika Gupta '27

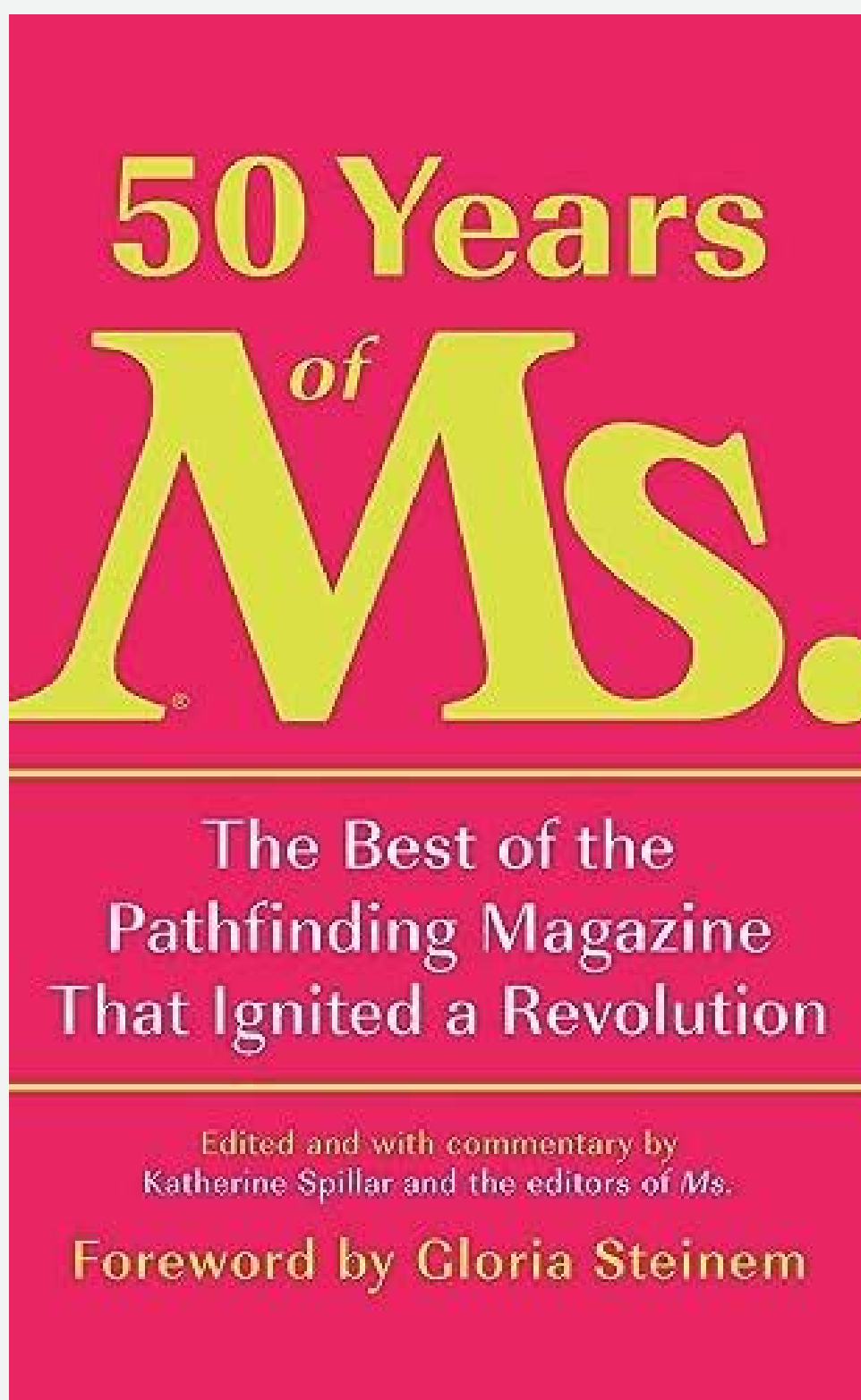
Climate change's effects are inequitable. In fact, it's often those who contribute the least to climate change who are the most impacted.

According to the International Monetary Fund [IMF], the richest countries, representing only 16% of the world's population, create almost 40% of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) emissions. Additionally, the United States contributes 25% of total emissions while China contributes 13% and India contributes 3%. The communities most impacted are often called 'frontline' communities. Frontline communities tend to target low-income people of color.

According to a World Bank report, an additional 68 to 135 million people could be pushed into poverty by 2030 because of climate change. People with the lowest incomes often depend on the resources and industries most impacted by climate change: agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. As well, according to the IMF, an increase of 1.5°C would expose 245 million people to a new or aggravated water shortage, and an increase of 2°C exposes 490 million people.

In terms of mitigation policies, many argue that richer nations with a history of climate change inducing behaviors must enact more stringent regulations in regards to pollution emission. According to the IMF, equal mitigation policies may slow down progress in poorer nations in terms of energy access as energy often costs a higher percentage of their citizen's income.

THE FEMINIST FIGHT FORWARD: LESSONS FROM 50 YEARS OF MS.



October 3, 2023
Athenaeum Dinner

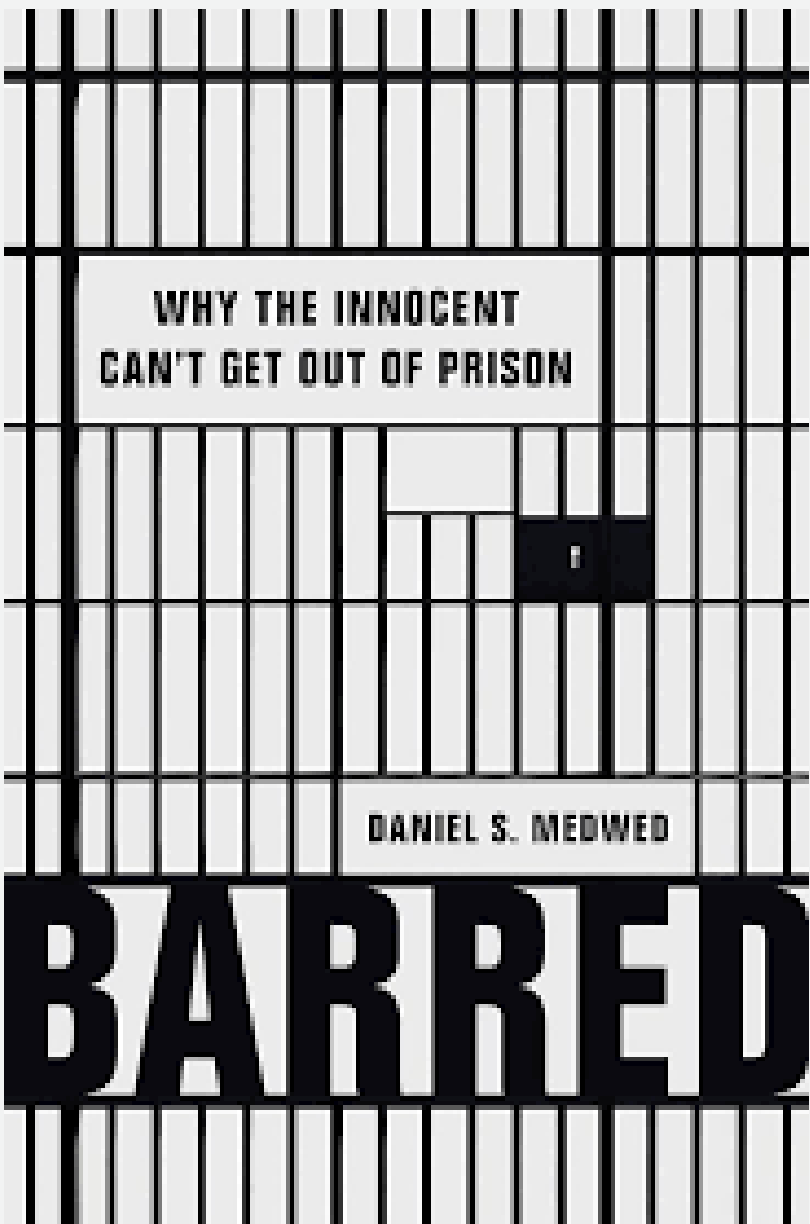
On October 3rd, the Mgrublian Center and the Women and Leadership Alliance at CMC celebrated the extraordinary new anthology, *50 Years of Ms.: The Best of the Pathfinding Magazine that Ignited a Revolution* (2023), and engaged in critical conversation with members of Ms.'s executive and advisory board team: Jennifer Weiss-Wolf, Carmen Rios, and Linda Perkins. Moderated by CMC History Professor Diana Selig, the panel explored what the future of feminism and movement journalism demands and the use of storytelling to promote advocacy and activism. All audience members received a copy of the book at the dinner.

50 Years of Ms. is a remarkable collection featuring five decades of the magazine's most startling, audacious, and norm-breaking pieces. Filled with iconic covers, photos, and letters to Ms., it features a foreword from Gloria Steinem and contributions by bell hooks, Alice Walker, Pauli Murray, Eleanor Smeal, Billie Jean King, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Allison Bechdel, Brittney Cooper, Joy Harjo, Toni Morrison, Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich, Rita Dove and many more. Ms. remains a trusted feminist source for news, analysis and commentary, and is more critical than ever as the fights for women's rights and for democracy face new challenges. The anniversary book is as much a reflection of the past 50 years as it is a roadmap for the path forward.

Barred: Why the Innocent Can't Get Out of Prison

October 11th, 2023
Athenaeum Dinner

Thousands of innocent people are behind bars in the United States. But proving their innocence and winning their release is nearly impossible. In this lecture, co-sponsored with the Salvatori Center for Individual Freedom, legal scholar Daniel Medwed (pictured at right) argued that our justice system's stringent procedural rules are largely to blame for the ongoing punishment of the innocent. Drawing on his research and practical experience, he offered an overview of how appellate, post-conviction, and executive branch remedies operate in the context of a prisoner's innocence claim and explore them in the context of a case that he litigated in New York.



Daniel Medwed is a law professor at Northeastern University in Boston where he focuses his research and pro bono activities around the topic of wrongful convictions. His recent book, *Barred: Why the Innocent Can't Get Out of Prison* (Hachette/Basic Books, 2022), which was named one of the "Best Fall Books" by Bloomberg last year, explores the range of procedural barriers that so often prevent innocent prisoners from obtaining exoneration. Professor Medwed is a founding member of the board of directors of the Innocence Network, a consortium of innocence projects throughout the world, and currently serves on the board of the New England Innocence Project.

In spring 2024, Professor Medwed is co-teaching a new CMC course with Marcie Gardner called "Special Topics in Government - Wrongful Convictions in the U.S."

Today, Tomorrow, and a Forgotten Story of Sudan

October 25, 2023

Athenaeum Dinner



The Cambodian Genocides of 1975–79 in the Global History of Genocide

October 30, 2023
Athenaeum Dinner

In his lecture, Professor Ben Kiernan (pictured at right), founder of Yale University's Genocide Studies Program, and General Editor of the new 3-volume Cambridge World History of Genocide, presented the case of Cambodia in the light of ancient and modern genocides, delineating the importance of history, specific cultural contexts, and patterns in genocidal ideas and practices.

The Cambodian Genocide

A Reflection By Ambika Gupta '27



The Cambodian Genocide (1975-1979) resulted in the deaths of 1.7 million people or 21% of the country's population. Pol Pot headed the Khmer Rouge regime which carried out these acts.

The Khmer Rouge began during the Cold War as a small communist insurgency against Prince Norodom Sihanouk's Government. Between 1969-1973, massive bombings in eastern Cambodia and the overthrow of Sihanouk radicalized rural youth who joined the regime. Pol Pot, leader of the Khmer Rouge in Beijing, introduced Chinese arms to the Khmer Rouge and by April 1975, the Khmer Rouge began committing genocide, primarily through executions, exhaustion, and starvation.

It was not until November 16, 2017, that the Cambodian and international judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) ruled that the former Khmer Rouge regime, led by Pol Pot, committed genocide. A decade earlier, the UN/Cambodian tribunal found evidence of "crimes against humanity, genocide, grave breaches of the Geneva Convention, homicide, torture and religious persecution."

Until 1991, Cambodia's seat in the United Nations was headed by the regime of Pol Pot rather than the People's Republic of Kampuchea—which gained de facto control over Cambodia. The United Nations cites that "big power machinations" awarded the contested seat to the regime of Pol Pot. The United Nations describes the process to bring Pol Pot to justice as "27 years of international amnesia."

Hitler's Insurrection: 100 Years of the Munich Beer Hall Putsch

November 8th, 2023
Athenaeum Dinner

Exactly one-hundred years ago, on November 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler tried to come to power in Munich through an insurrection. His coup, which started in a beer hall, failed and he was arrested. He received a lenient punishment, was released from prison after less than one year, rebuilt his Nazi party, and became dictator of Germany ten years later. This lecture, delivered by Professor Michael Brenner, focused on the rise of political extremism and antisemitism in Munich after World War One and asks why a convicted insurrectionist was allowed to return and to destroy the fledgling German democracy.

Professor Michael Brenner (pictured at right) is a German historian who researches and publishes on the history of Jews and Israel. He has authored eight books on Jewish history, which were translated into twelve languages and is the editor and co-editor of eighteen books. He holds teaching positions at both the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and the American University.

During his visit to CMC, members of the Mgrublian Center's Watchtower Podcast team interviewed Professor Brenner. Use the Spotify app to scan the image below to listen to this episode.



THREATS AND PROMISES ACROSS THE NUCLEAR AGE: A LECTURE IN MEMORIAM OF PROFESSOR ED HALEY

November 28, 2023
Athenaeum Dinner

When leaders make nuclear threats, what are the implications for conflict and war? Why has Vladimir Putin issued nuclear threats in the context of the Russian war in Ukraine, and are those threats credible? In this talk, Lisa Koch used past examples of threats and promises across the nuclear age as a foundation for thinking about how to interpret nuclear threats, and leaders' responses to those threats.

Lisa Koch is Assistant Professor of Government at Claremont McKenna College. She received the 2023 Glenn R. Huntoon Award for Superior Teaching by a vote of the student body. Koch specializes in international relations. She is the author of the book *Nuclear Decisions: Changing the Course of Nuclear Weapons Programs* (Oxford University Press, 2023), and articles on topics like nuclear proliferation and foreign policy. Koch is a 2021 Stanton Foundation Nuclear Security Grant Program winner. Her work has also been funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She is a 2000 Harry S. Truman Scholar.



LISA KOCH

Professor P. Edward ("Ed") Haley (1939 – 2023) was the W. M. Keck Foundation Professor Emeritus of International Strategic Studies. He first arrived at CMC in 1968, eventually chairing the International Relations program and becoming the inaugural director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies in 1984. From 2008 – 2014, he served as the director of the Center for Human Rights Leadership (now the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights). A highly esteemed expert in U.S. foreign policy—specifically U.S. policy in the Middle East, U.S.-European relations, and nuclear safety and arms control—Haley conducted research with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. He was a prolific publisher of academic works, including *Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security* and *Strategies of Dominance: The Misdirections of U.S. Foreign Policy*. His book, *Revolution and Intervention: The Diplomacy of Taft and Wilson with Mexico, 1913–1915*, won the Premio Sahagun, awarded by the Mexican National Institute of Anthropology and History.

Haley earned a B.A. in History and M.A. in Political Science from Stanford University, along with a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Relations. In addition, he was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1962–64. He passed away on June 30, 2023, at the age of 83, and will be missed by generations of CMC faculty, staff, and students.



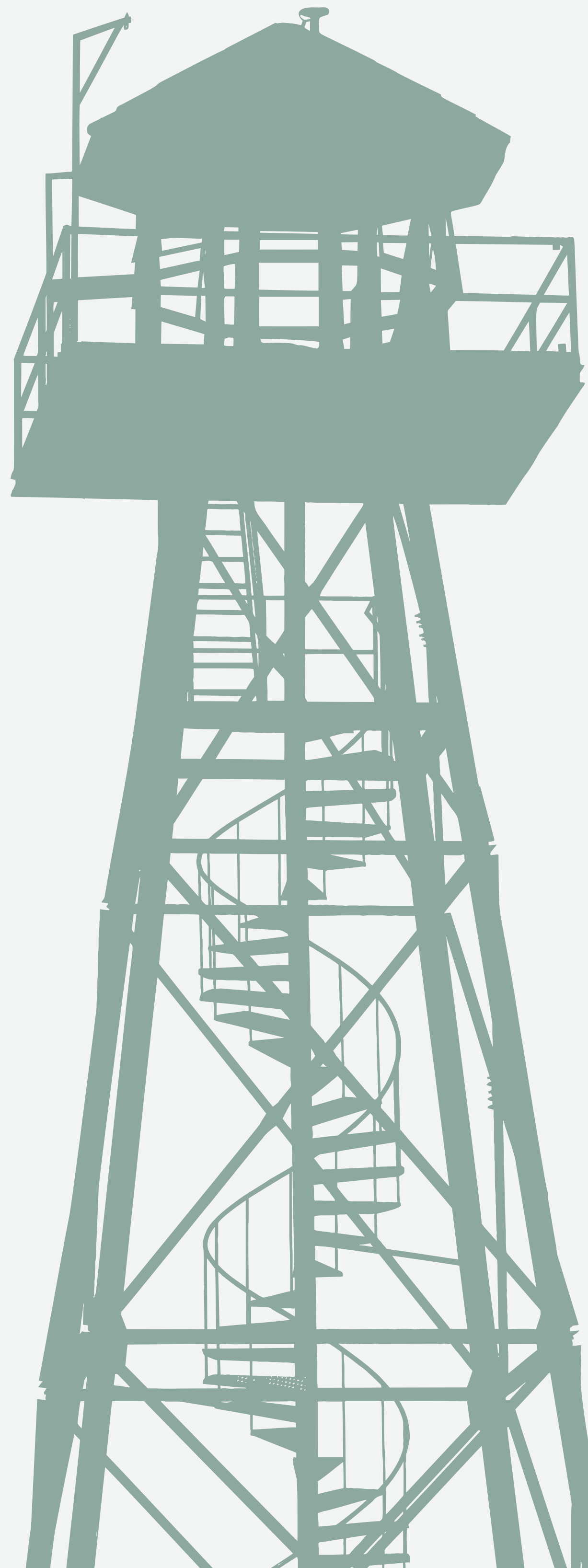
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The Watchtower PODCAST

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The *Watchtower*, the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights podcast program, highlights critical human rights issues worldwide. The *Watchtower* is a student-run organization that interviews scholars to increase publicity, inspire activism, and provide nuanced perspectives on crises around the world. In the past, The *Watchtower* has highlighted issues of corruption in Africa, the draconian crackdown on human rights in China, and the continued Russian invasion of Ukraine with Joseph Zhong '25 and Joshua Morganstein '25 as co-hosts. This year, The *Watchtower* expanded its team to include Ambika Gupta '27, Sophia Lakhani '27, Alana Nahabedian '27, Mason Napach '27, and Sofia Weinstein '26. Zhong trained the new members to get them up-to-speed and, now, leads the podcast team. The *Watchtower* has not only grew its team but also expanded its programming.

This year, The *Watchtower* focuses on genocides around the world and how humanity can truly live up to its promise of “Never Again.” The *Watchtower* has highlighted the Uygher Crisis in China and Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh, with additional episodes on Cambodia, Israel, and Rwanda. Stay tuned for further episodes and updates by using the Spotify app to scan the image below:



HIGHLIGHTING MGRUBLIAN CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VOICES



PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN K. ROTH

“Living in ‘active retirement’ in Winthrop, Washington, I am the Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College (CMC). I joined the faculty in 1966 and taught at CMC for more than forty years. I have been privileged to be one of the founding faculty members of the College’s PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) program and to be the founding director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (now the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights). I love to write and have published more than fifty books, most recently *Warnings: The Holocaust, Ukraine, and Endangered American Democracy*, which I co-authored with my friend Leonard Grob.”

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES OR POLICY INITIATIVES THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

“When democracy is endangered, human rights are imperiled. The 2020s remind me of the 1930s when Nazis destroyed democracy in Germany. Carnage followed. In the 2020s, Donald Trump and his followers endanger democracy in the United States. With Vladimir Putin’s ruthless assault against Ukraine compounding the difficulties, democracy must not be taken for granted. Democracy is on the ballot in the 2024 American elections. Human rights, at home and abroad, will be affected by those elections and their aftermath.”

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM ASPIRATIONS AND PERSONAL GOALS IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CENTER?

“As part of the Mgrublian Center’s twentieth anniversary celebration in 2023, a festive T-shirt was designed and made available to the Center’s friends. I was immensely honored with the back of the shirt featured a statement of mine, which identifies the Center as “an oppression-resisting, hope-sustaining, death-defying, life-giving, and joy-creating place.” For more than two decades, the Center has honored Claremont McKenna College and served its students by opposing antisemitism and racism, resisting genocide, and defending democracy and human rights. My hope and conviction are that the Center will grow from strength to strength, enlarging and expanding all the good that it can do”



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CENTER?

In March 2003, President Pamela Gann told me that alumnus Leigh Crawford had generously provided funding to found what eventually became the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights. That’s one of my favorite memories. Another dates back to April 10, 2015, when an Athenaeum event celebrated the awesome endowment gift provided by Margaret and David Mgrublian and their family. They ensured the Center’s bright future and lasting impact on CMC and the world.”

Pictured: John Roth (left), Jonathan Petropoulos (right)
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HIGHLIGHTING MGRUBLIAN CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VOICES



Based on an interview conducted by Maram Sharif '26

NICOLE HEATH P'22

Nicole Heath P'22 boasts a wide professional background, including previous roles such as an advertising director at *Esquire* magazine and as an executive in Wall Street. Despite these diverse career paths, her unwavering dedication to human rights has been a constant priority. Her association with the Mgrublian Center sprouted from her daughter's, Sydney Heath '22, interest during college, motivating her to actively engage with the Center and join the advisory board four years ago. Heath views her board membership as a valuable means of maintaining ties with the College while championing causes like reproductive rights and gun violence prevention. An avid reader (and lover of Emily Dickson's poetry), she often dedicates her free time to reading about the American incarcerated population and the shortcomings of the penal system, recommending Shane Bauer's "American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment."

Heath's commitment to supporting students shows through her ability to facilitate connections with human rights professionals in fields like gun violence prevention; in 2020 she helped establish an internship opportunity for students with Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV), a program which has hosted students every summer since and is currently reviewing applications for 2024. Her dedication to volunteerism extends to hosting several teens during the school year while they attend boarding or local independent schools, finding immense gratification in aiding these students' educational journeys.

Heath's involvement with the Mgrublian Center and beyond reflects a deep commitment to raising awareness and effecting positive change. By combining her professional background with an enduring dedication to various human rights causes, Nicole Heath emerges as a fervent advocate, dedicated volunteer, and a valuable member of our CMC community.

Favorite Poem:

*And this bequest of wings
Was but a book. What liberty
A loosened spirit brings!*

-Emily Dickinson

2022-23 MGRUBLIAN STAFF

Student Assistants



Alana Nahabedian '27 - A freshman from Las Vegas, Nevada, studying International Relations and Human Rights, Genocide, and Holocaust studies. As an Armenian whose surname is traced to the founder of Armenia, Hayk Nahabed, Alana's ethnic heritage and the plight of her ancestors provide the basis for her unwavering commitment to human rights and her interest in being a part of the Mgrublian Center. In high school, Alana gave numerous speeches nationwide about the Armenian Genocide and enrolled in Stanford classes to further develop her knowledge of Genocide, humanitarian intervention, and the capabilities of the United Nations. Alana serves on the board of directors of two non-profit organizations: EntrepreYOUership, a 501(c)3 that offers support for youth interested in entrepreneurship and financial literacy; and the Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief, which provides humanitarian relief to orphaned Armenian children and adults with disabilities throughout the world. Alana also founded the Armenian Youth Council, a grassroots organization dedicated to uplifting and expanding Armenian voices, serving as a united force for Armenian youth to collaborate and work for change. At CMC, Alana is an Associate Consultant at SOURCE Nonprofit Consulting, a writer for the Claremont Journal of International Relations, and a member of the Free Food for Thought Podcast. A 2023 Coca-Cola Scholar, Alana soon aims to revive the Armenian Student Association and pursue more opportunities addressing Genocide, human rights, and the security of Armenia.



Ambika Gupta '27 - A freshman from the suburbs of Chicago, who is hoping to dual major in Economics and International Relations with a possible Human Rights Sequence. She is leading the Amnesty International Task Force at the Mgrublian Center, as she did in high school for three years. She is also a Gould Center for Humanistic Studies Fellow and is a news writer at The Student Life. In high school, she completed research on news deserts and focused on the equity issues surrounding the issue. As a student assistant, she hopes to continue to learn more about global human rights violations and advocate for groups in need.



Angela Gushue '25 - A pre-medicine junior interested in the intersection of public health and human rights. In fifth grade, she founded her first organization and since then, her activism has continued and expanded. Now, as a student assistant, Angela is particularly passionate about the Mgrublian Mentorship Program and Curis, the Mgrublian global poverty and public health task force. When she isn't working at the Center, Angela runs cross country and track, mentors young musicians, and studies at local coffee shops.



Daniel Kroschuk '24 - A senior from San Diego, California studying Neuroscience and Economics. He is specifically interested in raising awareness for war crimes committed against Ukrainians as a result of the Russian invasion. This topic is close to his heart as most of his relatives reside in Ukraine. On campus, he is a part of Claremont Curis, a global health and poverty task force, as well as the CMS football team. In his free time, Daniel enjoys camping with friends and surfing the beaches of So-Cal.



Ilma Turcios '25 - A junior from Miami, Florida, majoring in Government and Economics. On campus, she is a research assistant at the Keck Center for Strategic and International Studies under Government Professor Lisa Koch for her research on nuclear policy, and deterrence. She is also a research assistant at the Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom for Government Professor Nicholas Buccola. This past summer, Ilma interned for a human rights non-profit organization in Mendoza, Argentina called Xumek, in which she worked for their childhood and adolescence sector. She also interned for a CMC alumna's non-profit organization—called the Rerooted Archive—in which she conducted interviews with Armenians in Argentina. Ilma's passion for human rights brought her to Mgrublian and she is excited to keep exploring the field.



Guadalupe Loza-Mendez '26 - A junior from Pomona, California dual majoring in International Relations and Economics. Currently, she works as a CARE fellow and a lead consultant at Source Nonprofit Consulting, where she collaborates with local nonprofit organizations. Throughout her life, Guadalupe has been actively engaged in her local community, but it was at the beginning of her college journey that she expanded her interests to focus on human rights on an international scale. As a first-generation student born to Mexican immigrants, she has enriched her experience by interning with various non-profits and NGOs across Latin America, with the goal of serving this region in the future. In her free time, she loves to thrift and watercolor landscapes.



Joseph Zong '25 - A junior from Elkhorn, Nebraska, pursuing a dual major in Economics and Public Policy at Claremont McKenna College. Joseph is excited to manage and run The Watchtower, the Mgrublian Center's podcast, shedding light on global humanitarian issues and their potential solutions. He has long loved using the media to raise awareness of humanity's critical issues. Outside the Mgrublian Center, Joseph is a Project Manager for the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, where he runs their Cost of Doing Business Survey and consults local nonprofits on city charters. Sometimes, Joseph is spotted giving tours to prospective CMC students. In his free time, Joseph loves to hike with friends, trade on the Bloomberg terminal, and watch the sunsets.



Maram Sharif '26 - A sophomore from Manama, Bahrain pursuing a Bachelors in Economics and a Masters in Finance. Since her freshman year, Maram has been leading the Mgrublian Center's social media and newsletter team. During high school, she developed a passion for journalism and storytelling through the usage of multimedia, leading her to be involved on CMC's campus as an Information Technology Assistant, the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing for College Programming Board, and the Communications and Outreach Manager for the Alexandria Review at the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies. She also serves as a Career Services Mentor at the Soll Center For Student Opportunity. Maram is incredibly passionate about educational equity and hopes to make an impact through her position at the Mgrublian Center.



Mason Napach '27- A freshman at CMC from New City, New York who is planning on majoring in Economics with a sequence in Human Rights, Genocide and Holocaust Studies. On campus, he is involved in consulting for the Graphite Group and debating in the CCDU. His passion for human rights comes from working with Holocaust survivors in his community and learning their powerful stories. Mason also has experience researching the intersection of predatory economic policy and human rights abuses. In his free time, Mason loves working on puzzles and telling corny jokes. He is excited to get started working for the Mgrublian Center.



Shriya Velichala '26 - A sophomore from Arcadia, California interested in studying Economics and Government at CMC. She is passionate about various human rights topics ranging from education and women's rights to solutions for bridging socioeconomic disparities. This past summer, Shriya was able to further develop her interest for human rights advocacy during her internship with Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV), where she helped with various research and community projects related to gun violence prevention. Apart from being a student assistant for the Mgrublian Center, she is also a financial analyst for Claremont Women in Business and a member of the CMS Track & Field Team. She is excited for the opportunity to be a student assistant and contribute to the Center's mission.



Sofia Weinstein '26 - A sophomore from the Bay Area, California studying Economics and Finance. Her dedication to justice and advocacy began in high school by starting a nonprofit organization that provides free tutoring to disadvantaged students and a student-run racial equity leadership program. Having family members who were Holocaust survivors, she is very passionate about Holocaust education, awareness, and research. In addition, she believes that it is critical to combat anti-semitism at the 5Cs and beyond. On campus, she is a member of the 5C Student Chabad Board and helps lead the ASCMC committee on anti-semitism which has a focus on combating anti-semitism and improving Jewish students' experience at the 5Cs. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis with friends and going out to the Claremont Village. She is incredibly excited to work at the Mgrublian Center this year to work on various programs such as podcasts and help lead the student-run task force groups.



Sophia Lakani '27 - A freshman from Calgary, Canada who intends to dual major in Philosophy and Government. On campus, she is a Research Assistant for the Salvatori Center for Individual Freedom and is a Randall Lewis Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fellow. Sophia's passion for human rights stems from her academic and advocacy work in projects related to gender equality development and the Rwandan genocide. Sophia is excited to be working with the Mgrublian Center to increase awareness of humanitarian issues and work with others to enact change.



Stephanie Hernandez '26 - A sophomore from Seattle, Washington, dual majoring in History and Government with a sequence in Gender and Sexuality Studies. On campus, they work as a Success Coach and are involved as a 1Gen Mentor. Their dream is to go to law school after completing undergrad and becoming a human rights attorney. Stephanie is excited to work for the Mgrublian Center, as they have a huge interest in women and LGBT+ rights, human rights, Indigenous rights, and immigration and refugee rights. This past summer, they interned for Connecticut Against Gun Violence, which was a Mgrublian-sponsored internship, which led them to learn more about the intersection of gun violence against women. They look forward to working on human rights issues and working with equally passionate students.

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John K. Roth Research Fellows



Adam Guggenheim '22 - A sophomore from Mill Valley, California, studying International Relations and pursuing the Data Science sequence. On campus, he is a Wagener Global Scholar, ASCMC Senator, First-Year-Guide, an associate for Claremont AI Advancement Society, and a member of the 5C club soccer team. Adam's Grandfather, a Holocaust survivor, was what sparked his interest in learning about genocides and genocide prevention studies. In high school, he was selected to participate in the Manovill Holocaust History Fellowship at the JFCS Holocaust Center. During the fellowship, he attended bi-weekly seminars and met with genocide survivors and refugees. Adam wrote two research papers during his fellowship: *Taking the Offensive: The Fight Against Resurgent Antisemitism in the Time of Social Media and Pandemic* and *Jewish Holocaust Refugees in the Shanghai Ghetto*. Adam is extremely fortunate to be a John K. Roth Fellow and is excited for what is to come.



Anuj Patel '27 - A first year student from Chino Hills, CA pursuing a double major in Biology and Public Policy. Interested in pursuing a career in public health within the field of dentistry, he currently works as a dental assistant at a clinic that aims to provide free dental care to low income communities. In the future, Anuj hopes to combine his passion for health and government to make positive structural impacts to healthcare policy within America. His project centers around exploring how social obstacles have affected access to oral health in Indigenous American communities. Through the exploration of this topic, and similar topics in the future, he believes that he will be well equipped to understand the nuances of the healthcare field to best serve his community. In his free time, Anuj also enjoys photography and reading.



Charlotte Jordan '27 - a freshman from Whittier, California considering a dual-major in History and International Relations. On campus, Charlotte is a part of CMC Advocates, where she hopes to develop her passion for education, advocacy, and contributing to her community. It is this desire to educate others on and advocate for underrepresented groups like the LGBTQ+ community that drives her research project, in which she will explain the resurgence of hate against the LGBTQ+ community in recent years in the context of lasting queer culture and stigma from the AIDS epidemic. In doing so, she hopes to analyze and learn from forms of gay activism in the 1980s to evaluate what methods of communication and education will be most effective in queer advocacy and diffusing the modern LGBTQ stigma.



Claire Moore '26 - A sophomore at CMC majoring in Literature and Government. Her interest in international law began after seeing headlines that the International Criminal Court had issued an arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin and blossomed while she was living in Geneva, Switzerland. Claire spent last summer working at a legal non-profit and was fortunate to meet many professionals with backgrounds in transitional justice through her work. Conversations with these lawyers sparked her interest in how international law and compliance can be used for their intended purpose: protecting human rights. To this end, her project will investigate the evolution of international law and war crime litigation using philosophical theory, interviews, and case studies. Aside from her work at the Mgrublian Center, Claire is a consultant at the CWPD and the Director of Outreach for CMC Student Advisors. She enjoys reading, watching horror movies, and playing with her German Shepard, Oscar, in her free time



Evan Sevaly '26 - A sophomore from Kalispell, Montana, studying Government. He currently competes in mock trial, teaches classes for CMC's Prison Education Project, and participates in ASCMC. He first became interested in U.S. foreign policy while debating the efficacy of U.S. arms sales in high school. His paper investigates whether U.S. sanctions against the Taliban are a legitimate response to Taliban human rights violations. Some argue that unilateral U.S. sanctions can change the policies of authoritarian regimes, whereas others say that they don't work, kill civilians, and violate international law. Evan's paper evaluates these arguments in the context of the Afghanistan War and its enduring consequences. He hopes to use the skills he learns from the Mgrublian Research Fellowship to pursue a career in government and human rights. He enjoys listening to music and playing chess and tennis in his free time.



Floribert Rugambage '27 - A freshman pursuing a major in Data Science. Hailing from the resilient nation of Rwanda, he was born and raised in a land marked by the tragic Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994. His personal journey is one defined by both resilience and an unquenchable thirst for understanding. Floribert's profound interest lies in exploring the intricacies of transgenerational trauma, a subject that holds a deeply personal significance. Having witnessed the long-lasting impacts of generational trauma in his own life, Floribert is committed to delving into the "why" and "how" behind its enduring presence. In his free time, he enjoys listening to podcasts or gospel music, and hanging out with his friends at cafes or city exploring.

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Legal Research Assistants



Daniela Brun Matar '26 - A sophomore from Monterrey, Mexico majoring in International Relations and Psychology. In addition to being a Mgrublian Legal Research Assistant, she is the Events Coordinator for CMC Advocates for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, assists with research at the Berger Institute for Individual and Social Development, and is a First Year Guide. She hopes to continue learning more about human rights law and pursue it as a lawyer after college.



Genevieve McCloy '24 - A senior from San Francisco studying Government. Genevieve is interested in learning how law can be utilized to promote restorative justice in prison reform. Even though she loves that CMC is in Southern California, she is a forever San Francisco Giants fan and dislikes the Dodgers. In her free time, she enjoys listening to the Talking Heads and doing the Wordle.



Sascha Douglass '24 - A senior from San Francisco, California, majoring in Government. On campus, she is leader of the CMC Prison Education Project Club and a research assistant for the Psych, Law, and Policy Lab. Off-campus, Sascha has worked for Congresswoman Judy Chu and Haysbert & Moultrie, LLP, which is a Mgrublian-sponsored internship, as she explores her interests in criminal justice and civil rights. After college, she plans on becoming a public interest lawyer.



Yulissa Sanchez '24 - A senior from California dual majoring in Government and History. On campus, she is involved in CMC's mock trial team as she hopes to one day attend law school to become a lawyer. Yulissa's passion for law stems from a young age when she realized the shortcomings laws sometimes possess when protecting the rights of others. She has spent time in Washington, D.C. learning how policy is developed by the legislative branch and implemented by the executive branch.

LOOKING AHEAD

Spring 2024 Programming

January 25th , 12:00-1:00pm - *Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Today* by Professors Wendy Lower and John Roth, Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day for a historical discussion on remembrance, antisemitism, and the future of American democracy. Hosted virtually by CMC Connects.

February 1st, 4:00-6:00pm - CMC Summer Opportunities Meet-Up. McKenna Auditorium.

February 1st, 7:10pm - *The Zone of Interest* Film Screening. Laemmle Theater Claremont.

February 23rd, 12:00-2:30pm - *Women's Leadership, Equal Citizenship, and Reproductive Justice*, featuring keynote speaker and Mgrublian Center Advisory Board Member, Elizabeth Wydra '98. In partnership with the Women and Leadership Alliance (WLA). McKenna Auditorium.

March 11-15th - Washington, DC Networking Trek, in partnership with the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies and the Soll Center for Student Opportunity.

March 29th, 12:15pm - Human Rights Career Panel, featuring five CMC alumni: Katrina Weeks '11, Allison Scott '11, Tyler McBrien '14, Brianna Munoz '18, Laleh Ahmad '20. Roberts South 102 and Zoom.

April 2nd, 12:00pm - Anoush Suni, *Landscapes of Ruin and the Afterlives of Genocide in Turkey*, In partnership with History (CMC), Middle East and North African Studies (Scripps College), and Middle East Studies (Pomona). CMC Athenaeum

April 8th, 5:30pm - Jean Michel Habineza, *Rwanda 30: A Generation's Quest for Answers*. CMC Athenaeum.

April 9th, 12:10pm - Anna Romandash, *News from Ukraine*. Co-sponsored with the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies. Kravis 102.

April 15th, 5:30pm - Ellen Ochoa, veteran astronaut, 11th director of the Johnson Space Center. WLA co-sponsored event. CMC Athenaeum.

April 16th, 12:15pm - Ari Moore '22, Elbaz Post-Graduate Fellowship Presentation. Parents Dining Room, CMC Athenaeum.

April 16th, 5:30pm - Peter Balakian, *Imagining the Past: Atrocity, Trauma, and the Armenian Genocide*. Annual Mgrublian Lecture on Armenian Studies. CMC Athenaeum.

May 2, 2:00-4:00pm - John K. Roth Research Fellowship Presentations. Kravis 321.



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