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## A Vision for Change

An international cast of civil rights, race, immigration and human rights experts will convene at the University of Dayton Nov. 8-10 for the Social Practice of Human Rights?conference.

Nearly 100 participants from more than 15 nations will attend the conference, including representatives of the National Immigration Law Center, International Catholic Migration Commission, Hope Border Institute, U.S. Institute of Peace, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The following presenters, all of them frequent contributors to major international news outlets like NPR, CNN, *The New York Times*, PBS NewsHour, the Huffington Post and NBC News, will give free, public talks.

\* William Dobson, senior supervising editor of NPR's international desk and author of *The Dictator's Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy*. He manages an international team of correspondents committed to delivering stories and reporting on international politics, economics, and culture. His articles and essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New Republic*, *Newsweek*, and he has provided commentary and analysis on international politics for ABC, CNN, CBS, and MSNBC — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, Kennedy Union (in conjunction with the UD Speaker Series)

\* Marielena Hincapié, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, the main organization dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of low-income immigrants in the U.S. Univisión, Telemundo, CNN en Español, MSNBC, *The New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* often interviews her about several topics, including federal immigration policy — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1700 S. Patterson Building

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\* Nadiezhda Henriquez, survivor of the war in Colombia and human rights advocate. *The New York Times* featured her family in "The Secret History of Colombia's Paramilitaries and the U.S. War on Drugs." — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 1700 S. Patterson Building

\* Carol Anderson, author of *White Rage* and the Charles Howard Candler Professor of African American Studies at Emory University. Anderson's research and teaching focus on public policy; particularly issues of race, justice and equality in the United States. CNN, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and PBS NewsHour were among those interviewing her in the wake of the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 1700 S. Patterson Building

"The conference will explore challenges to human rights posed by racism, xenophobia, other forms of extremism and what Pope Francis has termed 'the globalization of indifference,'" said Tony Talbott, executive director of the University of Dayton Human Rights Center.

In addition to the public talks, the conference will feature research panels on human rights advocacy and sessions on the global refugee crisis, forced migration, violence and peace, human trafficking and the importance of social justice and human rights in economics, among others.

For more information, including a complete schedule, and to register for the research panels, visit the related link. The University of Dayton Human Rights Center will stream portions of the conference on Facebook live as will Open Global Rights on its website.

The University of Dayton — a Catholic, Marianist research university — started the country's first undergraduate human rights program in 1998 and offered one of the nation's first bachelor's degrees in human rights studies in 2008. Founded in 2013, the Human Rights Center expands the University's mission to integrate theoretical and practical approaches to learning and engage others working toward the common good — locally and globally.

For more information, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of news and communications, at 937-229-3391 or [srobinson@udayton.edu](mailto:srobinson@udayton.edu).

The University of Dayton Research Institute has been awarded a six-year, \$72 million-ceiling Air Force Research Laboratory contract for research and development in AFRL's Quick-Reaction Evaluation of Materials and Processes program.

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A national publication covering the wind power engineering industry and several local outlets featured the University of Dayton Research Institute's new wind turbine to boost alternative-energy research and educational opportunities. Also, Caroline Waldron Merithew was the subject of a American Historical Association member spotlight and Law.com blog Ahead of the Curve and an op-ed in Inside Higher Ed discussed the School of

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