

Profile

THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM AT  
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

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*Health and Human Rights will occasionally profile programs in health and human rights from around the world, to help inform readers about useful publications, training programs and other opportunities to broaden skills and capacity for health and human rights work.*

The Harvard Law School Human Rights Program has followed two distinct but related paths. The Program fosters research and organizes conferences and symposia seeking to contribute to the understanding and development of international human rights. As an example, proceedings of the Conference on Economic and Social Rights and the Right to Health, held in 1993 at Harvard, were subsequently published and are now available through the Program Office.

At the same time, the Program is rooted in the Law School's broad educational enterprise and seeks to train future leaders in human rights. The Program sponsors research seminars and courses focusing on issues such as laws of war, indigenous peoples, and asylum and refugees; supports students on summer human rights internships with organizations internationally; and provides opportunities for students to work with nongovernmental organizations and to do pro bono work for credit.

The student-edited *Harvard Human Rights Journal* features articles by outside authors, and is an important intellectual and social network drawing together students with an interest in hu-

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man rights. Close relations are maintained with the Program's alumni—those who were active in human rights work as students at the Law School. Each year, the program also hosts visiting fellows from around the world including academics with an extensive background in human rights, experienced field workers, and policy-makers from human rights organizations.

*The Guide to Human Rights Research*, published in 1994, is intended to provide both the novice and the experienced human rights scholar or activist with essential information for researching a wide range of human rights topics. This guide seeks to fill a real need within the human rights movement, for while there are many bibliographies, no research guide has been available to help orient and guide research on so many issues.

Copies of *The Guide to Human Rights Research*, the *Economic and Social Rights and the Right Health* conference report, subscriptions to the *Harvard Human Rights Journal* or further information about the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program may be obtained from the Human Rights Program, Pound Hall 401, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA, tel: (1-617) 495-9362/63 or fax: (1-617) 495-1110.