

Annual Report

2020-2021

Center for
Human Rights and
Humanitarian Studies

Watson Institute, Brown University



Table of Contents

03	Welcome
06	People
09	Programs
13	Research
17	Training
22	Student Engagement
26	Programing
30	Join Us

WELCOME

Letter from the Director

I am pleased to present the 2020-2021 annual report for our Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRRHS). CHRRHS's second year was one of steady growth, including new staff, student assistants, and global fellows, as well as a number of new research and training initiatives and collaborations. Despite the strains of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have managed to significantly advance human rights and humanitarian scholarship and education — both here at Brown University and around the world — while also engaging our students and community in innovative programming and events.

Perhaps our most exciting step forward this year was hiring Dr. Alexandria Nylen, PhD as our second full time staff member for CHRRHS. In her first few months on the job, Alexandria has already hit the ground running, leading our Program in Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination as well as a number of related research and programmatic efforts. This includes our annual Research Symposium and Workshop on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination, held virtually this past September with nearly 100 humanitarian and military leaders. This year we completed data collection for our US State Department funded research on “Civilian-Military Interaction in Conflicts: Best Practices and Perceptions,” including 176 interviews with conflict and disaster-affected populations and humanitarian and military personnel in the Philippines, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Syrian/Jordanian border. We also launched two new studies, one exploring coordination between civilian, military, and police agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic funded by the Australian Civil-Military Centre, and another focused on the experience of Afghan refugees evacuated from Kabul by the US military in August. Each of these studies includes support from our Watson Institute graduate and undergraduate students, as well as our global fellows based around the world.

CHRHS also led several important research and training initiatives this past year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Building on the success of our prior COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Training of the Trainers, we partnered with Project HOPE and the Africa CDC this year to develop a virtual COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Health Care Workers, which we launched in 30 countries across Africa, as well as several more in Eastern Europe and South and East Asia. In addition to these educational activities, we also conducted a novel research study funded by American Jewish World Service titled “Public action and the pandemic: The role of civil society in shaping state responses,” which included interviews with over 60 civil society organization leaders in Brazil, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, India, and the Philippines, conducted by Brown University graduate students and CHRHS global fellows.

In addition to our scholarly research and educational activities, we continued to build our student engagement programs, supported in part by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, with the goal of inspiring the next generation of human rights and humanitarian leaders. This includes sponsorship of the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, hosting our annual student Hack for Humanity event, and funding paid summer internships for Brown University students with leading human rights and humanitarian organizations. With the help of our visiting scholars Brittany Card, John Hursh, and Agnieszka Raczyńska, we also continued our Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Action dialogue series with more than half a dozen virtual and in-person events on wide variety of topics. Finally, we launched a new “Current Emergencies” page on our website to provide the Brown community with up-to-date, reliable information about major humanitarian crises worldwide.

While I am proud of all that our Center has been able to accomplish in its first two years, I know that none of it would have been possible without the tireless dedication of our staff, faculty, fellows, and students, and the significant investment of resources and time from our donors, alumni, and advisors. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts over the past two years to promote a more just, peaceful, and secure world.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Levine, MD, MPH

Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

Mission Statement

Promote a more just, peaceful, and secure world by furthering a deeper understanding of global human rights and humanitarian challenges, and encouraging collaboration between local communities, academics, and practitioners to develop innovative solutions to these challenges.



PEOPLE

Leadership and Staff

Adam Levine

Director, CHRHS

Alexandria Nylen

Civil-Military Program Coordinator

Seth Stulen

Program Manager, CHRHS

Affiliated Faculty

Ruhul Abid

Associate Professor, Division of
Cardiothoracic Surgery

Adam Aluisio

Assistant Professor of Emergency
Medicine

Robert Blair

Joukowsky Family Assistant
Professor of Political Science and
International and Public Affairs

Christopher Bull

Senior Lecturer in Engineering

Abdullah Chahin

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Stephanie Garbern

Assistant Professor of Emergency
Medicine

James Green

Carlos Manuel Céspedes Professor of
Latin American Studies

Patrick Heller

Professor of Sociology and
International and Public Affairs

Elizabeth Dean Hermann

Professor of Landscape
Architecture, RISD

Jennifer Johnson

Associate Professor of History

Seny Kamara

Associate Professor of Computer
Science

Catherine Lutz

Thomas J. Watson, Jr. Professor
Emerita of Anthropology and
International and Public Affairs

Katelyn Moretti

Assistant Professor of Emergency
Medicine

Don Operario

Professor of Behavioral and Social
Sciences

Emily Oster

Royce Family Professor of Teaching
Excellence, Professor of Economics

David Polatty

Senior Fellow in International and
Public Affairs

Josiah Rich

Professor of Medicine and
Epidemiology

Selim Suner

Professor of Emergency Medicine,
Professor of Surgery

Nina Tannenwald

Senior Lecturer in Political Science

Elizabeth Toll

Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine

Tara White

Assistant Professor of Behavioral
and Social Sciences

Vazira Zamindar

Associate Professor of History

Affiliated Fellows

Rawan Arar

Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs

Hannah Baron

Ph.D candidate, Comparative Politics

Cyril Bennouna

PhD Candidate, Political Science

Jori Breslawski

Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs

Rob Grace

PhD Candidate, Political Science

Ramu Kharel

Global Emergency Medicine Fellow

Tabitha Krondorfer

MPA Candidate

Austin Lee

Global Emergency Medicine Fellow

Visiting Scholars

Brittany Card

Deputy Director, PEMA

Agnieszka Raczynska

Consultant, Migration Program at Fundación Avina

John Hursh

Program Director of Democracy for the Arab World Now

Advisory Board

Paulo Abrão

Former Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Alfredo Ayala

Managing Director, Ayala Corporation; CEO Ayala Education, Inc.

Omar Bah

Founder & Executive Director of the Refugee Dream Center, Inc.

Seth Berkley

CEO, GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance

Chevaan Daniel

Executive Group Director, The Capital Maharaja Organization Ltd., Sri Lanka

Kate Dischino

Vice President of Emergency Programs, AmeriCares

Blanche Greene-Cramer

Epidemiologist, Health Emergency Information & Risk Assessment, World Health Organization

Susan Lebovitz-Edelman

Co-chair of The Edelman Family Foundation

Robert Malley

Former President & CEO, International Crisis Group

Michael Marx

Senior Humanitarian-Military Advisor, World Food Programme

Kenneth Roth

Executive Director, Human Rights Watch

Armand Sprecher

Public Health Specialist, Médecins Sans Frontières

Julie Thompson

Humanitarian Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Rabih Torbay

President and Chief Executive Officer, Project HOPE

Shari Turitz

Vice President for Programs, American Jewish World Service

Samantha Wolthuis

Vice President, Global Operations, Resolve to Save Lives

Sam Worthington

CEO, InterAction

Global Fellows

Akosua Dankwah
Siautu Alefaio-Tugia
Tayseer Alkarim
Khaled Almilaji
Ricia Anne Chansky
Samrawit Assefa Melles
Yaseen Ayobi
Aisha Azhar
Temesgen Beyene
Rajneesh Bhandari
Muhammad Ashik
Camila Braga
Pamela Gloria Cajilig
Juliana Carvalho Cortes
Cecilia Corsini
András Derzsi-Horváth
Jasmin Lilian Diab
Sara Ellithy
Nadine Elshokeiry
Bianca Fadel
Fouad M. Fouad
Demewoz Haile
Awet Hailu Woldegiorgis
Hassan Hussein Ibrahim
Chinwoke C. Ifeanyi-obi
Alexandra Irani

Rabiul Islam
Mohamed Jelle
Cesar Jeronimo Esquinca
Njoroge Kamau
MD Kamruzzaman
Stephen S. Kansuk
Nattawut Kasem
Meseret Kassahun
Aro Joseph Kayode
Charles Rudolf Kpiosa
Chris Kwaja
Loveness Makonese
Muhammad Nasir Malik
Jerome Marston
Allan Mendoza
Deus Mwijuke
Sabiha Nasrin
Maiwen Ngalueth
Victor O. Okorie
Richard Oloruntoba
Rafiu Olugbenga Salami
Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria
Samia Qumri
Jonathan Robinson
Hashim SAAD
Nihal Said
Aslam Saja

Tarekegn Sakato
Alaaddin Salih
Jhuma Sen
Rashmi Sharma
Carolina Silvia-Portero
Vibhavendra Singh
Raghuvanshi
Devina Srivastava
Christopher Stockdale-Garbutt
Lambert Tatah
Berhan Taye
Zein Tayyeb
Gayatri Vijaysimha
Sangeetha Yogendran
Homa Khoshsabegheh

Student Assistants

Gabrielle Agnew
Amelia Anthony
Madison Bates
Rose Beatty
Carmen Bebbington
James Langan
Neil Rupani
Tarana Sable
Andrew Steinberg
Anik Willig

PROGRAMS

Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination

With generous support from the Robert D. Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, the Program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination leverages existing CHRHS partnerships with the U.S Naval War College's Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) in order to break new ground within the humanitarian space. This program expands upon the existing evidence base for effective coordination during humanitarian emergencies through cutting edge research, developing new avenues for information sharing between humanitarian, military, and academic communities, and creating vibrant educational offerings for the multitude of actors who respond to crises.

HIGHLIGHTS

CHRHS Hires New Staff Member to Coordinate Program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination

Alexandria Nylen, Ph.D

Civil-Military Program Coordinator

Hired on September 1, 2021, Alexandria Nylen will be coordinating the CHRHS Program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination. Alexandria comes to CHRHS directly from her Ph.D. program in Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. During her time at UMass Amherst, Alexandria's research focused on the nexus of international law and U.S. foreign policy. Prior to her Ph.D. program, Alexandria earned a Master of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies from the University of San Diego in 2014.





Research Symposium & Workshop on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination

On September 9-10, 2021 CHRHS, HRP, and UN OCHA convened their second annual **Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination** and the fifth annual **Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop**. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these twin events were once again held virtually. Our Research Symposium featured five presentations of recently completed original research studies from a variety of disciplines. This included research on best practices in civil-military coordination in conflict settings; civil-military engagement in public health emergencies; humanitarian assistance in great power conflict; humanitarian leadership in urban emergencies; and humanitarian notification systems for deconfliction.

Research Symposium Presentations

- Civilian-military interaction in conflicts: a preliminary analysis of best practices and perceptions from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan
- Humanitarian Leadership in Urban Communities: An Exploratory Study on the Role of Community Leaders in Humanitarian Coordination during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines
- Civil-Military Engagement During Public Health Emergencies: A Comparative Analysis of Domestic Responses to COVID-19
- China and The Future of HA/DR Operations in Great Power Competition
- Humanitarian Notification Systems for Deconfliction: Purposes and Stakeholders

The 2021 Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop was the fifth in a series of workshops designed to explore current and future challenges in humanitarian response, including disasters and pandemics, complex emergencies, and routine humanitarian engagements. The theme of this year's workshop was "Civil-Military Coordination in the Next Pandemic." The keynote panel featured Dr. Mike Ryan and Paul Molinaro of the World Health Organization, Dr. Maria Guevara of Médecins Sans Frontières, and Colonel Gloria Berlanga of the Rhode Island National Guard. Participants were grouped into a series of working groups that met prior to the workshop to discuss and refine an agenda for six major themes within the civ-mil humanitarian space. On behalf of Brown University and the NWC, we would like to thank the R. Dudley Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, the U.S. Naval War College Foundation, the Widgeon Foundation, and UN OCHA's Civil-Military Coordination Service (CMCS) for their support.

Complexities of Responses in COVID-19 era

Multi-hazard related disaster and the disconnected response system

Resilience as a form of neglect

Right to the Urban space



"The crucial role of community leaders during humanitarian crises has always been overlooked in both disaster reduction and risk mitigation planning in the Philippines. This project showcased how during the COVID-19 pandemic, when conventional processes for humanitarian interventions were halted by quarantine protocols, the most organic and reliable partners of service delivery for the vulnerable population are the community leaders."

Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria, CHRHS Global Fellow

RESEARCH

Civilian-Military Interaction in Conflicts *Best Practices and Perceptions*

This research effort which is led by CHRHS in collaboration with the U.S. Naval War College, is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. Through research conducted in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Philippines, and Jordan, this study aims to significantly expand and deepen the understanding of civilian-military coordination across different types of humanitarian crises and aid in the development of updated evidence-based guidance for humanitarian and military actors working in close proximity in a diverse range of contexts worldwide. The research team conducted 176 interviews across these three sites with uniformed personnel, humanitarian actors, and community members. The initial analysis of our interviews with Syrian refugees in Jordan was presented at the 2021 Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination Research Symposium in September. Full data analysis is currently underway and the findings will be presented during the next Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination in the Spring of 2022.

PRM

Bureau of Population,
Refugees, and Migration

United States Department of State





SEED FUNDED RESEARCH

China and The Future of HA/DR Operations in Great Power Competition

Civil-Military Engagement During Public Health Emergencies: A Comparative Analysis of Local Responses to COVID-19

Humanitarian Leadership in Urban Communities: An Exploratory Study on the Role of Community Leaders in Humanitarian Coordination during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines

Civil-Military Climate Change Issues: Setting the Agenda and Developing the Discourse

Enhancing Sustainable Humanitarian Response Through the Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination Framework

SPECIAL CIV-MIL PROJECTS

Humanitarian Notification Systems for Deconfliction: Purposes and Stakeholders

CHRHS, U.S. Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program, Stanford Law School's Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, led a series of virtual workshops to assess and identify the purposes, challenges, and opportunities of Humanitarian Notification Systems for Deconfliction (HNS4D). The first series of workshops—held in March and April 2021—engaged academic, humanitarian, United Nations, government, and military stakeholders to discuss the purposes of HNS4D and the stakeholders or objects included in HNS4D.

Research on U.S. Government Security Partnerships

CHRHS partnered with InterAction and Security Assistance Monitor to conduct research on U.S. government security partnerships. The aim is to produce fact sheets on select U.S. security partnerships in specific contexts of concern (where civilian harm has been an issue or ongoing) to inform engagement with various U.S. Government [USG] stakeholders. The project also aims to identify protection concerns and potential measures to shape U.S. partnerships to anticipate, minimize, respond to harm.

RESEARCH

CHRHS conducts and facilitates interdisciplinary research on pressing global human rights and humanitarian challenges. In addition to our core research projects at CHRHS, we annually fund pilot research studies through our Seed Grant Program. This program is designed to stimulate original, innovation-driven research that addresses topics of disaster preparedness, humanitarian response, post emergency reconstruction, and human rights.





Public Action and the Pandemic

The role of civil society in shaping state responses

Funded through a grant from the American Jewish World Service, this research project, aims to systematically document, evaluate, and explain the role that civil society and human rights have played in the response to the pandemic. We believe this is vital for three reasons. First, because most reporting and most academic work focuses on formal interventions and policies, the work of civil society often goes undocumented. Second, our preliminary observations leave little doubt that as much as state responses have been weak and highly uneven, civil society has indeed often stepped into the breach and made a measurable difference, especially for the most vulnerable. Third, we believe there are important policy lessons to be drawn from a better understanding of when and how civil society can either prod and/or complement public action.

This study is a multi-country — Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Kenya, India, Philippines — qualitative data collection project that has three phases: Mapping and documenting the constellation of civil society actors who have played a key role in the pandemic response; Key informant interviews from selected CSOs; and Comparative analysis across the selected cases to determine which interventions have been most effective and what factors explain success or failure.

One particularly striking finding, is how, uniformly across the countries we are examining, civil society groups of varying missions and capacities, rallied to meet the needs of vulnerable groups impacted by the pandemic. Yet, through our comparative lens, we see that the strategies employed and the successes realized by this far-reaching mobilization is strongly shaped by the preexisting structure and opportunities of civil society in a country."

- Salma Mutwafy,
CHRS Research Lead
Graduate Student, Sociology

2020-2021 Seed Research Grants

The Margins of the State in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Peripheral experiences of human (in) security in Brazil

Hospital emergency care assessment with focus on disaster and outbreak preparedness in tertiary hospitals in Kathmandu, Nepal

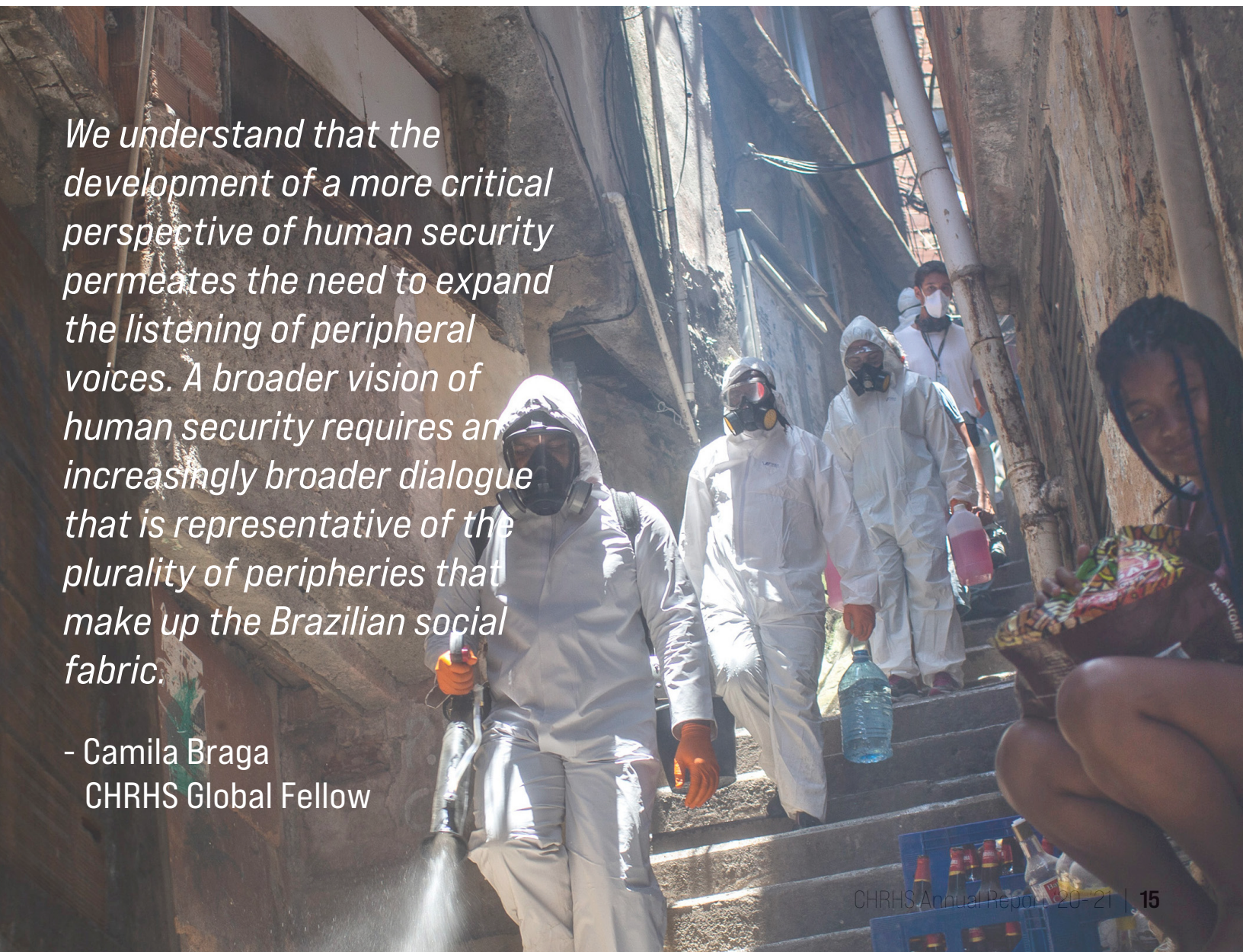
Covid-19 and the Global Supply Chain: Voices from Myanmar's Garment Factory Shop Floors

Unmasking COVID-19: Pacific Islanders, Health Equity, and Survival in New Zealand and the United States

Human Rights Backlash from Below: Criminal Violence, Justice Attitudes and the Rule of Law in Latin America

We understand that the development of a more critical perspective of human security permeates the need to expand the listening of peripheral voices. A broader vision of human security requires an increasingly broader dialogue that is representative of the plurality of peripheries that make up the Brazilian social fabric.

- Camila Braga
CHRHS Global Fellow



Upcoming Research Projects



Civil-Military-Police Coordination during National Responses to COVID-19

This project will conduct a comparative examination of civil-military-police responses during COVID-19 in Australia, United States and New Zealand. The project contributes evidence to a field where relationships, roles and responsibilities, and leadership structures have historically formed through necessity rather than through an institutionalized approach. Exploratory case studies of Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. will be used to map civil-military-police responses to COVID-19. A mixed method research strategy will collect data via surveys and key informant interviews spanning strategic, operational, and tactical levels of civil-military-police interaction. This project is funded through generous support from the Australian Government's Civil-Military Centre.



Afghan Refugee Perceptions of US Military

In partnership with the Providence-based Refugee Dream Center, this project will document the personal experiences of Afghan civilians who worked with the US military in Afghanistan, and who experienced the evacuation from Kabul. This research project will serve two purposes: 1) to better understand civilian perceptions of the largest humanitarian evacuation in history, and 2) to evaluate the immediate needs of this population for successful resettlement in the US. Using a grounded qualitative approach, this research will collect data through semi-structured interviews with newly arrived Afghan refugees of all identities.

TRAINING

CHRS strives to re-imagine the education and training of the next generation of humanitarian and human rights researchers, educators, and responders. In addition to the Center's core training initiatives, CHRS provides training seed grants to support the development of new curriculum, workshops, and simulation-based learning, both within existing institutions and as a kick-starter for independent initiatives.



RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

COVID-19 Training for Health Care Workers

A Global Health Worker Training from Project HOPE and CHRHS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CHRHS partnered with Project HOPE to develop and implement a virtual training program for health workers, public health professionals, health care leadership, and key frontline personnel to rapidly scale-up response efforts in high-risk countries. Developed by Brown University faculty, the training curriculum was designed in accordance with World Health Organization standards, best practices, and guidelines. The program teaches and evaluates trainees on COVID-19 core competencies, including biology and transmission mechanisms; infection prevention and control; contact tracing; screening and triage; diagnosis and management; stabilization and resuscitation; health facility operations and surge capacity; and risk communication and public health messaging.

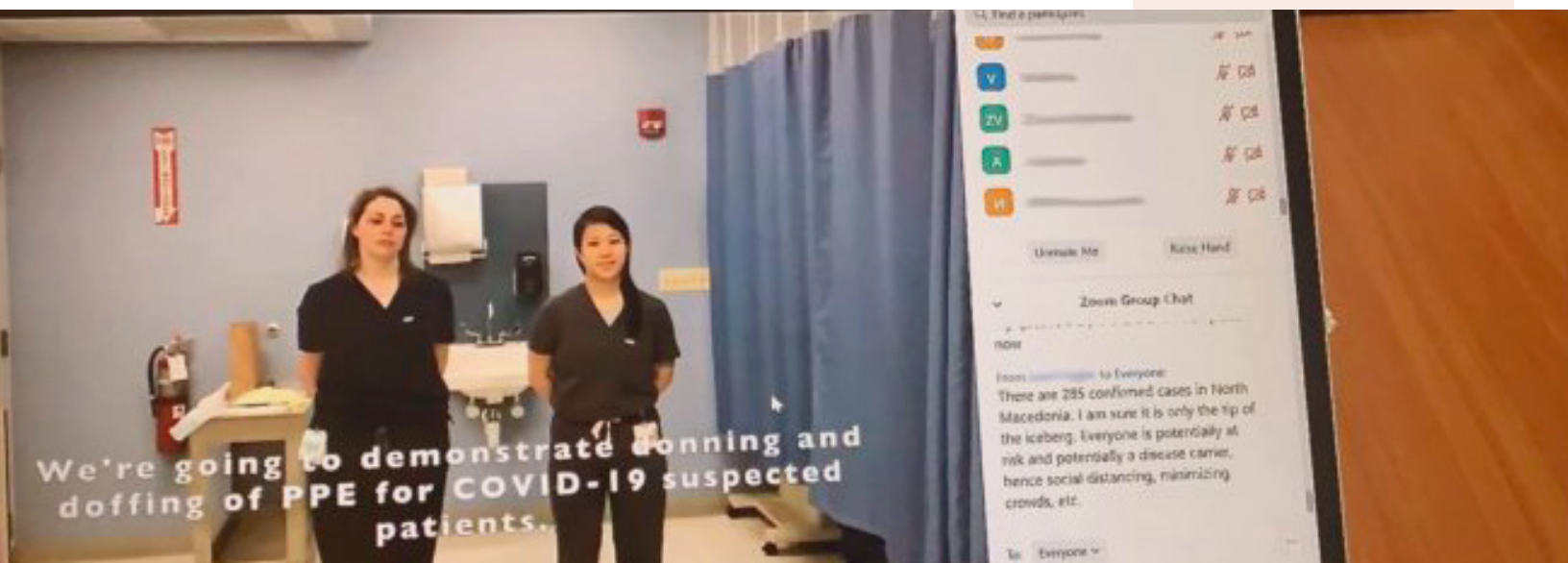
Designed for ease of remote access, the training program was delivered virtually by Brown University trainers and was accompanied by real-time Q&A support. Tailored for each specific country setting in which it was delivered, the curriculum focused on strengthening the capacity of health workers in resource-limited settings. The training utilized a Training-of-Trainers model to engage master trainers and coach new trainers, allowing Project HOPE and CHRHS to quickly build a cadre of competent instructors who are able to train other health workers within their networks to respond efficiently to the threat of COVID-19.

Global Impact

5,000 +
Master Trainers

88,000 +
health care
providers
and frontline
responders

52
Countries




COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Health Care Workers

Building off the successful roll-out of our prior training of trainers program, CHRHS and Project HOPE partnered again to develop and implement a training curriculum to educate clinicians and frontline personnel on COVID-19 vaccines. Developed by faculty at Brown University, the one day virtual training course is designed to be deployed in low and middle-income country settings where Project HOPE and other responding organizations are working rapidly and sustainably to scale up local capacity for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Following the World Health Organization's COVID vaccines guidelines, the training provides critical knowledge about the different available vaccines through a blend of online learning modules, materials for in-person trainings, and direct support to health facilities. Participants also learn about the effectiveness and side effects of all the different COVID-19 vaccines, as well as how to overcome vaccine hesitancy and manage vaccine roll-out.

The initial deployment of the training, which took place between February and June 2021, was done in partnership with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) in support of their vaccination strategy. Through this collaboration with Africa CDC and Project HOPE, the training has been provided to participants across 30 African countries. In addition to the African continent, our trainers have also implemented the training in Central and Eastern Europe, South and South-East Asia, and the Middle East.

Conducted to over 1,500 health care providers across over 40 countries



"We found the vaccine training to be critical to health care workers and policy makers around the world, especially in the time of so much doubt and misinformation. The training was contextual and focused on the vaccines available in the region, and comprehensively addressed hesitancy, waste, vaccine distribution challenges. The participants always asked important questions, and we were able to guide them using the most current scientific evidence."

– Dr. Ramu Kharel, CHRHS Affiliated Fellow



Advanced COVID-19 Clinical Management Certification Course for Bangladesh

In the spring of 2021, CHRHS partnered with Health and Education for All (HAEFA), Project HOPE, USAID, and Save the Children's MaMoni MNCSP: COVID-19 Response Project in Bangladesh to work collaboratively with Bangladesh's Directorate General for Health Services (DGHS) on the creation of a certificate course focused on advanced COVID-19 clinical management. This online, self-learning, self-Certification Course was developed in line with the Bangladesh's National Guideline of Clinical Management of COVID-19. The course is intended for the physicians of Bangladesh, working in Upazila (sub-district) Health Complexes, District Hospitals, Tertiary and Medical College Hospitals, Private and Corporate Hospitals, Outpatient Departments as well as for the physicians providing Telemedicine for patients managed at home. A special thanks to CHRHS Affiliated Faculty, Dr. Stephanie Garbern and Dr. Ruhul Abid, for the immense amount of work that went into developing this course.

COVID-19 eLearning Courses

Through partnership with Project HOPE and Disaster Ready, both our *COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Training for Health Care Workers* and *COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Health Care Workers* were converted and adapted into an online eLearning course through Disaster Ready.

2021 GEMA Global Emergency Medicine Education Award

In recognition of our Center's work in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the development and implementation of our COVID-19 virtual training programs, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine's (SAEM) Global Emergency Medicine Academy presented CHRHS with the 2021 GEMA Global Emergency Medicine Education Award.

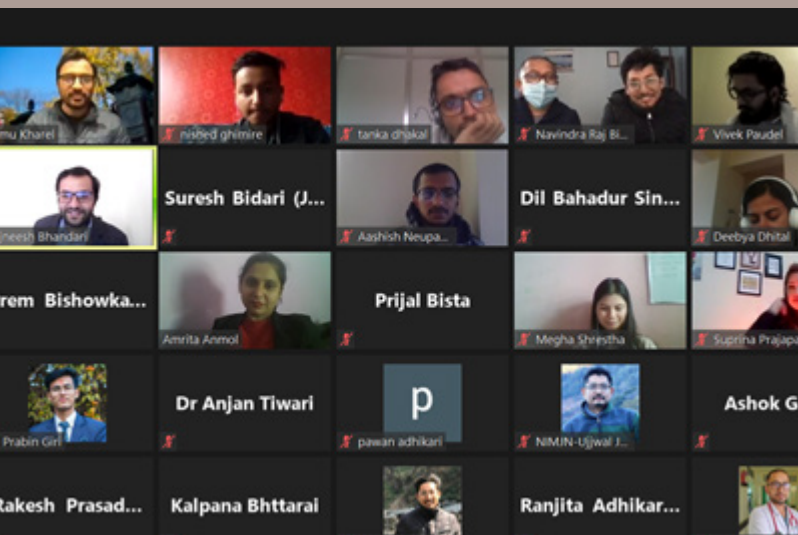


2020-2021 Seed Training Grants

Hemorrhage Control in Traumatic Injury: A Training of Trainers Course For Members of the Rwanda Emergency Care Association

Nepal Journathon on COVID-19: Collaboration between journalists, health professionals, and computer experts

Promoting Children's Rights within Rural Ugandan Communities



Want to solve COVID-19 related problems in Nepal

If so, apply to
Nepal Journathon on COVID-19

First Prize: 50,000 Nrs
Second Prize: 30,000 Nrs
Third Prize: 20,000 Nrs

Event Date: Feb 18, 2021
Time: 8 am to 5 pm

Application Deadline: January 25, 2021

Journalists, Medical professionals and Tech activists can apply

Organized by:
Nepal Medical Journalists' Association (NMJA)

Supported by:
WATSON INSTITUTE
HUMANITY UNITED

"The training was a great experience to both the participants and facilitators alike. The exchange of ideas was done in an environment tailored to adult learners in order to facilitate meaningful sharing of experiences"

– Deus Mwijuke, CHRHS Global Fellow



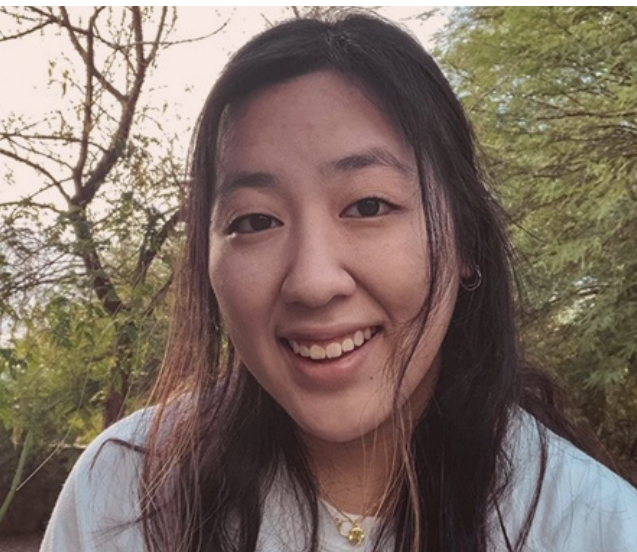
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CHRS is committed to training the next generation of leaders by offering Brown University students exciting opportunities to engage with human rights and humanitarian communities. With a focus on action oriented learning, each year we connect students with top humanitarian and human rights organizations through our summer internship program, train and empower students to provide direct legal representation to local asylum seekers through our partnership with the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, and our annual humanitarian hackathon - *Hack for Humanity* - brings together students from all disciplines to develop creative ideas for innovative programs or technologies that could help improve the lives of disaster and conflict affected communities around the world. Much of our student programing is made possible through generous funding from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.



Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice

Through a collaborative partnership now in its second year, CHRHS and the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ) train students at Brown to provide legal services to asylum seekers and organize for immigrant justice. SCIJ's training program teaches students an overview of immigration law, the history and systemic issues with US immigration, and skills in community organizing and advocacy so they're prepared to provide legal services to immigrants. After completing SCIJ's training program, students work in their own communities with partner immigration attorneys to provide direct legal representation to local asylum seekers. 15 Brown undergraduate students were trained during the '20-'21 academic year and an additional 15 are currently going through the program this year.



All students in our cohort are multilingual, and many of us come from immigrant backgrounds. There's a solidarity and vulnerability that informs the way we interact with each other and with the clients we work with. That's ultimately what we want: for migrants to have the agency and opportunity to tell their stories in a just way.

– Chaelin Jung '23

As SCIJ's first Campus Organizer at Brown, I witnessed the power of community. Not only was I able to help students obtain the resources they needed for 10 asylum cases, but I formed strong relationships with Providence-based advocates, laying the groundwork for future victories.

– Andrew Steinberg '22



Hack for Humanity 2021

COVID-19 and the Next Pandemic

Improving Preparedness, Response, and Inclusivity

March 20 - March 21, 2021 | Virtual



The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Hack for Humanity 2021

COVID-19 and the Next Pandemic

Improving Preparedness, Response, and Inclusivity

March 20-21, 2021

Registration Now Open

watson.brown.edu/chrhs



CHR & HS CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN STUDIES



WATSON INSTITUTE
INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
BROWN UNIVERSITY

Organized by the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Hack for Humanity is an annual humanitarian focused hackathon at Brown University that brings together students to learn about the most pressing needs in the human rights and humanitarian sphere and develop creative ideas for innovative programs or technologies that could help improve the lives of disaster and conflict affected communities around the world. Over two days in March, 40 Brown undergraduate and medical students across 8 interdisciplinary teams, came together with the common goal of generating creative ideas on how to better respond to pandemics and their associated far reaching societal impacts. The teams worked virtually over the course of the two days to develop innovative programs, systems, or technologies that could improve how we plan for and respond to pandemics. The participating teams focused their efforts on one of four sub-topics: public health; human security; human rights; and violence and abuse. Participating teams interacted with a group of CHRHS faculty and global fellow mentors and attended simultaneous side-sessions in order to gain a better understanding of the core issues associated with their topics. This event was made possible with the generous support from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Summer Internship Program


CHRRHS fuses education and research to on-the-ground action by connecting students with experts through internships at top humanitarian and human rights organizations. Each year, qualified undergraduate, graduate, and medical students are invited to apply for internships with one of our partner organizations. Selected candidates receive a fellowship award which opens more doors for Brown students who do not come from privileged backgrounds to participate in a summer internship experience. These curated internships are carefully crafted with our partners so as to provide students with valuable hands-on experience and working knowledge of humanitarian and human rights issues and best practices. The funds available for these opportunities are made possible through generous support from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Summer 2021 Internship Placements

Project HOPE - Samantha Plezia '22 | *Monitoring & Evaluation Intern*

Human Rights Watch - Madeline Noh '22 | *Program Division Intern*

International Crisis Group - Gina Sinclair '22 | *UN Advocacy Intern*

A portrait of Madeline Noh '22, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing large gold hoop earrings. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

"My internship with Human Rights Watch offered me a glimpse into the incredible resilience and stamina embodied by the organization's human rights advocates. Seeing them in action allowed me to learn by doing, and I even got the chance to contribute as co-author to a HRW publication on Covid-19 surges in Myanmar prisons."

- Madeline Noh '22
Public Health and Anthropology

PROGRAMING

CHRRHS provides an intellectual space for faculty, visiting scholars, students, and practitioners from around the globe to reflect upon and evaluate current human rights and humanitarian policies and procedures, while interpreting new understandings of human rights and supporting interdisciplinary research by faculty and students into both the causes of, and solutions for, the most pressing global humanitarian challenges. CHRRHS hosts annual conferences, workshops, and lectures around themes such as technology and innovation, humanitarian coordination, and health and human rights that encourage collaboration, best practices, shared learning, cross-regionalism, and multi-disciplinary thinking.

CENTER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HUMANITARIAN STUDIES

Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Action

A dialogue series at the intersection of human rights and humanitarian aid

Led by CHRHS Visiting Scholars Agnieszka Raczynska, Brittany Card, and John Hursh, the *Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Action* dialogue series convened speaking engagements with leading experts to explore the most pressing issues facing humanity and the diverse organizations who are responding to them. We use the term “dialogue series” as it evokes the conversational and inclusive approach of these events whether they were held on-line or in-person. From November ‘20 - November ‘21, seven events were organized through this series covering a range of topics from the protection of health care in war to a discussion on the U.S. asylum system.

Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Action

November 2020 - 2021

Unpacking Protection in Humanitarian Action: Current Trends and Challenges

Ranya Ghadban, Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance

The Biden Administration’s Promises to Refugees at the US-Mexico Border

Margaret Cargioli, Immigrant Defenders Law Center & Daniel Berlin, Asylum Access México

Drivers of Violence Against Health Care in War, and What We Need to Do About It

Leonard Rubenstein, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Reflections on the Root Causes of Humanitarian Crises

Sarah Petrin, Humanitarian and Educator

Disappearances in Transitional Latin America: The Case of Mexico

Karina Ansolabehere, Institute of Legal Research of UNAM & Barbara Frey, University of Minnesota

Data for Good: Improving Humanitarian Mine Action Through Open Source Data

Jonathan Robinson, Aid worker security specialist

Humanitarian Response Challenges in Syria: A Conversation with Amany Qaddour

Amany Qaddour, Syria Relief and Development

Human Rights & Humanitarianism in Action
A dialogue series at the intersection of human rights and humanitarian aid



Unpacking Protection in Humanitarian Action
Current Trends and Challenges

Ranya Ghadban
Humanitarian Protection Advisor
Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM)

November 20, 2020
12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT
Webinar Registration Required
https://brown.zoom.us/join/7N_seZX3oZJSx5HSPjezz3AQ



Human Rights & Humanitarianism in Action
A dialogue series at the intersection of human rights and humanitarian aid

Drivers of Violence Against Health Care in War, and What We Need to Do About It



Leonard Rubenstein
Professor of the Practice at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

March 11, 2021 | 12:00-1:00pm EDT
Webinar Registration Required



Human Rights & Humanitarianism in Action
A dialogue series at the intersection of human rights and humanitarian aid



The Biden Administration's Promises to Refugees at the US-Mexico Border
Successes and Challenges

Margaret Cargioli
Managing Attorney at Immigrant Defenders Law Center

Daniel Berlin
Deputy Director of Asylum Access México

February 25, 2021
12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT
Webinar Registration Required



Humanitarian Response Challenges in Syria
A Conversation with
Amany Qaddour
Regional Director
Syria Relief and Development

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
12pm - 1pm | Watson Institute
Open to Brown Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Registration Required

Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Action Dialogue Series



Disappearances in Transitional Latin America; the case of Mexico

Barbara Frey
Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota

Karina Ansolabehere
National Autonomous University of Mexico

June 17, 2021 | 12:00-1:00pm EDT
Webinar Registration Required



Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Data for Good
Improving Humanitarian Mine Action Through Open Source Conflict Data

Jonathan Robinson
Aid Worker Security and Conflict Analysis Specialist



October 6, 2021
12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT
McKinney Conference Room | 111 Thayer St



More CHRHS Events



Dr. Laura H. Kahn

One Health and Leadership during the *COVID-19 Pandemic*

One Health and Leadership during the COVID-19 Pandemic
October 22, 2020 | Virtual

In this virtual talk, **Dr. Laura Kahn** compared and contrasted the successes and failures of leaders' responses to disease outbreaks, particularly national leaders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ultimately, who is in charge profoundly impacts who lives and who dies during a deadly pandemic.



Human Rights in Practice: Complementary Approaches to Advancing Human Rights
November 2, 2021 | Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

In this conversation, **Ambassador (ret.) Keith M. Harper** and CHRHS director Adam Levine discussed practical methods of promoting human rights based on Harper's prior experience as the US Ambassador to the UN Human Rights Council and his current legal efforts to hold Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman accountable for the 2018 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

JOIN US

We encourage you to reach out to us for more information on how to get involved with CHRHS. We are always looking to collaborate with new partners and individuals on a variety of research, training, and programming initiatives. We look forward to hearing from you!

“Working with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies has allowed me to connect with students, faculty, and professionals doing incredible work in the field of human rights. I’ve most enjoyed learning from and engaging members of the Brown community in the many events and opportunities available at CHRHS.”

- Anik Willig '24
CHRHS Student Assistant

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies
www.watson.brown.edu/chrhs | @BrownCHRHS | chrhs@brown.edu

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies
Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs
Brown University
111 Thayer Street, Providence RI 02912

