

# Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

Watson Institute, Brown University

## **Annual Report | 2019-2020**





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# WELCOME

## Letter from the Director

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It is my honor to present the very first annual report of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (CHRRHS) at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs of Brown University.

When we held our CHRRHS inaugural symposium at the Watson Institute in November 2019, we had no way of knowing that the world was only weeks away from the start of the most significant global pandemic in over a century. Over the past year, tens of millions have been infected and millions have died from the virus, while millions more face starvation as a result of economic insecurity and interruptions to humanitarian assistance. The pandemic has also deepened existing structural inequalities in societies worldwide, resulting in disproportionately high morbidity and mortality among the world's most vulnerable and disenfranchised, including Black, Indigenous, and people of color here in the United States.

Yet even as much of the world was shutting down this past spring, CHRRHS was rapidly scaling up. As directed by our core mission, we worked to bring faculty and students at Brown from a wide variety of disciplines together with humanitarian and human rights practitioners and local communities to develop innovative research and training programs to help the world better respond to these unprecedented challenges.

Perhaps the best example of this is our partnership with Project HOPE, an international humanitarian organization, to both develop and deliver a Training of the Trainers (ToT) course in COVID-19 Preparedness and Response for health workers worldwide, delivered entirely over an online platform and incorporating innovative teaching modalities. To date, more than 4,000 health leaders and educators in 55 countries have completed the ToT course, and they have gone on to train over 80,000 frontline health workers globally, from Kosovo to Katmandu, and from Colombia to Chicago.



This past year, CHRHS also launched its first thematic program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination. As nearly every country in the world has turned to its military for logistical support during this pandemic, the important yet complicated role that militaries play in humanitarian response has been brought to light. With funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the US State Department, CHRHS led a number of research initiatives to better understand the role of militaries in humanitarian response, including epidemics and pandemics, as well as how military responses are perceived by civilian populations. This past year we also held the world's first research symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination, an invite only event attended by 100 experts from academia, US and foreign militaries, UN agencies, and humanitarian organizations. Finally, at the request of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, we commissioned a report evaluating its Civil-Military Coordination Service, whose recommendations are already being put into practice by the UN.

Despite the disruption brought about by the pandemic, CHRHS has also championed engagement with Brown undergraduate, graduate, and medical students, as well as our cadre of global fellows. We held our Hack for Humanity event in February, focused on refugee and migrant health, which brought together 15 student teams pitching project ideas, two of which were provided funding to advance their project at the end of the competition. We also supported four summer internships for Brown students with leading humanitarian and human rights organizations and funded more than a half-dozen research and training seed grants. Finally, we sponsored numerous speakers, panels, and film screenings that brought students, faculty and community members together to discuss pressing human rights and humanitarian challenges.

This past year has been one of the most painful in our lifetimes, both for us here at Brown and for nearly all of humanity. What gives me hope is the incredible resilience I have witnessed among students, faculty, and staff here at Brown; among my colleagues in the emergency departments and hospitals of Rhode Island; and among our CHRHS global fellows and humanitarian and human rights partner organizations. During a time when it would be both easy and completely understandable for any of us to throw up our hands in resignation, I have witnessed our greater CHRHS community double down on their efforts to promote a more just, peaceful, and secure world. For that, I can only say thank you.

Adam Levine

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

### **Seth Stulen**

Program Manager, CHRHS

## Affiliated Faculty

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Associate Professor, Division of  
Cardiothoracic Surgery

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Professor of Pediatrics and  
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Postdoctoral Fellow in  
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PhD Candidate, Political Science

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Postdoctoral Fellow in  
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PhD candidate, Anthropology

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Global Emergency Medicine  
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PhD Candidate, Political Science

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Global Emergency Medicine  
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Global Emergency Medicine  
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Fuente**

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**MD Kamruzzaman**

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Kansuk**

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**Chris Kwaja**

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**Muhammad Nasir Malik**

**Jerome Marston**

**Allan Mendoza**

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Class of '20

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Class of '20

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# PROGRAMS

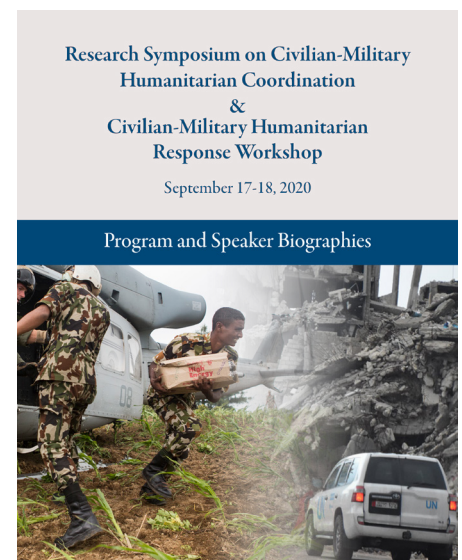
## CHRHS announces new program on Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination

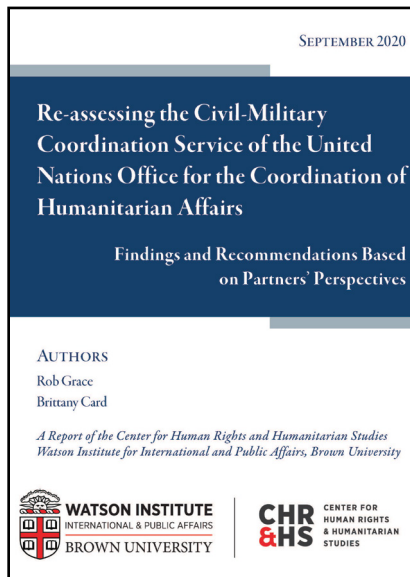
In 2020, with generous support from the Robert D. Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, a new Program in Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination was launched at CHRHS. This program leverages the existing CHRHS partnership with the U.S. Naval War College's Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) in order to break new ground within the humanitarian space, expanding upon the existing evidence base for effective coordination during humanitarian emergencies, 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

### Research Symposium & Workshop on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response

On September 17 -18, 2020 CHRHS and HRP convened the first ever *Research Symposium on Civilian-Military Humanitarian Coordination* and our fourth annual *Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Workshop*. Initially planned as an in-person event in March, 2020 these twin events were held virtually this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Research Symposium featured four presentations of original research addressing some of the most pressing and important topics in the realm of civilian-military coordination during humanitarian emergencies. The following workshop was the fourth 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 the related topics of humanitarian access, protection of civilians, and aid worker security. We thank the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the R. Dudley Harrington, Jr. Charitable Foundation, the Naval War College Foundation, and UN OCHA for their generous support of these events.





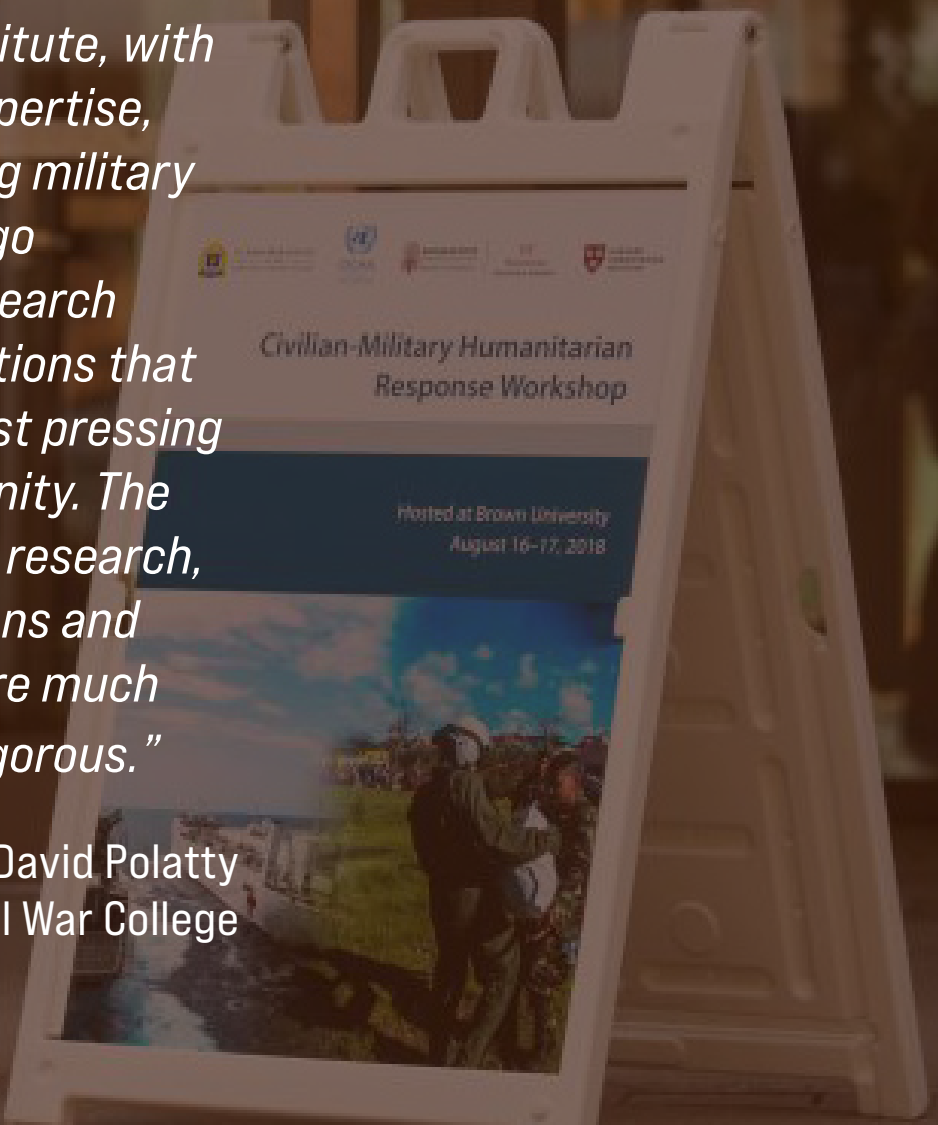
## Re-assessing the Civil-Military Coordination Service of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Commissioned by CHRHS at the request of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), authors Rob Grace and Brittany Card led a six month-long process of engagement with key CMCS partners—including operational humanitarian organizations, donor governments, and capacity building organizations—regarding key elements of current response contexts and partners' needs and expectations from CMCS. The resulting report synthesizes this engagement process by presenting a conceptual vision for linking together CMCS' key

activities and presenting a roadmap, consisting of concrete recommendations for CMCS and OCHA senior leadership, for operationalizing this vision and fulfilling CMCS' core mandate. The ultimate aim is to enable CMCS to nimbly adapt and respond to the needs of current and emerging response contexts.

*"Having the Watson Institute, with its incredibly diverse expertise, partnering with a leading military institution allows us to go incredibly deep with research and academic collaborations that explore some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity. The results of our combined research, educational collaborations and simulations are therefore much more meaningful and rigorous."*

- David Polatty  
Director, HRP, U.S Naval War College





# 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.

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## Highlights

### **Bayesian Diagnostic for Etiological Management of Pediatric Diarrhea**

With funding from the Gates Foundation, CHRHS partnered with the University of Utah to develop and test a smartphone decision app that can help healthcare workers better diagnose and care for children during epidemics of diarrheal disease worldwide. This project used predictive analytics of clinical and epidemiological parameters, including Bayesian priors, to develop a prediction tool that can help healthcare workers use antibiotics more appropriately. As part of an external validation of the prediction tool, pilot studies of the smartphone app were conducted in Mali and Bangladesh.



## 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.

# PRM

**Bureau of Population,  
Refugees, and Migration**

**United States Department of State**



## Civilian-Military Coordination in Humanitarian Response: Expanding the Evidence Base

This collaborative two-year project between CHRHS and the U.S. Naval War College's Humanitarian Response Program (HRP) was funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This project expands the evidence-base for effective civilian-military coordination in humanitarian response while developing new avenues for information sharing between humanitarian, military, and academic communities. Most importantly, it leverages new networks and an expanded knowledge-base to inform the development of new military doctrine and UN guidelines around civil-military coordination in the humanitarian space.

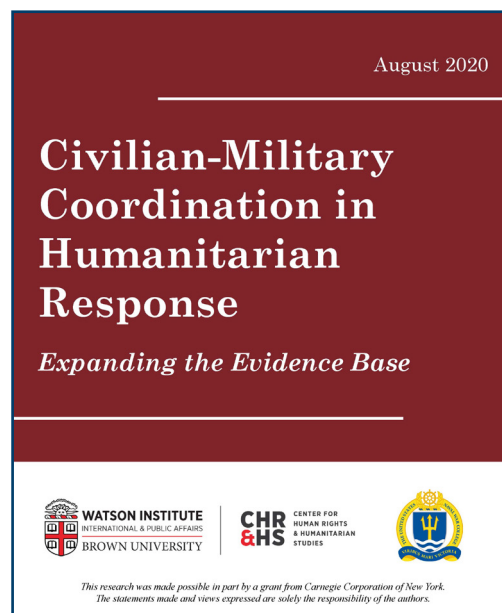
This project explored four original research streams from a variety of disciplines, from anthropology to law and political science to public health, resulting in the following final reports:

*Surmounting Contemporary Challenges to Humanitarian-Military Relations*

*The Responsibility of States Indirectly Involved in an Armed Conflict to Provide Medical Care:  
A Contemporary Challenge for the Classification of Armed Conflicts*

*Community Perceptions of Military Involvement in Epidemic Response in the  
Northeast Region of Nigeria*

*Humanitarian Civil-Military Information-Sharing in Complex Emergencies:  
Realities, Strategies, and Risks*





*"In the research interviews I conducted with military and humanitarian actors alike, I heard a clarion call for building more synergies between the domain of research and scholarship on the one hand, and the realm of policy and practice on the other. Challenges encountered and lessons learned in operational settings across the globe, for decades, have remained largely under-documented and under-analyzed. I found an immense demand from practitioners and policy actors for research centers such as CHRHS to take on and lead this work."*

*- Rob Grace, CHRHS Affiliated Fellow*

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# 2019-2020 Seed Research Grants

*When houses talk: The architecture of post-disaster housing reconstruction as discourse*

*The 'Triple Nexus' in Abyei Area, South Sudan: An Assessment of Challenges and Prospects of Linking Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Programs*

*The Interdependence Of Humanitarian Work: A Programmatic Evaluation among NGOs, CSOs and Private Sector During the Itbayat, Batanes Earthquake Disaster Response Operations*

*Collaborating the Relief and Recovery Efforts in Post Disaster Situations in Pakistan*

*The Bagre Dam Spillage Conundrum: Are Early Warning systems leading to local actions in flood disaster hotspot communities in Northern Ghana?*

*Telemedicine Framework for Female Cancers Screening during Humanitarian Emergencies*

*“The global push for greater participation in disaster risk reduction requires attention to marginalized and overlooked points of view. This is why the CHRHS Research Seed grant is particularly valuable: it helps challenge the status quo by supporting the urgent exploration of alternative ways to think about and address the challenge of equitable disaster resilience.”*

- Pamela Cajilig, CHRHS Global Fellow



# TRAINING

CHRHS 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, CHRHS 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.

## Highlights

### **Brown-PDRF Humanitarian Field Program**

**An Intensive Course on Innovation in International and Local Humanitarian Coordination in the ASEAN Region**

**Sept. 15-21, 2019 | PDRF Emergency Operations Center, Pampanga, Philippines**

This intensive course, held under the auspices of the CHRHS and the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) convene early to mid-career professionals from the ASEAN region for a week-long field program to address pressing humanitarian issues through collaboration across academic, professional, and geographic boundaries. Participants worked together with local and international humanitarian experts through a combination of lectures and field exercises designed to stimulate cross-disciplinary learning on improving global-local humanitarian coordination efforts. The program consisted of both collaborative and competitive exercises that encourage participants to explore and critically examine humanitarian coordination mechanisms as well as work in teams to develop innovative approaches that aim to improve the coordination efforts between humanitarian organizations, government agencies, and the private sector when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.





*“This has been a great venue for us to realize again that in this field we need to communicate and collaborate. I think that is the one thing I can bring back to the office and actually strengthen among my colleagues. For us to succeed we need to work together.”*

*- Anna Aspuria, PDRF*

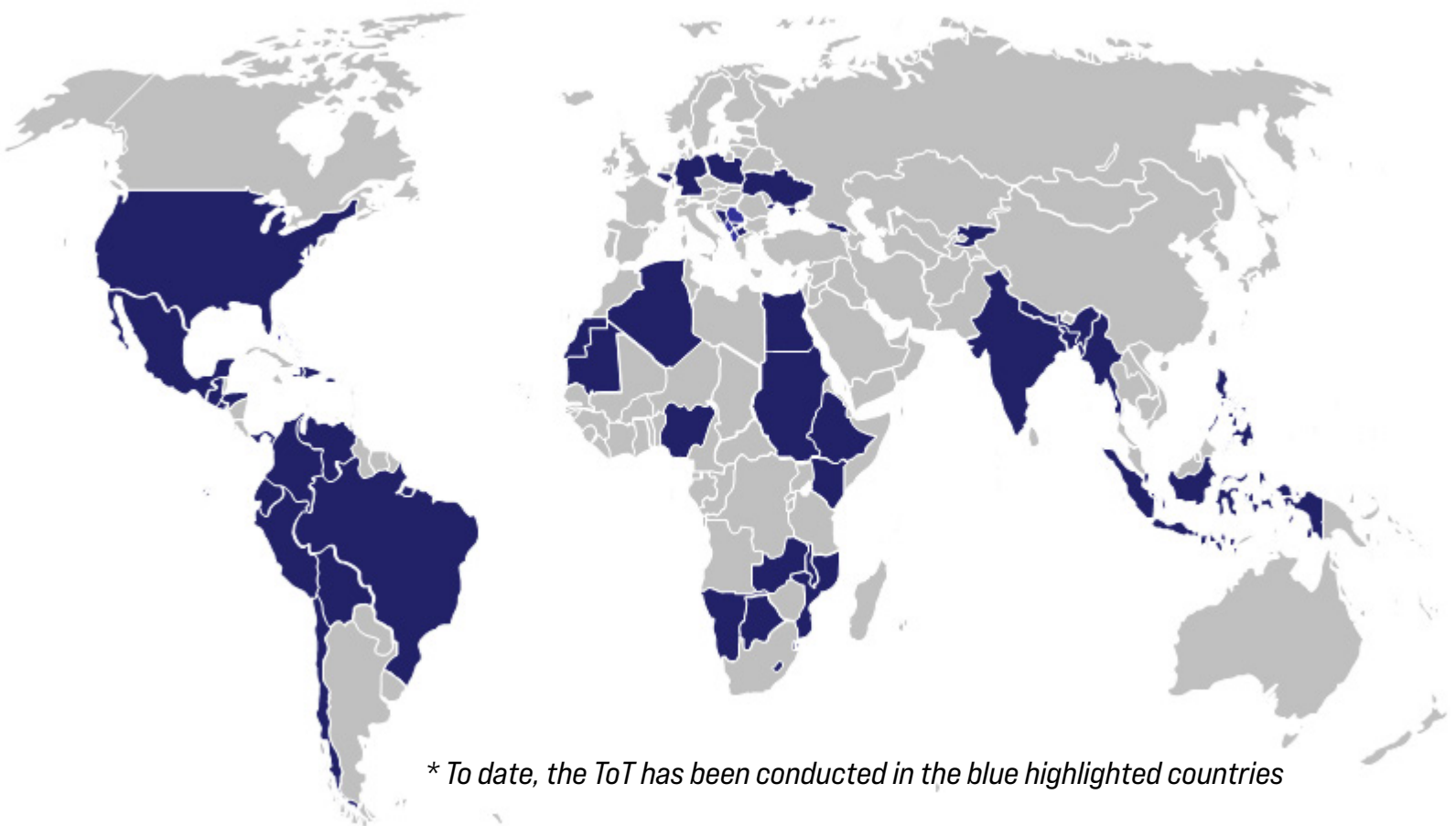





# COVID-19 Training for Health Care Workers

## A Global Health Worker Training from Project HOPE and CHRHS

In response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic CHRHS partnered with Project HOPE to develop and implement a COVID-19 training program for health workers, public health professionals, health care leadership, and key front-line personnel to rapidly scale-up response efforts in high-risk countries. Developed by Brown University faculty with expertise in infectious diseases, emergency medicine, medical education, and instructional design, the training curriculum has been designed in accordance with World Health Organization standards, best practices, and guidelines. Delivered virtually, the training 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. Tailored for each specific country setting in which it is delivered\*, the curriculum focuses on strengthening the capacity of health workers in resource-limited settings. The training utilizes 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 while also protecting their own health.



*\* To date, the ToT has been conducted in the blue highlighted countries*



*“These trainings have shown us that healthcare workers from low-resource settings have a great deal to teach those from high-resource settings. The bidirectional exchange of creative solutions and ideas has been key to the success of this training program.”*

- Dr. Stephanie Garbern  
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

## - GLOBAL IMPACT -

Conducted across 55 Countries

Over 4,000 individuals trained through ToT

Over 80,000 trained through secondary cascade trainings



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CHRHS 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, 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 programming is made possible through generous funding from the Hearst Foundations.






# Hack for Humanity 2020

## Refugee and Migrant Health

Feb. 29 - March 1, 2020 | Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

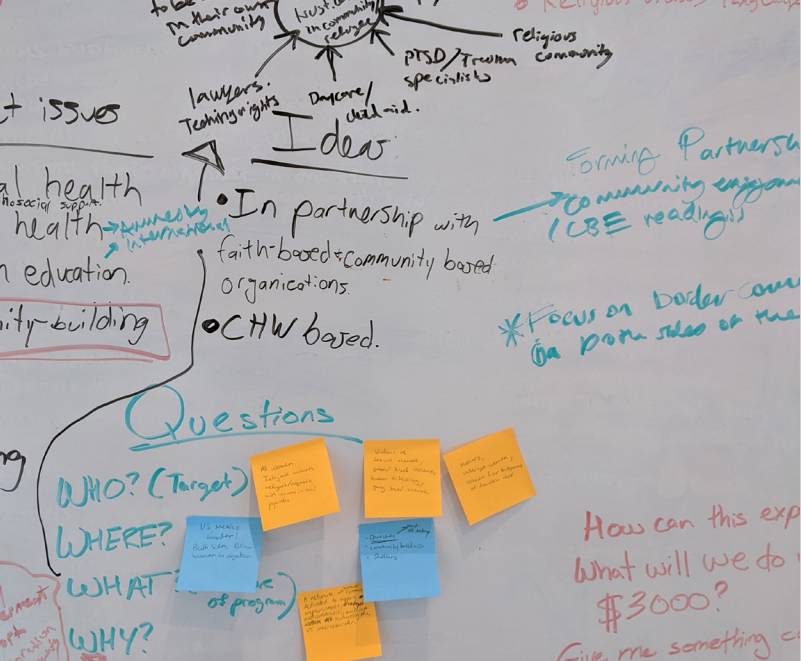
Organized by CHRHS, Hack for Humanity is a humanitarian focused hackathon at Brown University that brings together students from across campus to learn about the most pressing needs in the humanitarian sphere and develop creative ideas for innovative programs or technologies that could improve the lives of disaster and conflict affected communities around the world. During the first weekend in March, 65 Brown undergraduate and medical students across 15 interdisciplinary teams, came together at the Watson Institute with the common goal of generating creative ideas to address the complex issues surrounding refugee and migrant health. The participating teams focused their efforts on one of three contexts: Syrian Refugees; Central American Refugees and Migrants; and Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants. Over the course of the hackathon, participating teams interacted with a group of faculty mentors in order to gain a better understanding of the core issues associated with providing health services to displaced populations in the different context areas. Following final pitch presentations by each team, seed grant funding was awarded to two teams to advance their projects. This event would not have been made possible without the generous support from the Hearst Foundations, Brown Design Workshop, Alpert Medical School, Center for Middle East Studies, and the Brown Global Health Initiative.



*"My favorite part of working behind the scenes at the Center was the Hackathon — the opportunity it provided for students for collaboration and innovation is so unique. I was inspired by the creative solutions to real-world problems my peers were able to come up with in a single weekend!"*

-Amelia Anthony '22  
CHRHS Student Assistant







# 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 to help cover associated living expenses during the internship. These curated internships are carefully crafted with our partners so as to provide Brown 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 Hearst Foundations.

## Summer 2020 Internship Placements

### Project HOPE

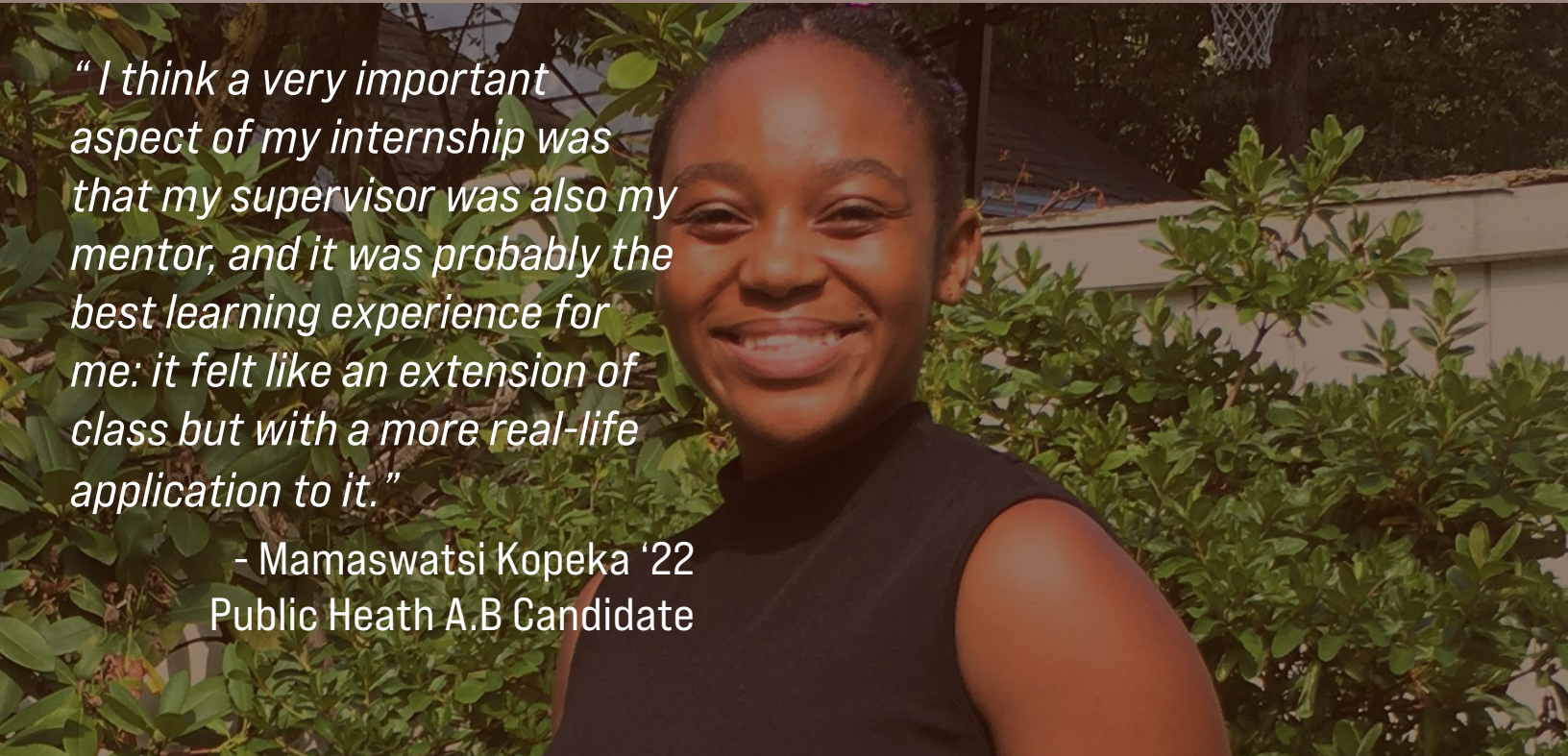
Mamaswatsi Kopeka '22 | *Monitoring & Evaluation Intern*  
Scarlett Bergam '20 MPH '21 | *M&E and Emergency Response Intern*

### Human Rights Watch

Jamila Beesley '22 | *Program Division Intern*

### International Crisis Group

Lucas Fried '21 | *UN Advocacy Intern*



*"I think a very important aspect of my internship was that my supervisor was also my mentor, and it was probably the best learning experience for me: it felt like an extension of class but with a more real-life application to it."*

- Mamaswatsi Kopeka '22  
Public Heath A.B Candidate

# PROGRAMING

CHRHS 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. CHRHS 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.

## Highlights

### CHRHS Inaugural Symposium & Reception

November 1, 2019 | Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

#### Symposium Panels

##### Are Human Rights and Humanitarian Protections Eroding?

Paulo Abrão, *Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*

Jennifer Leaning, *Harvard School of Public Health*

Kathryn Sikkink, *Harvard Kennedy School*

Nina Tannenwald, *Brown University*

##### Promise and Perils of New Technologies and Big Data for Human Rights and Humanitarianism in the 21st Century

Yeshimabeit Milner, *Data for Black Lives*

Nathaniel Raymond, *Yale University*

Jennifer Chan, *Northwestern University*

Seny Kamara, *Brown University*

#### Human Rights & Humanitarian Studies

#### Inaugural Symposium and Reception

Friday, November 1, 2019

*Join us to celebrate the launch of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at Brown University with two distinct panel discussions followed by a reception*

Symposium Panels | 1:00 - 4:30 pm

*Joukowski Forum, Watson Institute, 111 Thayer Street*

#### Are Human Rights and Humanitarian Protections Eroding?

| 1 - 2:45 pm

Paulo Abrão | Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  
Jennifer Leaning | Professor of the Practice of Health & Human Rights at Harvard School of Public Health  
Kathryn Sikkink | Ryan Family Professor of Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School  
Moderated by Nina Tannenwald | Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Brown University

#### Promise & Perils of New Technologies and Big Data for Human Rights & Humanitarianism in the 21st Century

| 3 - 4:30 pm

Jennifer Chan | Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University  
Yeshimabeit Milner | Founder and Executive Director of Data for Black Lives  
Nathaniel Raymond | Lecturer at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University  
Moderated by Seny Kamara | Associate Professor of Computer Science at Brown University

#### Inaugural Reception

| 4:30 - 6:00pm

*Stephen Robert '62 Hall, Watson Institute, 280 Brook Street*









# Human Security Seminar Series

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 | Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

The Human Security Seminar Series brought in leading experts to explore the most pressing issues facing humanity and the diverse organizations who are responding to them. The UN's Commission on Human Security defines human security as protecting "the vital core of all human lives in ways that enhance human freedoms and human fulfillment." There are numerous threats to human security, including conflict, climate changes, natural hazards, food and water scarcity, urbanization, mass atrocities, environmental degradation, and public health emergencies. Refugees, the stateless, women and children, and those who live in failed states are often the most vulnerable. This seminar series, which was open to all and led by CHRHS Visiting Fellow David Polatty, explored diverse perspectives on challenges and opportunities to overcoming human security issues.

## Human Security Series Lectures

### Global Challenges to Humanity

*David Polatty, U.S. Naval War College*

### Strengthening Humanitarian Leadership through Diversity & Inclusion

*Beth Eggleston, Humanitarian Advisory Group*

### Innovations in Disaster Response

*Grant Dawson and Keith Creedy, GSD*

### Opportunities & Challenges of Urbanization in Human Security

*Lily Bui, MIT*

### Impact at Scale: The Friction Between Public Health and Innovation

*Megan Rhodes, USAID*

### Mass Atrocities and Human Security

*John Hursh, U.S. Naval War College*

### The Challenges to Healthcare Equality & Access for Syrian Refugees

*Michael Court, Syrian American Medical Society*

### Social Enterprise in Humanitarian Response - Good for Me and Good for We

*Maria Kasparian, Edesia Nutrition*

### No Safe Haven: The Challenge of using Immigration Law to Enforce Human Rights

*Jamie Rowen, UMass Amherst*

# More CHRHS Events

Undergraduate Student Internship Panel  
*Summer '19 Internship Recipients*

From the Ground Up: Perspectives on Running a Grassroots Organization  
*Adama Kouyate, IFE-Mali*

Healthcare in Post-Conflict Colombia and the Current Effects of the Venezuelan Crisis  
*Leonar Aguiar Martínez, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia*

*The Uncondemned*: Film Screening and Discussion  
*Sara Darehshori '89, Vestry Laight*

## Co-Sponsored Events

Starvation Crimes in the Horn of Africa  
*Alex de Waal, Tufts University*

CLACS Teach-In on the Bahamas  
*Catalina González Marqués, CHRHS Affiliated Fellow*

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