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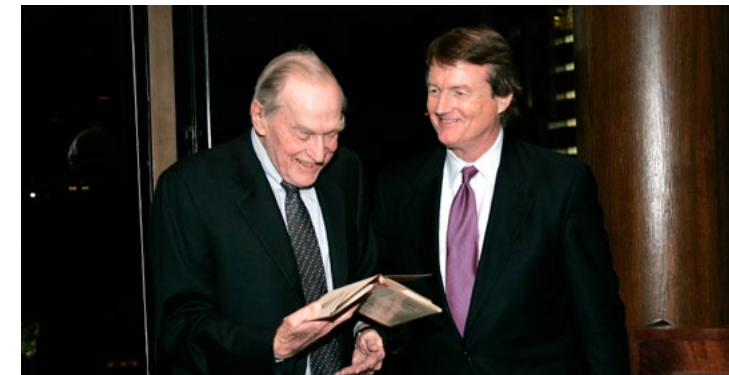
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Remembering B Rapoport (1917-2012)

We have dedicated this space, normally reserved for the Directors' Letter, to the memory of Bernard ("B") Rapoport, who in many ways was and will continue to be the true director of the Center. When B passed on April 5th, we lost our biggest source of inspiration and insight.

Those who knew B know that the Center is but one manifestation of his life-long dedication to academic inquiry and social justice. They also know of his larger-than-life heart, which was as full of anger at injustice as it was of love. B was passionate about eradicating the inequality that manifested itself in an unsustainable society in which, as he put it, "too few have too much and too many have too little." He once called for people to want more—"more thoughtfulness, more concern about poverty and a more just and intellectually alert society."

We feel fortunate to have had B in our institutional life since before its inception, always praising us for what we had done while also prodding us to do more. Below are a few highlights of time he spent with us at the Center:



President (then Dean of the Law School) Bill Powers at the inaugural dinner of the Rapoport Center, presenting B with a rare edition of *Debs and the Poets*, signed by Debs while in prison. Debs wrote: "While there is a lower class, I am in it. While there is a criminal element, I am of it. While there is a soul in jail, I am not free." Photo by Dave Mayfield.



B introducing former Congressman Don Fraser (second from right) and Senator Tom Harkin (far right), who were interviewed by NPR journalist Steve Inskeep (second from left) on human rights, foreign policy, and the role of Congress as part of the Center's third annual conference. Photo courtesy of Tracy Wahl.



B discussing the rights of immigrant workers with law students from the Transnational Worker Rights Clinic, which was established as a part of the Rapoport Center in 2004. Photo courtesy of Bill Beardall.



B speaking with Maria Echaveste, former Deputy Chief of Staff in the Clinton White House, who opened the Rapoport Center's first annual conference with a keynote address on immigration policy. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Freeman.

We are grateful, honored and daunted by the very tall challenge of directing a center that carries B's and Audre's name. We will do our best to do justice to his memory.

For more on B and Audre, please see our online exhibit at: www.rapoportcenter.org/about/rapoport.php

Students Gain Legal Experience with Human Rights Organizations

José Enrique Morales, a member of the Centro Apoyo al Trabajador (CAT), works to organize and unionize workers at factories throughout Mexico. In the latest incidence of anti-union violence in the state of Puebla, Morales was kidnapped in May 2012 and tortured for 17 hours by men believed to be working for Johnson Controls, a Milwaukee-based transnational corporation operating in the state.

Scott Mandarich, a Rapoport Center Summer Fellow, arrived in Mexico one week after Morales was kidnapped. He spent his summer working with PRODESC, the legal organization representing CAT, building a case that will use the Morales incident as part of a negligence action against the company in the United States.

Mandarich is among ten law students awarded fellowships to engage in human rights work for non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations. Six of the ten fellows took positions internationally, while four partnered with domestic organizations.

Alejandra Avila, the first recipient of the Charles Moyer Summer Human Rights Fellowship, interned with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica, where Moyer himself once worked as the first secretary of the Court. Avila conducted research on cases



Alejandra Avila (left) with Judge Margarette May Macaulay at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Photo by Christina Fetterhoff.

involving race and sex discrimination, immigration, and property rights.

In Guatemala, Will Chambers worked with the Myrna Mack Foundation as part of a relationship that grew out of the collaboration between the Rapoport Center and the Historical Archive of the National Police (see pages 8-9). He researched the

cases of people disappeared during the Guatemalan Civil War and provided information to their families, commenting that, "In this fellowship, justice has not been an austere commandment but a vibrant presence."

Mark Dawson, working with the Human Rights Law Network in Mumbai, India, conducted research and helped author a petition challenging the constitutionality of the Mental Health Act of 1983.

In the fall, Salima Pirmohamed will intern with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania, while Derek VerHagen will travel to the Netherlands, where he will work with the International Criminal

Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. Pirmohamed and VerHagen will conduct research and draft opinions pertaining to pending war crimes cases.

On the domestic front, Gwen Vindell interned with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, DC, drafting archive and admissibility reports on violations of due process with regards to



Mural at the Historical Archive of the National Police in Guatemala. Photo by Will Chambers.

economic rights. In Texas, Ryan Meltzer worked as part of the American Civil Liberties Union's criminal reform campaign on over-incarceration, solitary confinement, and private prison concerns affecting minorities.

Mackenzie Meador worked with the Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project, an organization serving indigent clients throughout West Texas and southern New Mexico, conducting research and investigating cases relating to wage claims and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Catherine Wagner spent her summer supporting the Texas Civil Rights Project in Austin, interviewing clients and drafting materials for disability rights, police brutality, and race discrimination cases.

"In this fellowship, justice has not been an austere commandment but a vibrant presence."

- Will Chambers

For Professor Ariel Dulitzky (coordinator of the fellowship program and director of the Human Rights Clinic), "These placements provide the opportunity for students to explore how their legal education can be practically applied in the human rights field."

These fellowships were made possible by generous support from The Planethood Foundation; Scott Hendler of HendlerLaw, PC, who donated funds for the Charles Moyer Summer Human Rights Fellowship; the Orlando Letelier and Ronnie Karpen Moffitt Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law; and the Effie and Wofford Cain Foundation.

In Search of Human Rights in Abra Pampa, Argentina

by Jessica Rosalyn Osorio

"Human rights do not exist in Abra Pampa," he said. These were the words of a community activist, explaining the environmental and health crisis in Abra Pampa, Argentina, a city of 12,000 inhabitants largely identifying as indigenous Kolla. The city has a high rate of lead poisoning resulting from the Metal Huasi lead smelting plant that ceased operations in the 1980s and left behind 60,000 tons of toxic metal.



Remains of the Metal Huasi lead smelting plant in Abra Pampa. Photo by Jessica Osorio.

In the spring of 2011, I was part of the second delegation the Human Rights Clinic (HRC) sent to Abra Pampa. With other delegation members, I met with the provincial investigator who declared that his work in Abra Pampa was done, federal prosecutors who stated they no longer had jurisdiction in the cases, and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Relations who refused to provide us with more information. The Inter-American Development Bank, which gave Argentina millions for a remediation plan, told us they would look into the situation, and the Secretary of Mining, the individual most directly responsible for implementing the remediation plan, refused to meet with us.

In November, the HRC wrote and translated its second report on Abra Pampa, titled *A Generation Poisoned by Lead*. The report, a follow up to the 2009 report *A Community Polluted, A Community Ignored*, looks to address what appeared

There are a number of clinical education opportunities at the Law School that allow students to engage in hands-on human rights advocacy and litigation. Over the past year, clinic students have defended transnational migrant workers in court, researched the failure of military commissions to satisfy standards under the Convention Against Torture, and advocated on the behalf of asylum-seekers facing deportation.

Immigration Clinic

"Working directly with underserved and vulnerable people who desperately needed our help both filled me with purpose and reminded me why I went to law school in the first place." - Amelia Ruiz Fischer

to be a continued general lack of interest in Abra Pampa on the part of authorities.

The same month the Clinic released its second report, the mayor declared that remediation to clean up the metal waste would begin. The announcement came two weeks before James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, was to arrive in Abra Pampa. By the time he arrived, authorities claimed that the remediation was complete. Despite the gesture, the government provided no information as to how residents would be treated for lead poisoning. Indeed, lead poisoning may be the enduring legacy of Metal Huasi.

Although the final outcome of the Abra Pampa saga has yet to be determined, my work with this project allowed me to gain experience researching and advocating for social justice and human rights. I had a number of growth spurts over the course of the year, as Professor Ariel Dulitzky (director of the Human Rights Clinic) challenged me to demonstrate leadership in developing and implementing the advocacy campaign for Abra Pampa. As a student of the Clinic, I found the experience I had been looking for in graduate school. I will use the skills that I developed in years to come as I work to support the rights of peoples that have been marginalized throughout the Americas.

Clinic Releases Report on Procedures of the Inter-American Commission

In July, the Human Rights Clinic published *Maximizing Justice, Minimizing Delay: Streamlining Procedures of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*. The report, which is the result of two years of statistical analysis and interviews, provides a diagnosis of the current backlog and delay in the processing of cases and petitions pending and/or resolved by the Commission over the last 15 years.

Transnational Worker Rights Clinic

"Under the supervision and guidance of the staff attorneys, I drafted pleadings, investigated claims, and negotiated a settlement agreement on a previously stale case. The experience was invaluable; it took the cloak off the real world." - Santiago Diaz

National Security Clinic

"The Clinic afforded not only a unique perspective on the evolution of the law in this exciting arena, but also hands-on experience on the cutting edge. The cases were intellectually challenging and fascinating; I completed the course a stronger advocate and legal tactician." - Jillian Trezza

Student Opportunities Encourage Human Rights Advocates of Tomorrow

Over the past year, the walls of the Rapoport Center have echoed with the laughter, debate, and keystrokes of seven undergraduate interns, four human rights scholars, two graduate fellows, and one postdoctoral fellow. Their experiences and backgrounds spanned a wide gamut – from law to history, social work to journalism, government to sociology – but they all had one defining characteristic in common: a demonstrated commitment to human rights.

In the interest of fostering a future generation of human rights scholars and advocates, the Rapoport Center engages undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students in the Center’s numerous programs and initiatives. The result has been a cross-generational, inter-disciplinary team of students that, in addition to collaborating on projects and planning events, has enjoyed the opportunity to learn from one another while sharing office space.

Some of the liveliest debates among students took place at the weekly human rights discussions, which engage those working at the Center in the analysis of contemporary human rights issues. Gathered around the conference table, scholars, interns, staff, and faculty discussed topics such as the ethics of war photography, the universality of religion, and the co-option of the human rights movement.

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- Courtney Lee

One week, Matt Flynn, the Center’s Postdoctoral Fellow in Health and Human Rights, led team members through a discussion of Gayatri Spivak’s “Can the Subaltern Speak?,” posing questions about the relationships between social hierarchies and marginalized groups. As Center administrator Billy Chandler noted, “The weekly

conversations have become an integral part of our students’ experience, and an excellent way to further develop our connection with them and their connection with human rights discourse.”

Undergraduate intern Courtney Lee (Plan II Honors/Latin American Studies) was grateful for the opportunity to work at the Center during the 2011-2012 academic year. “I recognize how fortunate I am to be a young per-



Rapoport Center staff and student team, spring 2012. Back row (left to right): Charlotte Nunes, William Chandler, Daniel Brinks, and Tim Schroedter. Front row (left to right): Matt Flynn, Courtney Lee, Creighton Chandler, Karen Engle, Abby Anna Batko-Taylor, and Heather Wong. Photo by Sofia Sokolove.

son who is constantly challenged and invigorated by the Rapoport Center family,” she said. Citing her experience working with the Frances T. “Sissy” Farenthold archives, she continued, “I not only had the pleasure to work with her archive ... I was able to meet and converse with her as well.”

Over the past year, Lee was joined by undergraduates Roberto Flotte (Anthropology/Ethnic Studies), Lynda Gonzalez (Journalism), Brianna Guidorzi (Plan II Honors/Women’s and Gender Studies), Seve Kale (Government/Spanish/Humanities), Tim Schroedter (American Studies), and Heather Wong (Philosophy/History).

Among the four human rights scholars who worked in the Center over the past academic year was Abby Anna Batko-Taylor (Law and Social Work), who aided in the development of a UT-hosted digital repository for millions of documents from the Historical Archive of the National Police of Guatemala (see page 8-9). “I felt that I had contributed to an important part of human rights

history, especially after meeting Guatemalan human rights advocates for whom this meant so much,” she said.

Batko-Taylor worked collaboratively with fellow scholars Creighton Chandler (History), Nikiya Natale (Law), and Della Sentilles (Law), each chosen for their strong background in and commitment to international human rights. Working together with the Center’s faculty and staff, scholars and interns reviewed submissions for the Working Paper Series (see page 15), helped with planning and logistics for two major conferences (see pages 8-9 and 10-11), and analyzed government documents related to the Texas-Mexico border wall (see page 14).

In June, two graduate fellows joined the Rapoport Center, giving continued attention to ongoing projects and collaborating on new initiatives. Juan Camilo Agudelo (Ethnomusicology) and Eva Hershaw (Latin American Studies/Journalism) edited and designed this Annual Review, researched crimes against the LGBTI community in Guatemala, and helped plan the Rapoport Center’s next

annual conference (see back cover).

“Every year we have the pleasure of working with some of the most talented and committed undergraduate and graduate students on campus,” noted Professor Daniel Brinks (Government; co-director Rapoport Center).



2011-2012 Human Rights Scholars (left to right): Creighton Chandler, Della Sentilles, Nikiya Natale, and Abby Anna Batko-Taylor. Photo by Steph Swope.

Rapoport Center Contributes Report for Electronic Evidence Study by Kathleen O’Neill

As we witnessed during the “Arab Spring,” digital communications, social media, and mobile devices have revolutionized political dissent and the documentation of political conflict. Integrating digital technologies into ongoing struggles for human rights means that the collection and preservation of electronic evidence, or “e-evidence,” will become increasingly important.

In 2011, The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) commissioned the “Human Rights Electronic Evidence Study,” a two-year project supported by the MacArthur Foundation to examine how human rights organizations use digital technology to document abuses. CRL asked the Rapoport Center to analyze how e-evidence is admitted and evaluated in human rights cases in international courts.

After graduating from UT Law last spring, I was invited to work on this timely and exciting project along with Professor Daniel Brinks (Government; co-director Rapoport Center), Professor Karen Engle (Law; co-director Rapoport Center), and Della Sentilles (Law). Our report, entitled *New Problems in the Use of Electronic Evidence in Human Rights Investigations and Prosecutions*, will be incorporated into a comprehensive resource for advocacy groups involved in human rights documentation.

We explored two examples of the use of e-evidence in

depth. The first considered the Khmer Rouge Tribunal’s exclusion of video footage of a notorious prison camp. The case, which Della had worked as an intern at the tribunal, provided valuable insight into the factors that might lead a court to disqualify e-evidence. The second example considered the authentication of cell phone video footage in a case implicating military officers for extrajudicial killings in Sri Lanka. Based in part on an interview that Professors Brinks and Engle conducted with former UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston, this discussion shed light on authentication methods and demonstrated the ability of e-evidence to trigger human rights investigations.

In September, we presented our preliminary findings at a conference at Columbia University. The feedback was helpful and I enjoyed hearing from the staff and legal counsel at some of the international NGOs involved in human rights documentation. In its final form, the report does not purport to offer a definitive blueprint for what indicates the reliability and authenticity of e-evidence in human rights cases. Rather the hope is that it will provide guidance to those documenting human rights and better ensure the integrity of e-evidence in court.

View the report and other related documents at: www.crl.edu/grn/hradp/electronic-evidence

Undergraduate Advisory Council Unites Student Organizations

During the 3rd Annual Human Rights Fair this past spring, students and faculty from across campus gathered at a table on the West Mall to answer a straightforward question: What are human rights? Their answers, drawn across the table in bright colors, reflected the countless ways that human rights are defined and envisioned.

The Human Rights Student Advisory Council (HRSAC), which organizes the annual Human Rights Fair, is an initiative of the Rapoport Center that connects undergraduate organizations at UT that promote human rights and social justice. After the spring fair, the HRSAC organized a reception to better orient members with the workings of the Rapoport Center and to introduce them to members of the Human Rights Law Society (see below).

In addition to organizing the Human Rights Fair and reception, the HRSAC kept busy this past year by actively supporting the activities of its member groups. When UNICEF held a movie screening and panel discussion on water rights, HRSAC members participated in the event and helped advertise. The group also supported Amnesty International's "Security with Human Rights" campaign and assisted in the White Rose Society's "10,000 Roses," a Holocaust remembrance and genocide awareness project.

At the 2012 Condom Couture event, which was organized by FACE AIDS Austin to raise funds for HIV/AIDS awareness, Rapoport Center-HRSAC liaison Courtney Lee (Plan II Honors/Latin American Studies) sported a dress made of nearly 1,000 condoms. Professor Neville Hoad (English; Rapoport Center steering committee member), emceed the fashion show, which drew a large number of supporters.



Students write on a banner at the Human Rights Fair. Photo by Angga Pratama.

"This year, we had a great group that worked together for common causes," noted Philip Tryon, Rapoport Center-HRSAC liaison (International Relations & Global Studies). "Next year, we hope to continue this momentum with new leadership and new initiatives to engage the UT community in human rights dialogue."

Human Rights Law Society Stimulates Discussion and Action

How did you escape from your traffickers? What type of trauma have you been through? Can you identify those responsible? During a fall event at the law school, representatives from local refugee organizations directed these questions to students who had assumed the identities of trafficking victims in order to get a sense of the difficult legal, social, and emotional processes they must frequently navigate. This event was one of several organized by the Human Rights

Law Society (HRLS) over the past year to raise awareness about local and international human trafficking.

Additionally, the HRLS partnered with Refugee Services of Texas and Casa Marianella, which provide support services for immigrants in Austin. Students worked in the Casa Marianella immigration clinic assisting residents and clients in filling out immigration forms, applications for green cards, and

other immigration documents.

"We are interested in connecting our legal education to human rights on a broader scale," said Abby Anna Batko-Taylor (Law and Social Work), Rapoport Center Human Rights Scholar and president of the HRLS. "The HRLS gives students the opportunity to apply their legal skills and passion for human rights work in local advocacy and community engagement."

- Mark Dawson

HRLS member Mark Dawson (Law) said that the group was a much-needed outlet during his first year of law school. "I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with like-minded students in a way that would have been impossible without the HRLS."

Next year, the HRLS is hoping to organize a series of informal discussions to introduce law students to a diversity of contemporary human rights issues.

Rapoport Center Launches Sissy Farenthold Online Exhibit

Maverick, legend, icon. These are words commonly used to refer to Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold (UT Law School class of 1949). Often the word "Texas" serves as a modifier that precedes those words. Sissy is well known for her political career in the Texas House of Representatives from 1968-1972, her runs for Texas Governor in 1972 and 1974, her nomination for vice president during the 1972 Democratic National Convention, and her election as the first chair of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Perhaps less known is Sissy's work in international human rights. Sissy has spent much of her life and career applying her Texas maverick spirit to global issues, an enduring contribution that the Rapoport Center recently set out to chronicle.

Much of Sissy's work in the 1980s focused on the international women's peace movement. During the decade, she visited peace camps in England, Italy, and New York to protest the deployment of missile bases in Western Europe. In 1985, as a result of a partnership with her cousin Genevieve Vaughan, Sissy chaired the Peace Tent in Nairobi, Kenya, at the 1985 U.N. NGO Forum coinciding with the third U.N. World Conference on



Farenthold and her father, attorney Dudley Tarlton, select a jury at the Nueces County courthouse, c. 1949. Photographer unknown.

Women. Earlier that year, she was arrested outside the South African consulate in Houston while challenging the country's policies on apartheid and attempting to secure an invitation for Winnie Mandela at the Peace Tent. Together, she and Genevieve also traveled to Switzerland and Iceland as members of the Women for a Meaningful Summit (WMS).

These experiences and more are showcased in a new online exhibit launched by the Rapoport Center in May, entitled, "Frances T. 'Sissy' Farenthold: Her Work for Human Rights." The exhibit features a selection of scanned documents from Sissy's papers, as well as



Banner from online exhibit. Designed by Gina Bastone.

video interviews that Gina Bastone (project coordinator) and Professor Karen Engle (Law, co-director Rapoport Center) conducted with Sissy and Genevieve Vaughan. It was developed in collaboration with the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, which is the repository of Sissy's papers.

"Gen and Sissy really staged a coup at Nairobi with the Peace Tent ... as you will find little documentation for it, these oral interviews are crucial." - Arvonne Fraser

The hope is that the website will contribute to historical knowledge not only about Sissy but about the work with which she was involved. After viewing the online exhibit, pioneering international women's rights advocate, Arvonne Fraser, said "Gen and Sissy really staged a coup at Nairobi with the Peace Tent, which was a centerpiece at the Nairobi NGO Forum. Those two were the inspiration and funders for it and, as you will find little documentation for it, these oral interviews are crucial."

Indeed, the response to the site has been so overwhelmingly positive that the Center plans to expand the project to cover other areas of Farenthold's life and work. Engle looks forward to continuing to work on the project and offering a new generation of students and scholars the opportunity to participate and learn more about Sissy's life and work. The project is especially important to the Rapoport Center, not simply because of Sissy's past but because of her ongoing commitment to human rights, represented in part by her role as a member of the Center's advisory board. "Sissy's resolute commitment to the advancement of human rights continues to be an inspiration for all the work we do," noted Engle. "We are honored to have the opportunity to showcase her work in this way."

The exhibit can be found at: www.rapoportcenter.org/farenthold/

Conference Launches Digitized Documents from Guatemala's National Police Archive

With a climactic, ceremonial click of a mouse, the December 2011 conference, "Politics of Memory: Guatemala's National Police Archive," launched a UT-hosted website providing open access to more than 12 million digitized pages of the Archivo Histórico de la Policía Nacional de Guatemala (AHPN, or the Archive). Of the Archive's 80 million documents, the most significant for contemporary human rights struggles are those that chronicle Guatemala's civil war (1960-1996), which claimed over 200,000 lives.



Christian Kelleher (front) launches digital archive. Behind him (left to right): Gustavo Meoño, Steve Leslie, Charles Hale, Fred Heath, Karen Engle, Anna Carla Ericastilla, Virgilio Álvarez Aragón, and Daniel Brinks. Photo by Oscar Ricardo Silva.

The conference also publicly introduced the partnership begun nearly four years prior between the AHPN, the Rapoport Center, the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS), and UT Libraries, wherein the AHPN designated UT as the repository for its entire digitized contents, and UT pledged to expand public access to the Archive's materials and advance their use in research and advocacy.

"This information cannot be hidden and it cannot be denied because it is accessible and preserved forever."

— Gustavo Meoño

During the two-day conference, which was broadcast via the web to an audience in Guatemala and covered by global media outlets, scholars and activists explored how the Archive can advance human rights by uncovering chapters in Guatemala's history of conflict, a crucial process toward strengthening that nation's embattled democracy. Panelists analyzed the impact of foreign interventions in Guatemala, technology and access to information, and the importance of historical memory.

In the first keynote address, Professor Steve Stern (University of Wisconsin - Madison) underscored the uniqueness of the Archive's availability and how it would inspire scholars and activists to fill in historical lacunae. During the second keynote address, Anna Carla Ericastilla (Director, General Archive of Central America) described how the Archive can serve as a space for opposing discourses in which Guatemalans can peacefully "confront distinct versions of history."

After decades of state suppression, and at a moment when the future of the physical Archive was uncertain in a changing political climate, Gustavo Meoño (Coordinator, AHPN) referred to UT's online preservation of such critical documents as "a giant step." He noted that, "This information cannot be hidden and it cannot be denied because it is accessible and preserved forever thanks to this fundamental act."

Echoing these sentiments was Professor Karen Engle (Law; co-director Rapoport Center), who expressed that the goal of the collaboration is to transform the heaps of musty papers synonymous with state terror into "a lasting locus of living memory" that will "anchor a world-class archival research and transitional justice community." For Fred Heath (Vice Provost and Director, UT Libraries), the collaboration with the AHPN furthers UT's mission of supporting critical inquiry and knowledge creation for the benefit of society by "making the secrets of 12 million documents more powerfully

accessible and discoverable to all."

Conference attendees Marta Irene Paredes and her brother, Roberto, who was kidnapped in 1982, made poignant the effects of the conference and collaboration.



Christian Kelleher, Fred Heath, Karen Engle, Gustavo Meoño, and Daniel Brinks (left to right), at an event at the AHPN in Guatemala City to celebrate the launch of the digital archive. Photo courtesy of Jorge Villagrán.

"We truly believed that we would never be able to see this type of information made available to the world," Marta said. "It plants in our hearts the hope that one day we may see real

justice in Guatemala's communities that have suffered and continue suffering so much pain."

In the closing session that unveiled the digital archive, Professor Charles Hale (Anthropology, director of LLILAS and Benson Latin American Collection) described UT's collaboration with the AHPN as "an unprecedented model" for research and advocacy. Both activities, he asserted, nurture a network of "support for Guatemalans to realize the simple, powerful ideal at the very heart of transitional justice—never again, *nunca más*."

The week after the conference at UT, a delegation comprised of Karen Engle, Fred Heath, Christian Kelleher (Archivist, Benson Latin American Collection) and Professor Daniel Brinks (Government; co-director Rapoport Center), attended an event at the AHPN in Guatemala to unveil the digital archive to the people of Guatemala and to promote the accessibility of information around the globe. At the event, Brinks commented that "This is a very important moment toward the construction of a new democracy in Guatemala."

Be one of more than 8,500 to visit the digital archive at: ahpn.lib.utexas.edu

The conference was sponsored by the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas Libraries, The Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, and the Archivo Histórico de la Policía Nacional and supported by the School of Law, the Department of Government, the Department of History, and the Department of Spanish & Portuguese.

Conference Participants

- Virgilio Álvarez Aragón**, Director, *The Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO) Guatemala*
- Arturo Arias**, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, *University of Texas at Austin*
- Patrick Ball**, Chief Scientist and Vice President of the *Human Rights Program, Benetech*
- Daniel Brinks**, Associate Professor of Government and Co-Director, *Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas at Austin*
- Luis Cárcamo-Huechante**, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, *University of Texas at Austin*
- Kate Doyle**, Analyst, *National Security Archive*
- Ariel Dulitzky**, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, *Human Rights Clinic, University of Texas at Austin*
- Karen Engle**, Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law and Founder and Co-Director, *Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas at Austin*
- Anna Carla Ericastilla**, Director, *General Archive of Central America*
- Virginia Garrard-Burnett**, Professor of History, *University of Texas at Austin*
- Charles Hale**, Chair for Western Hemispheric Trade Studies, Department of Anthropology and Director, *Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies and Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin*
- Fred Heath**, Vice Provost and Director, *UT Libraries*
- Christian Kelleher**, Archivist, *Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection and Project Manager, Human Rights Documentation Initiative, UT Libraries, University of Texas at Austin*
- Peter Kinoy**, Filmmaker, *"Granito: How to Nail a Dictator"*
- Steven Leslie**, Provost, *University of Texas at Austin*
- Gustavo Meoño**, Coordinator, *Historical Archive of the National Police of Guatemala*
- Susan M. Reverby**, Professor of History and Gender Studies, *Wellesley College*
- Lawrence Sager**, John Jeffers Research Chair in Law, Alice Jane Drysdale Sheffield Regents Chair, and former Dean, *School of Law, University of Texas at Austin*
- Steve Stern**, Alberto Flores Galindo and Hilldale Professor of History, *University of Wisconsin - Madison*
- Irma Alicia Velasquez Nimatuj**, Executive Director, *Support Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples*

Conference Explores the Promises and Pitfalls of Property Rights for the Human Rights Agenda

Are the poor better or worse off when property rights are secure? Should we think of property rights as a hindrance to, or an integral part of, the human rights agenda? Under what conditions can formal property rights advance or impede justice? These were just a few of the questions addressed during the Rapoport Center's eighth annual conference, "Property Rights and the Human Rights Agenda," held March 1-2, 2012.

By bringing together an impressive array of scholars from Africa, Latin America, and South Asia, the conference made possible an exchange of viewpoints that arose from many contexts and histories. The conversation uncovered changing conceptions of property, differing views on the role of property rights in dispossession and redistribution, and the implications of private titling for poor people in varying contexts. "With such a diversity of participants, the idea was that everyone would benefit from the exchange - to think about issues in ways they had not before," said Professor Karen Engle (Law; co-director Rapoport Center).

"One goal we had for this conference was to see how far we could get in sorting out these Latin American and African comparisons," said Professor Catherine Boone (Government). Boone went on to note that in Latin America there is a long tradition - from the mid-20th century land reform movements to the human



Sebastian Elias poses a question to panelists about changing conceptions of property. Photo by Steph Swope.

rights movement today - of using property rights to redistribute power in society. "Some aspects of the African experience resonate clearly with those in Latin America while others reveal interesting inversions of the Latin American logics and priorities."

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- Dennis Davis

Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza (Univ. of Cape Town, South Africa) argued that the strong right to property in South Africa's constitution prevents the state from redressing the country's existing unjust distribution of land, and thus tends to harm the poor. In contrast, Professor Sebastian Elias (Univ. de San Andrés, Argentina) maintained that in Argentina, when constitutional property protections are removed, the wealthy have the resources - political, social, and economic - to benefit, while the poor are disproportionately harmed. In response, Professor Daniel Brinks (Government; co-director Rapoport Center) noted, "We need to think about how distributive decisions are made under different property rights regimes. Would the have-nots do better in the halls of justice, arguing for their right to property, or in the halls of parliament or the streets, arguing for redistribution?"

Another series of contrasting perspectives surrounded the property rights of squatters. Professor Priya Gupta (Jindal Global University, India) contended that formal property rights often fail to recognize the full nature of the holdings that poor people value. Under



Keynote Speaker Carol Rose discusses theories of property at the closing panel. Photo by Steph Swope.

many slum clearing programs, "People lose the right to exist in public space, even when they do not have access to private space. . .The idea of 'a human right to property,'" she concluded, "gives excessive protection to property." In contrast, Judge Dennis Davis (High Court of Cape Town, South Africa) described a case in which the South African courts found a middle ground, using the constitutional right to housing to grant squatters the right to stay on private property while compensating the owner of that property. The contrast suggests that the right to property can, but need not, be hostile to the needs of squatters.

In his concluding remarks, David Kennedy (Harvard University), suggested that an overly rigid notion of property rights is not a helpful tool for expanding human rights. This creates a zero-sum game, he argued, in which one only gains at the expense of another. "The challenge for the field of human rights is to create a non-zero-sum situation where the security of both parties increases."

Reflecting on the event, Judge Davis added that "This conference not only revealed luminously the contested nature of the concept of property, but also provided clear comparative illustrations of how transformation of the dominant model of property can take place."

The conference was co-sponsored by the Center for Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law, the Department of Government, the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, the South Asia Institute, the School of Law, the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies - all at the University of Texas at Austin - and by the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard University.



Lungisile Ntsebeza explains how property rights are framed in the South African constitution. Photo by Steph Swope.

Conference Participants

- Solomon Benjamin, Professor of Social Sciences, Manipal University and Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, India
- Catherine Boone, Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin
- Daniel Brinks, Associate Professor of Government and Co-Director, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas at Austin
- Jorge Contesse, Professor and Director of the Center for Human Rights, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile
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- Mekonnen Firew Ayano, S.J.D. Candidate, Harvard Law School
- Priya Gupta, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of the Centre for Women, Law and Social Change, Jindal Global University, India
- David Kennedy, Manley O. Hudson Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School
- Faustin Maganga, Associate Professor of Law, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Ambreena Manji, Director, British Institute in Eastern Africa, Kenya
- Samuel Moyn, Professor of History, Columbia University and Visiting Professor of Law, Yale Law School
- Lungisile Ntsebeza, Professor of Sociology, University of Cape Town, South Africa
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- Gerald Torres, Professor and Bryant Smith Chair in Law, University of Texas at Austin

Speaker Series Explores Diverse Topics in Human Rights



Every year the Rapoport Center hosts a Human Rights Happy Hour Speaker Series with the goal of creating dialogue around a wide variety of contemporary human rights issues. This year's speakers came from as far as Chile and Argentina to present works in progress so that the participants might be involved in the development of their work. UT faculty members served as respondents for each of the talks. Audio recordings of the talks are available at: www.rapoportcenter.org/events/speaker-series-archive.php



Inderpal Grewal

Professor and Chair of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University

"Humanitarian Citizenship and Race: Katrina and the Global War on Terror"

Grewal's talk focused on the creation of the neoliberal citizen as an individual who has come to replace the state as the main provider for others in need.

Respondent: Barbara Harlow (English); Co-sponsor: Center for Women's & Gender Studies



Jorge Contesse

Professor and Director of the Center for Human Rights, Universidad Diego Portales

"Inter-American Constitutionalism: The Creation and Internalization of Human Rights"

Contesse discussed new types of legal claims being brought before the Inter-American System and, by way of example, his involvement in a case surrounding the custodial rights of a lesbian mother.

Respondent: Daniel Brinks (Government; Rapoport Center); Co-sponsor: LLILAS



Catalina Smulovitz

Professor and Director, Political Science and International Relations, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

"Legal Inequality and Domestic Violence. Who Gets What and When at the Subnational Level?"

Smulovitz examined the disparities in the level of legal protection afforded to victims of domestic violence among different provinces in Argentina.

Respondent: Ariel Dulitzky (Law; Human Rights Clinic); Co-sponsors: LLILAS, Center for Women's & Gender Studies



Benjamin Gregg

Associate Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin

"The Social Construction of Human Rights in Africa"

Gregg argued that we should understand human rights as the product of an emerging consensus within a particular political community, rather than as derived from divine or natural law.

Respondent: Catherine Boone (Government)

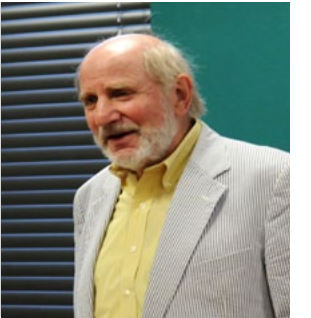
Henry Steiner

Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard University

"Muslims in Europe: Multiculturalism, Cultural Clash, Human Rights"

Steiner's talk examined recent legal debates over the banning of head scarves in France. Pointing to France's colonial past, Steiner argued that anxiety surrounding the head scarf reflects an attitude that "In France, you're either French or Muslim; you're not both."

Respondent: Kamran Ali (Anthropology; South Asia Institute)



Tara Melish

Associate Professor of Law & Director, Human Rights Center, University at Buffalo Law School, SUNY

"From Monuments to Ladders: Collapsing Social Rights Typologies into a New Enforcement-Oriented Schema"

Melish considered theoretical distinctions in human rights law often used to divide economic and social from civil and political rights, arguing for a new classification schema that would facilitate the enforcement of the former.

Respondent: Daniel Brinks (Government; Rapoport Center)



John Ciorciari

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

"Archiving Memory after Mass Atrocities"

Discussing human rights archives in places as diverse as Cambodia and Guatemala, Ciorciari advocated for what he termed a "foundational" approach to the documentation of mass atrocities in societies emerging from civil war, state collapse, or misrule.

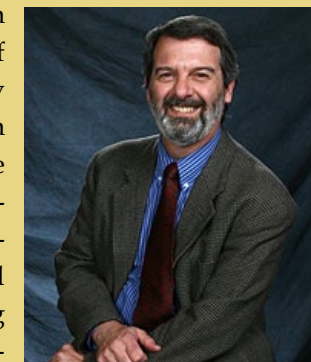
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Rick Battistoni Leads Community Engagement Workshop

Partnerships between the University of Texas (UT) and community organizations in the Austin area might seem to provide obvious benefits to both parties. In the best scenarios, students acquire on-the-ground experience while advancing the goals of local organizations. Yet, there are some additional and complicating factors to consider. What does it mean to have a reciprocal relationship between UT and the community? How can UT adequately prepare students to work in communities? And, one of the biggest challenges: How can UT promote coherence in these partnerships on a semester timeline?



Rick Battistoni. Photo courtesy of Providence College.

In March, Dr. Rick Battistoni, a professor of Political Science and Public and Community Service Studies at

Providence College and a member of the board of trustees of the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation, led a community engagement workshop to address some of these concerns. Co-sponsored by the Rapoport Center and the Bridging Disciplines Program of the School of Undergraduate Studies, the workshop brought together UT faculty from a variety of disciplines who include community engagement in their courses, along with a few of their students. The purpose of the workshop was to spark a campus-wide discussion in which those individuals working with community partners could share successful strategies and discuss opportunities for improvement.

Participating student Gloria Delgadillo (Communication Studies & Human Relations), a senior in the Bridging Disciplines Program, found the workshop invaluable as she looks forward to a career in the non-profit arena. "I realized that community engagement is an extremely delicate practice; we should always be mindful of the impact we may be having on the community."

Working Groups Collaborate on Human Rights Efforts

When the FBI showed up at Ricardo Dominguez's research lab at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) in 2010, the allegations were quite serious. The United States believed Dominguez was using public funds to create treasonous technology. The technology? A GPS cell phone network that helps individuals cross the treacherous desert surrounding the US-Mexico border. Dominguez's response: this is not technology; this is art.

Dominguez is an associate professor at UCSD and a co-founder of The Electronic Disturbance Theater, a group that developed virtual-sit-in technologies in 1998 in solidarity with the Zapatista communities in Chiapas, Mexico. His current project is called the "Transborder Immigrant Tool."

This past spring, Dominguez, who was at UT for the Benson Latin American Collection's event *¡A Viva Voz!*, shared his experience as an "artist" (artist/activist) at the first workshop organized by the Human Rights and the Arts Working Group. The workshops bring together faculty and students at the university from various disciplines. "With the workshops, we are attempting to build a space for intellectual, theoretical, and critical exchange," said Professor Luis Cárcamo-Huechante (Spanish and Portuguese), who currently leads the

Working Group. The Human Rights and the Arts Working Group is one of the Center's three ongoing working groups.

The Health and Human Rights Working Group, which was formed to raise awareness of the relationships between health and human rights, kept especially busy this last year with a number of projects related to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.

With support from the UT Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, the Working Group kicked off the year by hosting human rights advocate Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, the author of *A School for My Village: A Promise to the Orphans of Nyaka*. Collaborating with the Center for Health and Social Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Working Group also hosted Dr.

Bonnie Maldonado (Stanford University), a Professor of Pediatrics and Health Research, who detailed the inherent challenges of being born into the world with HIV/AIDS – a disease almost entirely avoidable with modern therapies.

On December 1st, the Group hosted its 5th Annual World AIDS Day Conference with support from FACE AIDS and the Department of English. This year's keynote speaker, Kane Race (University of Sydney), spoke on the conference's theme of AIDS, Health, and Criminality, while Guli Fager (Health Promotion Resource Center) presented studies on the misconceptions and practices of sexuality by college youth.

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The Health and Human Rights Working Group also held biweekly meetings to discuss conceptual and theoretical debates concerning health and human rights. "The Health and Human Rights Working Group brings together people from different backgrounds to engage in an interdisciplinary discussion about the intersection of health issues and human rights both nationally and internationally," noted Matt Flynn, Rapoport Center Postdoctoral Fellow in Health and Human Rights.

The Border Wall Working Group continued to work with undergraduate and graduate interns to sift through the large pile of documents related to the construction of the Texas-Mexico border wall that the Working Group received from the Department of Homeland Security as the result of a Freedom of Information Act request in 2008.

Affiliated faculty and graduate students may join an existing working group or propose their own by contacting the Center. We welcome your participation and your ideas!



Health and Human Rights Organizers (left to right): Matt Flynn, Charlotte Nunes, and Neville Hoad. Photo courtesy of Matt Flynn.



Dominguez talks about his work as an "artist." Photo by Courtney Lee.

Working Paper Series Showcases Cutting-Edge Human Rights Research

2011-2012 Working Papers

John Ciorciari, *Archiving Memory After Mass Atrocities*

Karen Engle, *Self-critique, (Anti)politics and Criminalization: Reflections on the History and Trajectory of the Human Rights Movement*

Matthew Flynn, *From Structural to Symbolic Dimensions of State Autonomy: Brazil's AIDS Treatment Program and Global Power Dynamics*

Barbara Harlow, Daniel Kahozi, Lucas Lixinski, and Caroline Carter, *United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973 (2011): Libya in the Dock*

Karen Knop, *International Law and the Disaggregated Democratic State: Two Case-Studies on Women's Human Rights and the United States*

Genevieve Painter, *Thinking Past Rights: Towards Feminist Theories of Reparations*

Nadarajah Pushparajah, *The Applicability of International Human Rights Law to Armed Non-State Actors in Non-International Armed Conflict*

Marlese von Broembsen, *Legal Empowerment for the Poor: The Re-emergence of a Lost Strand of Human Rights?*

Joyce Wu, *'The People Follow the Mullah, and the Mullah Follows the People': Politics of Aid and Gender in Afghanistan Post-2001*

Now in its second year, the WPS published nine papers in 2011-2012 from legal scholars as well as from literary scholars, an anthropologist, and a sociologist. The papers addressed reparations, amnesty, poverty, health, women's rights, armed conflict, human rights archives, and the human rights movement.

The process of publishing the WPS has provided a way for graduate and professional students to work with each other and UT faculty to engage in the study of human rights. "The opportunity to contribute to the WPS and work with both the interdisciplinary faculty-student editorial board and with contributing authors has been a unique learning experience," noted PhD candidate Amina Zarrugh (Sociology), head of the editorial committee. "I have appreciated most the intellectual atmosphere we have sought to promote, which is one of critical engagement from the time of paper review to publication."

In addition to publishing, WPS editors also collaborate with São Paulo-based *Sur: International Journal of Human Rights* by editing the English translations of their articles, which are primarily written in Spanish and Portuguese. Through this partnership, the WPS hopes to expand human rights dialogue across linguistic borders.

Read and comment on WPS papers at: blogs.utexas.edu/rapoportcenterwps/



Audre Rapoport Prize Winner Analyzes Post-Conflict Reparations

Congratulations to Genevieve Renard Painter, winner of the 2011 Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on Gender and Human Rights for her article "Thinking Past Rights: Towards Feminist Theories of Reparations." Painter is a doctoral student in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at the University of California at Berkeley, where her work focuses on reparations for survivors of violent conflict.

The paper is published online in the Center's Working Paper Series (see above) and also on the Center's website. The competition's judges, which include distinguished scholars from UT and abroad, selected Painter's paper in an anonymous contest that received more than 30 submissions from nine countries.

In her paper, Painter argues against the dominant conceptions of reparations as individual rights, symbols, or processes. Instead, she develops an approach to

reparations that draws on distributive, communitarian, and critical theories of justice and suggests that post-conflict reconciliation demands attention to both individualized and communitarian conceptions. "As decisions about reparations programs are and should be determined by the political, social, economic, and cultural context, a blueprint for 'a feminist reparations program' is impractical and ill-advised," she notes.

Painter chose the topic of reparations, she says, because she saw that although criminal prosecution of human rights violations was gaining attention from feminist critics, the issue of reparations was relatively unexplored. Moreover, to the extent that reparations were discussed, she believed that scholarly understanding of the issue was, as noted in her paper, "out of step with the understanding of reparations that circulates among women activists."

Petroleum Art Exhibit Provides Inspiration

The suite that houses the Rapoport Center, the Center for Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law, and the Center for Women in Law doubled as an art gallery for much of the past year. The beautiful and bright panels of *Extra Virgin Petrus Oil*, a series by Mery Godigna Collet, have provided décor and stimulated conversation in the suite's hallways and conference room. Over 50 guests, from both inside and outside the law school, attended a reception on June 13 thanking the artist for her work.



Center directors and Godigna Collet at reception. Pictured (left to right): Karen Engle, Interim Dean Stefanie Lindquist, Mery Godigna Collet, Melinda Taylor, Daniel Brinks, and Linda Chanow. Photo by Steph Swope.

Godigna Collet is one Venezuela's most notable visual artists today. Her work, much of which is characterized by the use of natural fibers as a vivid commentary on the environment, has been featured in museums and galleries throughout Latin America, the US, and Europe.

The exhibit was comprised of three pieces titled *Pure Energy*, *Sweet Oil*, and *MV Solar I*. It highlights our com-

plex relationship to petroleum through the medium of oil itself. The fluidity and depth of each canvas are fixed behind a glossy finish that inspires reflection. Interrupting the smooth surfaces are patches of sugar cane or vegetable fiber interspersed throughout the pieces.

At the reception, Professor Karen Engle (Law; co-director Rapoport Center) noted how the artwork literally "framed our year," from being featured in our property rights conference to inspiring everyday appreciation that brought together the work of the three centers. "Not only does the work address issues of our dependence on oil as an energy source and on the human rights consequences of that reliance, but it does so from the perspective of a female artist."

The exhibition came to the centers from The Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas, and, after its stay at UT, was headed to Nina Torres Fine Art and the International Art Fair, both in Miami. Although the collection has moved on, Mery graciously donated a panel from *Pure Energy* to the centers for permanent display.

Learn more about Mery at: www.merygodignacollet.com



Mery Godigna Collet touches up a painting in the shared suite. Photo by Steph Swope.

Alumni Spotlight: Parisa Fatehi-Weeks

Rapport Center alumni comprise an important part of our growing network as they graduate and move on from UT. This year, we are spotlighting Parisa Fatehi-Weeks, a 2005-2006 Rapoport Center Human Rights Scholar who is currently working as a staff attorney at Public Advocates Inc. in San Francisco. Her job is to ensure that California's climate change reform delivers benefits rather than burdens to low-income communities and communities of color in California.

It was at the Center, during her time as a law student at UT, that Fatehi-Weeks began to understand the intersections of human rights study and practice. "I had the opportunity to facilitate collaborations among Center-affiliated faculty, even if they worked on very different issues," she said. "I benefited from observing the ways in which they wove academics and the practice of human

rights law together."

After her time as a Human Rights Scholar, she served on the City of Austin's Commission on Immigrant Affairs and the Day Labor Community Advisory Committee. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Federal District Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore of the Southern District of Texas. We are happy to have Parisa in our alumni network and encourage other Center alumni to stay in touch!



Parisa Fatehi-Weeks. Photograph courtesy of Parisa Fatehi-Weeks.

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