

Human Rights Clinic August 24 Assignment

Readings:

1. US Human Rights Network, UDHR Campaign 2015: Rob Robinson, <https://ushrnetwork.org/2015/09/UDHR-Campaign-2015-Rob-Robinson> (watch first video)
2. [Report](#) of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Prof. Philip Alston, on his mission to the USA, June-July 2018.
3. Ed Pinkington, "[Nikki Haley Attacks Damning UN report on US Poverty under Trump](#)," The Guardian (June 21, 2018).
4. "[Miami Law Human Rights Clinic Submits Four Reports to the United Nations Alleging Violations in the U.S.](#)"

Assignment:

1. Please think about a "human rights moment" in your lives: an experience in your life that brought human rights home for you personally. This could be an encounter you had with an individual or community; an experience you had with people you know, or with strangers; something you studied in school that had an impact on you; a story you read/heard about that resonated for you; or anything else. Be prepared to briefly describe it as we go around the room with introductions and share what draws you to the Clinic and human rights work.
2. As you read these materials, please consider the following questions:
 - How did you respond, viscerally and intellectually, to Rob Robinson's interview and video remarks?
 - What was most interesting to you in the Special Rapporteur's report? Most surprising? What, if anything, did you learn about the United States?
 - What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the issues highlighted by the report?
 - What did you think about the framing of these issues as human rights concerns? What, if anything, do you think the law, language, ideas, methods, or processes of international human rights add?
 - How might advocates build on the Special Rapporteur's visit and report? The US human rights movement(s) referenced in the readings?
 - What, if anything, have you seen as hopeful in reading the reports or in the events of the last few months?