



**1990 Meeting
of the
Virginia Humanities Conference**

**A
Symposium on
Human Rights**

The Conceptual Basis of Human Rights
The Gap Between Profession and
Practice
The Achievement of Recognition and
Compliance

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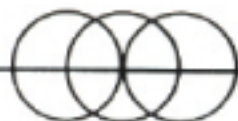
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Friday, March 30

- 8:00-9:00 Registration, Student Union II, Lobby
- 9:00-9:15 Symposium Opening, SUB II, Rooms 1-2
- 9:30-10:45 Concurrent Sessions I

A. Moderator: Josephine Pacheco SUB II, Room 4
"Human Rights: The Primacy of the Political (and the Economic)." Joel Schwartz, College of William and Mary; "Reflective Equilibrium and the Right to Free Speech," George Klosko, University of Virginia

B. Moderator: Leo Hecht SUB II, Room 3
"Soviet Psychiatry and Human Rights," John Atwell, Hollins College, and John Shelton, M.D.; "Sergei Grigoryants, Glasnost, and Human Rights in the Soviet Union," William Kinsella, Northern Virginia Community College

C. Moderator: Robert Karlson SUB II, Rooms 1-2
"The Natural Law Basis of Human Rights: A Critique and a Proposal," Richard Rubenstein, George Mason University; "The Moral Poverty of 'Rights,'" Hans Tietel, College of William and Mary

11:00-12:15 Plenary Session, Harris Theatre
"The Urgency of International Human Rights," Goler T. Butcher, Howard University Law School

12:30-2:00 Luncheon, SUB II, Rooms 5-7
"Women's Rights in the Third World,"
Post-luncheon presentation by Mary Rojas, Virginia Tech

2:15-3:30 Concurrent Sessions II

A. Moderator: Fred Allen SUB II, Room 4
"Language Rights as a Fundamental Human Right: Lessons from Wales," Roderic Owen, Mary Baldwin College; "Cultural Encounters: The Ecumene in Virginia," Roberta Culbertson, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy

B. Moderator: Ernest Cassara SUB II, Room 3
"Domestic Feminism and the Impact of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," Susan Green, Mary Baldwin College, Richmond Center; "Human Rights and the Nazi Closing of the Bauhaus," William Claussen, New River Community College

C. Moderator: David Kuebrich SUB II, Rooms 1-2
"Only the Survivors Tell: Human Rights and Legal Issues of Central American Refugees," Minor Sinclair, Ecumenical Program on Central America and the Caribbean, with panelists

3:45-4:15 Delegate Assembly, SUB II, Rooms 1-2

4:30-5:30 Art Exhibit, Fine Arts Building Gallery
Opening by Walter Kravitz, George Mason University

6:00-7:15 Dinner, SUB II, Rooms 5-7

7:30-9:30 Theatrical Evening, Black Box Theatre
Equity actors reading from *We the People of Liberty Tavern*, by James MacGregor Burns, produced by Thomas Dunn and directed by Robert Small, George Mason University

9:30 Reception with the playwright, the producer, the director, and the Equity cast

Saturday, March 31

9:00-9:30 Registration, SUB II, Lobby

9:30-10:45 Concurrent Sessions III

A. Moderator: Barbara Knight SUB II, Room 4
"Franklin Roosevelt, the United Nations, and Human Rights for Dependent Peoples," Thomas Howard, Virginia Tech; "Human Rights in the Carter Administration," Burton Kaufman, Virginia Tech

B. Moderator: Debra Bergoffen SUB II, Room 3
"Rights and the Rise of Informational Societies," Timothy Luke, Virginia Tech; "AIDS: National and International Challenges, Human and Institutional

Responses," Robert Lafleur, Mary Baldwin College

C. Moderator: Robert Thomason SUB II, Rooms 1-2
"Human Rights and the Theology of Creation,"
William King, Virginia Tech; "The Communitarian
Challenge to Liberal Theory: The End of Human Rights
or a Different Foundation?" Barry Hollar, Shenandoah
College and Conservatory

11:00-12:15 Plenary Session, Harris Theatre
"Human Rights in America: Jamestown
1619 to Governor Wilder," Roger W.
Wilkins, George Mason University and
the Institute for Policy Studies

12:30 Luncheon and Closing, SUB II, Rooms
5-7
Presiding: E. Lewis Martin, New River
Community College, President-Elect of
the Virginia Humanities Conference

Featured Speakers

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