



# PROGRAM BOOK

## MIDATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

7:30 am - 12:00 pm  
STC Atrium

### REGISTRATION

8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
STC Atrium

### ACTION ALLEY

The Action Alley is a forum to learn about and take action on human rights issues and current AIUSA priorities. Come together with other passionate activists to find points of collaboration as we build our vision of justice, freedom, truth, and dignity for all human beings.

9:00 am - 10:15 am  
Auditorium

### WELCOME & PANEL: STOP DETAINING REFUGEE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

*Speakers: Barbara Witmer, Layla Sanir, Denise Bell*

Every day, hundreds of families are locked up at three detention centers in Pennsylvania and Texas that are known as “baby jails.” Their crime? Seeking safety here. The Berks family detention center in Pennsylvania is the oldest of these “baby jails.” Hear from advocates who’ve been working for years to end the cruel practice of jailing people who are seeking asylum, and about the case of #TheBerksKids, who were behind bars for nearly two years.

## WORKSHOP SESSION I

10:30 am-11:45 am  
Various Locations

### HOW TO FIGHT FOR: #THEBERKSKIDS– Auditorium

*Facilitators: Denise Bell, Rebecca Ma*

We need activists like you to build a wave of champions – schools, businesses, faith and community groups – who say NO! to locking up kids and their parents for seeking safety. Learn how the Trump administration punishes families seeking asylum, and how to initiate resolutions in your community opposing family detention.

### LOBBYING 101: SMART LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TACTICS – STC 237

*Facilitators: Sam Steed*

Learn how to effectively lobby at all levels of government on behalf of human rights reform using tried and true lobbying strategies in this period of increasingly hateful rhetoric. This workshop will include a full tutorial in how to conduct lobby meetings and lobby telephone calls, as well as using social media in targeted ways to engage in legislative advocacy to #AmnestyLobby.

### STOP UNLAWFUL KILLINGS BY POLICE: INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE US AND JAMAICA– STC 336

*Facilitators: Sarah Hamilton, Krissy Roth*

“Human Rights Defender Shackelia Jackson’s brother Nakiea was killed by police in Jamaica, and there has been no accountability for his death. There are countless other killings by police in the country as Amnesty’s 2016 Waiting in Vain: Jamaica Unlawful Police Killings report demonstrates. The United States is no exception, a 2015 Amnesty International USA report found every US state falls short of restricting the use of deadly force by police in line with human rights standards. This crisis of killing must stop throughout the Americas. Hear firsthand from Shackelia about her brother’s story and how to get involved with international solidarity efforts and what you can do to help stop these killings.



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### **DRONES 2.0: HOW TO PROTECT CIVILIANS & STOP UNLAWFUL KILLINGS BY THE US GOVERNMENT – STC 137**

*Facilitators: Daphne Eviatar*

News reports indicate that President Trump has increased the rate of lethal strikes, including via drone, leading to an increase in killings of civilians. We are also deeply concerned that the President may loosen the already insufficient policy restrictions on the use of force put in place late in the Obama administration. In short, this is a life or death crisis. In this workshop, you will learn how you can take effective action to help stop unlawful killings and protect civilians from President Trump's expanded forever war.

### **YOUTH TRAINING: KNOW YOUR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

*Conference Room*

*Facilitator: Baaqeyah Muhamr, Francesca Caramazza*

This session is for youth (up to age 24) and is a training by other youth so that we can all know and claim our sexual and reproductive rights (SRR). In this training, we will learn about our rights; how gender, power, and privilege impact our sexual and reproductive rights; and how we can claim our rights in our communities!

11:45 am-12:30 pm  
Auditorium

### **LUNCH: DEATH PENALTY: VOICES OF EXPERIENCE**

12:45 pm-1:45 pm  
Auditorium

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Various Locations

### **CAUCUSES**

Faculty Advisor Caucus- STC 137

Local Group Caucus- STC 336

Student Group Caucus- STC 237

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### WORKSHOP SESSION II

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
Various Locations

#### **#YOUTHPOWERACTION** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

*Facilitators: Sam Steed*

#YOUTHPOWERACTION is about young people in the Amnesty International movement learning about their role in making organizational decisions—decisions that affect their human rights work and experience with the organization. Currently, young people make up a small portion of the members active in the governance of the organization. You will learn how decisions are made, and how you can ensure your voice is being heard.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP FREE IMPRISONED AMNESTY STAFF IN TURKEY** – Auditorium

*Facilitators: Zeke Johnson, Emily Beck*

What if you were arrested just for attending this conference? The Director of Amnesty Turkey, Idil Eser, was recently jailed while attending a human rights training. Learn more about our strategy to free Idil, and how you can help! Gain concrete skills including lobbying and other ways to join our Global Human Rights Defenders Campaign.

#### **GLOBAL GAG: A HUMAN RIGHTS DISASTER** –STC 237

*Facilitators: Tarah Demant*

In this session, we will cover the Global Gag rule (abortion restriction abroad through US policy) and how activists can work to end the Global Gag once and for all.

#### **FROM SUMATRA TO STANDING ROCK: DEFENDING DEFENDERS AND INDIVIDUALS AT RISK CAMPAIGNING ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES** – STC 336

*Facilitators: Joshua Kennedy, Emily Beck*

Workshop on indigenous rights and BHR campaign strategies – defending defenders and individuals at risk (Standing Rock, Latin American activists, Shell in Nigeria). Related issues including supply chain abuses (labor violation in Indonesia, cobalt in Democratic Republic of Congo) and the role of Business and Human Rights strategies in combating climate change. Takeaways will include strategies for effective campaigning with indigenous communities and building local and student group BHR actions.

#### **VISUAL STORYTELLING FOR SOCIAL GOOD** – STC 137

*Facilitator: Lauren Murphy*

Ever find yourself at an Amnesty rally/event and want to capture compelling content? This session will explain how you can use the tools you have on you to create engaging stories on the spot. We'll go over the best practices of using your phone to capture video/photo. I'll also make recommendations for easy-to-use apps that allow you to quickly edit. Lastly, we'll cover quick copywriting so you can send out your content to the cloud.



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4:45 pm – 6:15 pm  
*Auditorium*

### RESOLUTIONS

Amnesty International is a grassroots membership organization. Any individual member or group of members has an opportunity to impact the mission, method, policy, organization, or allocation of resources. Resolutions are a means by which members can influence policy on a regional, national, or international level. Resolutions may be voted on by individual voting members who have paid dues to AIUSA and by one designated delegate from each AIUSA student or local group.

6:15 pm - 6:30 pm  
*Court Yard*

### CLOSING ACTION