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AIUSA'S Human Rights Programs—Spring 2020

AIUSA's Programs Team leads the organization's ongoing work on cases and important long-term thematic human rights issues. Please contact us to get involved and take action.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

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Long-term Goals

- Abolish the death penalty by passing bills at the state level and preventing executions
- Stop unlawful killings by police by passing bills in every state to restrict the use of lethal force

2020 Objectives

- Pass abolition death penalty legislation in Colorado and other states
 - Stop individual executions across the US
 - Pass a bill to prevent unlawful killings by police in CT, MD, NJ, & PA
 - Build support for the federal P.E.A.C.E Act to restrict the use of force by federal officers
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INDIVIDUALS AT RISK PROGRAM

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Long-term Goals

- Free prisoners of conscience (people imprisoned solely for their beliefs or identity)
- Stop abuses against Human Rights Defenders, including executions, torture and imprisonment
- End other human rights abuses against specific people or communities

2020 Objectives

- Free Senator Leila de Lima, a prisoner of conscience and human rights defender in the Philippines
- Free the Saudi Women Human Rights Defenders
- Increase subscribers to AIUSA's Urgent Action Network
- Increase the number of AIUSA's student and local groups making Case Commitments
- Increase participation in Write for Rights, our annual letter writing marathon on cases



GENDER, SEXUALITY & IDENTITY PROGRAM

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Long-term Goals

- Stop rape, kidnapping and murder of Indigenous Women
- Convince the US government to take steps to end Violence Against Women
- Stop the US government from worsening its stance on reproductive rights
- Protect the rights of LGBTI people globally

2020 Objectives

- Ensure that Indian Health Services provides rape kits in every IHS center and has trained staff to use them, including for prosecution of perpetrators
- Pass legislation that addresses the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women, including Savanna's Act
- Convince Congress to pass the Safe from the Start (SFTS) bill, which combats Gender Based Violence in global emergencies, and includes components of the International Violence Against Women Act
- Convince the Louisiana sheriff's association to adopt written policies and training on handling domestic violence—and pass state legislation to this end if needed
- Thwart any new attacks on sexual and reproductive rights by the Trump administration



SECURITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

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Long-term Goals

- Prevent unlawful killings and civilian casualties from US lethal force and drone operations worldwide
- Close Guantanamo and end unlawful detention by the US government
- Ensure that the U.S. government does not use torture or torture by proxy

2020 Objectives

- Convince the US government to commit to thorough investigation and reporting of civilian casualties and potentially unlawful killings from US military and CIA operations
- Convince the Trump administration to transfer the five cleared detainees out of Guantanamo
- Convince the US government to support a ban on autonomous weapons systems
- Ensure the US government does not appoint individuals who have supported torture to government positions