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HUMAN RIGHTS AND A JUST SOCIETY

This year's program is entitled

***Speaking with the Devil: The Rwandan Genocide and the Modern
World - Lessons Learned.***

OCTOBER 12-13, 2014

Sunday October 12th, 2014

Presented at

Centre of Contemporary Art *Znaki Czasu* in Torun

Waly gen. Sikorskiego 13

and

Monday, October 13th, 2014

Presented at

The Main Library, Conference Room, Ground Floor,

Ul. Gagarina 13

Nicolaus Copernicus University

Torun, Poland

MODERATORS AND HOSTS

MR. JOHN J. KUROWSKI, *Kurowski Shultz, LLC, Swansea, Illinois, USA and Visiting Professor of Law in the Comparative Law Program at NCU (2006, 2010)*

PROFESSOR ARKADIUSZ LACH, *Vice-Dean of the Faculty for International Relations and Informatization of the Nicolaus Copernicus School of Law and Administration (NCU)*

DR. MICHAL BALCERZAK, *Assistant Professor at the Chair for Human Rights, Faculty of Law and Administration, Nicolaus Copernicus University*

Sunday October 12, 2014

17:45-20:45

OPENING EVENT

The Documentary: "Ghosts of Rwanda".

*Location: Centre of Contemporary Art **Znaki Czasu** in Torun, Waly gen. Sikorskiego 13*

DISCUSSION:

DR. MICHAL BALCERZAK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE CHAIR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, FACULTY OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION, NICOLAUS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY, TORUN

MR. WILLIAM MAHONEY, CO-CHAIRMAN, SEGAL MCCAMBRIDGE, SINGER AND MAHONEY, LTD. CHICAGO

DR. MARCIN KALDUNSKI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW, NICOLAUS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY, TORUN

Monday October 13, 2014

Location: Main Library Conference Room

Nicolaus Copernicus University

Ul. Gagarina 13

9:00-9:15

INTRODUCTION

- *MR. JOHN J. KUROWSKI, KUROWSKI SHULTZ, LLC,*

- *PROFESSOR ARKADIUSZ LACH*, VICE-DEAN OF THE FACULTY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATIZATION
- *PROFESSOR BOZENA MCLESS*, DIRECTOR OF THE POLISH STUDIES PROGRAM, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

9:15-10:15

“RWANDA: PATHWAY TO GENOCIDE

Mr. William Mahoney, Co-Chairman, Segal, McCambridge, Singer and Mahoney, Ltd, Chicago, Illinois

10:15-12:30

“INSPIRING AND EQUIPING PEOPLE TO STAND UP AGAINST GENOCIDE, RACISM AND INTOLERANCE”

Mr. Carl Wilkens. World Outside my Shoes, an educational and professional development organization

(There will be a fifteen minute break during Mr. Wilkens’ presentation.)

12:30- 12:45

“INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND THE RWANDA GENOCIDE: A BRIEF SEQUEL TO THE RWANDA GENOCIDE.

Dr. Karolina Wierczynska, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law Studies (Polish Academy of Sciences)

12:45- 1:30

PANEL DISCUSSION: Punishment for Perpetrators and Relief for Survivors: International Justice and the Rwanda Genocide”

PANELISTS: Carl Wilkens, Mr. Mahoney and Dr.Wierczynska.

MODERATED BY PROFESSOR KUROWSKI AND DR. BALCERZAK

THE FACULTY

MR. CARL WILKENS Activist and humanitarian, Carl Wilkens moved his young family to Rwanda in the spring of 1990 where he served as the country director for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. When the genocide against the Tutsi was launched in April of 1994, Wilkens refused to leave, even when urged to do so by close friends, his church, and the United States government. Thousands of expatriates evacuated and the United Nations pulled out most of its troops. Wilkens was the only American to remain in Kigali, the capital city. Venturing out each day into streets crackling with mortars and gunfire, he worked his way through roadblocks of angry, bloodstained soldiers and civilians armed with machetes and assault rifles in order to bring food, water, and medicine to groups of orphans trapped around the city. His actions together with Rwandan colleagues saved the lives of hundreds. In 2008 he and his wife Teresa founded World Outside My

Shoes, an educational nonprofit organization committed to supporting educators around the world in the fight against genocide, intolerance, prejudice, and hatred. Wilkens was featured in Frontline's Ghosts of Rwanda, and NPR's In 2011 Wilkens released his first book entitled "I'm Not Leaving." It is based on tapes he made to his wife and children during the genocide. This past June, a 35-minute documentary also entitled "I'm Not Leaving" was issued telling the story of his family's journey during this dark time. Concerning both the book and in the documentary Wilkens writes:

"While these stories happened during the genocide, the book and documentary are not really about genocide. They are more about the choices people made, actions people took, courage people showed, and sacrifices people gave in the face of genocide."

For nine years now, Carl and his wife Teresa have been speaking in schools on nearly every continent about their experiences in Rwanda and sharing the power of stories and service to build bridges to peace. Wilkens earned his undergraduate degree and an MBA from the University of Baltimore. His humanitarian work has been recognized with several awards, including the Dignitas Humana Award from Saint John's School of Theology Seminary, a 2005 Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and an honorary Doctorate from Buffalo State University.

MR. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, JR. is an American lawyer. He is a partner and Co-Chairman today of the law firm of Segal, McCambridge, Singer and Mahoney, Ltd in Chicago. He has served in a leadership position for all 28 years of the firm's existence - a period that has seen the firm grow from a four lawyer Chicago firm to nearly 150 attorneys in seven cities. Mr. Mahoney is an Honors graduate of Loyola University of Chicago in Political Science and attended the John Felice Rome Center, Rome Italy as an undergraduate. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. He is a member of the Chicago Council of Global Affairs (Director's Circle) and a member of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute. He has completed both the Executive Leadership Program and Justice and Society Programs of the Aspen Institute. More recently he was named Vice Chairman- Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch. He is a trial lawyer with a national reputation in a broad range of legal subjects. Today, Mr. Mahoney manages some of the most complex litigation in the United States and is a frequently sought lecturer on a variety of legal subjects. Mr. Mahoney is also a regular participant and moderator at programs in Chicago on human rights and other topics of global interest. This past April he moderated for Human Rights Watch its Public Forum, "The Global Impact of Mass Surveillance," in Chicago Mr. Mahoney regularly contributes to the planning of this symposium and appears for the third time this year, having previously presented in 2009 ("Genocide, Human Rights and International Justice: Past, Present and Future," Human Rights and a Just Society, Nicolaus Copernicus University) and 2011 ("The Arab Spring, Human Rights, and International Law," Human Rights and a Just Society, Nicolaus Copernicus University).

DR. MICHAL BALCERZAK is an Assistant Professor at the Chair for Human Rights, Faculty of Law and Administration, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun. He obtained his Master's degree in law in 2003 and his Ph.D. in 2007 from the same university. In 2004, he was awarded the Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. Apart from his academic activities, Dr. Balcerzak was a legal advisor in the office of the Polish Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights. Since 2005, along with Dr. Kaldunski, he has been one of the faculty coaches working with students who take part in the Jessup International Law moot court competitions. His teams won the Polish National competition in 2006 and 2007 and competed at the international level in Washington, D.C. both years. In 2006, he was elected the Chairman of the Council of Europe expert committee on human rights in the context of accelerated asylum procedures. He specializes in European and

international human rights law, the international judiciary and the law of international organizations.

DR. MARCIN KALDUNSKI is an Assistant Professor of Law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University School of Law and Administration in Torun, Poland. He has been engaged, in particular, in public international law as well as international economic law. He received his Ph.D. in law from the Nicolaus Copernicus University in 2005. His Ph.D. thesis was also published as a monograph in 2006 entitled *The Most Favoured Nation Clause*. He has published several books on international law. Since 2005, along with Dr. Balcerzak, he has been one of the faculty coaches working with students who take part in the Jessup International Law moot court competitions. His teams won the Polish National competition in 2006 and 2007 and competed at the international level in Washington, D.C. both years. Also, since 2005 he has been conducting research at The Hague Academy of International Law and in the World Trade Organization. He is a member of the International Law Association. He teaches International Law at Nicholas Copernicus School of Law and Administration in Torun, Poland.

DR. KAROLINA WIERCZYNSKA is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law Studies (Polish Academy of Sciences) and Managing Editor of the Polish Yearbook of International Law (www.inp.pan.pl/pyil). Her interests are focused on international criminal law and human rights. In 2010 she published a monograph on the issue of genocide international criminal tribunals. Her recent research concerns the standard of review before the International Criminal Court (Deference in the ICC practice concerning admissibility challenges lodged by States, [in:] Lukasz Gruszczynski, Wouter Werner, *Deference in International Courts and Tribunals: Standard of Review and Margin of Appreciation*, Oxford: Oxford University Press: 2014, pp. 355- 370). She resides in Gdansk, Poland.

MR. JOHN J. KUROWSKI is an American lawyer who has been engaged in the private practice of law in the United States for over 35 years. He received a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree in History from Loyola University of Chicago and attended the John Felice Rome Center in 1973-1974. He received his Juris Doctor from the St. Louis University School of Law. Mr. Kurowski has a broad legal background, having experience and interests in litigation, trials, local government and human rights. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri and several federal district courts in the United States. He is a member of the Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg and the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute. He is a frequent lecturer on a variety of legal and other topics at programs throughout the United States. In 2006, he was invited to attend the Justice and Society program of the Aspen Institute in Aspen, Colorado. In the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2010, he served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the School of Law and Administration of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland. While teaching in Torun in 2006 he began this symposium in cooperation with Professor Bozena Gronowska and NCU faculty Dr. Michal Balcerzak and Dr. Marcin Kaldunski. Loyola University of Chicago presented Mr. Kurowski with its John Felice Award in June, 2013 in recognition for his contribution to the John Felice Rome Center, as well as to business and his community.

PROFESSOR ARKADIUSZ LACH is the Vice Dean for International Cooperation and Informatization at the Nicolaus Copernicus School of Law and Administration in Torun where he also serves as a Researcher and Lecturer. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Polish Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection on implementation of European Union law in the areas of freedom, security and justice in the context of protection of human rights (2008-2010)). He is considered an independent expert of the European Commission in the area of criminal law. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *Digital Evidence and Electronic*

Signature Law Review He is the author of numerous books concerning criminal law and procedure and is a practicing Adwokat (attorney) in Poland.

MS. BOŻENA NOWICKA McLEES is a Polish language and literature instructor at Loyola University Chicago. She earned her M.A. in Polish Language and Literature at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ms. McLees is experienced in teaching and developing Polish language, literature and culture curriculum. She has taught at the University of Illinois and Harper College. Her academic interests include advanced Polish language courses and 20th century Polish literature. Ms. McLees has focused on connecting the evolving academic programs in Poland with the existing network of schools, educational institutions and Polish American organizations in Chicago to promote interest and understanding of Polish culture and the acquisition and maintenance of heritage language skills. She collaborates with Poland's State Commission in providing examination for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as Foreign Language and with the Chicago Sister City Warsaw Committee in leading the Educational Exchange Subcommittee. In 2008, Ms. McLees was appointed the Director of Interdisciplinary Polish Studies at Loyola University to further develop an academic program that meets the needs and aspirations of the Polish heritage students as well as non-Polish students who are interested in Polish history and culture. She initiated the University's Poland Study Abroad program, which offers students the opportunity to study and earn academic credits in international studies, political science, sociology, anthropology and urban studies in Poland during the summer.