

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE 2010 SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION OPTIONS (11:30AM – 12:45PM)

Workshop/Lecture Title	Presenter(s)	Description
Introduction to Effective Aid	Workshop -Engineers Without Borders (McMaster Chapter)	This is an interactive workshop to get participants thinking about various types of aid and their effectiveness. The focus will be on development aid applied at a community level. Participants will work in groups acting as NGOs. They will face a hypothetical impoverished community and work together to form a development aid plan.
Part II – MSF’s Top 10 Humanitarian Disasters of 2009	Workshop - Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders.	Each year Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders release a list of the world’s Top Ten Humanitarian Crises. The recently released crises for 2009, as determined by the firsthand accounts of MSF’s relief workers, has been drawn from this NGO’s involvement in close to 70 countries. This workshop aims to uncover under some of the worst humanitarian conditions in our global society, many of which are highly underreported in the media. In bringing about greater awareness of these often underreported issues, delegates will engage in honest discourse about the issues affecting of our global society.
The New Faces of Grandmothers: HIV/AIDS	Workshop - The Grandmothers of Steel: Stephen Lewis Foundation	The HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa has had profound consequences on the entire fabric of society. Stepping up to the challenges of raising the orphaned children, caring for the sick and keeping the communities together, are the African grandmothers. These resilient, resourceful and determined women have inspired a movement in Canada of grandmothers who take their direction from the African grandmothers and act to support them by raising awareness, generating funds and advocating on their behalf. This workshop will look at some of these African women, and the grassroots projects which empower them.
Reparations to Africa	Lecture by Dr. Rhoda Hayward-Hassmann, Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights	Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann is Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights at Wilfrid Laurier University, where she holds a joint appointment in the Department of Global Studies and the Balsillie School of

		<p>International Affairs. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2006 the Human Rights section of the American Political Science Association named Dr. Howard-Hassmann its first Distinguished Scholar of Human Rights. Among many other published works on human rights, she is co-editor of the 2007 volume, <i>The Age of Apology</i> and author of <i>Reparations to Africa</i> (2008) and <i>Can Globalization Promote Human Rights?</i> (forthcoming, 2010). Her current research interests are in human security and state-induced famine. She is also creator and editor of a website on political apologies and reparations, which can be accessed at political-apologies.wlu.ca.</p>
<p>Volunteering 2.0: On-line Volunteering in Action</p>	<p>Workshop - TakingItGlobal</p>	<p>How has technology transformed the idea of volunteering and what are the positive and negative results? In correlation to this, what are the new ethics of online volunteering, and how have economic and social factors been impacted? Everyday activities are being revolutionized in an age of technological and digital advances. The methods and duties of volunteering have not been spared by this digital age, and have therefore transformed into a popular and viable enterprise for many. In this workshop, delegates will explore what it means to be an online volunteer, the different tools and accessibility options available, and the positive and negative ramifications of digital volunteering.</p>
<p>Rising Floodwaters</p>	<p>Workshop -Alvin Keng (BHsc III, Global Health Specialization)</p>	<p>Though short-lived, natural disasters are a prominent public health issue due to their high impact nature. One example of this turbulence can be found in the Philippines; a hot-bed for earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, and floods. During the 2009 typhoon season, densely populated Metro Manila was the victim of Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana). McMaster student, Alvin Keng will discuss his experience immersed in this environment while working with the NGO Gawad Kalinga. The purpose of this session is threefold: to provide an account of one relief worker's experience during Typhoon Ondoy, analyze the relationship between natural disasters and public health, and discuss how the global community can respond to future</p>

		localized disasters.
From Invasive Species to the Carbon Tax: Public Policy & You	Clara Blakelock, Wajiha Shoaib, Maria Topalovic, Roy Raghavan, Ralph Krueger, Greg Brown, Joshua Samel, Farshad Salehzadeh (Masters Engineering and Public Policy Program Students)	In this workshop we will examine the following current public policy issues: Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, Green Energy Act, Invasive Species, Food labeling, and Carbon Tax/Cap & Trade. For each issue, we will present a summary of the problem and an overview of current government and citizen action. As a group, we will discuss the stakeholders' involvement and opportunities for citizen participation. The participants will have the opportunity to direct the discussion towards the issues that are most pertinent to them.
Reforming the UN Human Rights Council	Rebecca Cherniak	<p>Only two years ago, the globe celebrated the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, a sacred document upheld by the UN Human Rights Council. Yet, there are still many people in the world who are oppressed and whose human rights just aren't talked about. This session will focus on the rise and fall of Human Rights at the United Nations from Eleanor Roosevelt to Qaddafi and what we as global citizens can do about it.</p> <p>Rebecca Cherniak is currently in her third year of the McMaster Arts and Science Program. She is the President of Israel on Campus, the voice that brings to light Israel's achievements and contributions to the global community, as well as her historical commitment to peace. She serves one of the chairs of the national body, the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students. Rebecca is a member of UN Watch, an organization that watches the actions of the Human Rights Council to ensure human rights are upheld. Rebecca is active in building bridges with other groups on campus through interfaith dialogue.</p>