FULL REPORT

CURRENT OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Courtney Hillebrecht (2018-2020)
Secretary: Robert Shepard (2018-2020)
Treasurer and Section Reception Liaison: Tina Kempin-Reuter (2019-2021)
At-Large Members
• Shareen Hertel (2018-2020)
• Jaqueline McAllister (2019-2021)
• Rebecca Sanders (2018-2020)
• Heather Smith-Cannoy (2019-2021)

OTHER SECTION OFFICERS

2020 Conference Program Co-Chairs: Lisa Sundstrom and Kristi Kenyon
Elections Officer: Freek van der Vet
H-Human Rights Editor (ex officio): Joel R. Pruce

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 2019, the Section has 613 members. Section membership continues to grow. The Human Rights Section is the ninth largest ISA section (out of 33).

CHANGES IN THE SECTION CHARTER

At our 2019 Section Business Meeting, the membership voted to turn the H-Net Editor position into a broader, elected position with voting rights on the Section’s Executive Committee. This new, expanded position, titled “Community and Membership Engagement Officer,” will help the Executive Committee meet the current outreach and engagement needs of our membership. Our Charter now includes the following description of the position: “The Community and Membership Engagement Officer shall serve as the Lead Editor of H-Net and maintain the membership’s social media presence.”

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS’ REPORT (Lisa Sundstrom and Kristi Kenyon)

Many thanks to our program co-chairs for putting together an excellent set of panels for 2020. The Human Rights Section will sponsor 10 panels and co-sponsor an additional 52 panels with other sections, for a total of 62 panels.
Our Section Business Meeting in Honolulu will be on Wednesday, March 25, 2019, from 6:30 - 1:30 pm. We also will co-host a reception with ENMISA, IO, and ILAW on Thursday, March 26, 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We hope you will join us for both events.

**Elections**

There are four positions on the Executive Committee that are open for nominations. They are:

- Vice Chair (2020-2022)
- Secretary (2020 – 2022)
- Community and Membership Engagement (2020-2022)
- Two At-Large Officers (2020 – 2022)


**Section Awards**

The following Human Rights Section members will receive awards and will be honored at the 2020 Conference:

- Mark Berlin of Marquette University will receive the Section’s Best Paper award for his paper, “Does Criminalizing Torture Decrease Torture? Preliminary Evidence from a New Dataset.” The committee also selected a runner-up for the award: Diana Fu of the University of Toronto, for her paper “Repression Via Confession: Televised Confession Scripts in China.”

We would like to thank the following members for serving on the 2019 Awards Committees:

- **Best Book**: Anu Chakravarty (chair), Lucrecia Iommi Garcia, and Laurel Weldon (2019 award winner).
- **Best Paper**: Rebecca Sanders (chair), Benjamin Graham (2019 award winner), and Heather Smith-Cannoy.
- **Human Rights Section Lynne Rienner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation**: Joel Pruce (chair), Mahmoud Monshipouri, and Filiz Kahraman (2019 award winner).
Poe Award for Best Graduate Student Paper: Tina Kempin Reuter (chair), Kristi Kenyon, and Jacqueline McAllister.

**Global Scholars Fund**

At our section meeting in 2018, we decided to establish the Chandra Sriram Human Rights Section Global South Travel Grant. This grant, rolled out for the 2019 Annual Convention, is offered on a competitive basis to help scholars from the Global South attend the Annual Conventions. The recipients for the Chandra Sriram Human Rights Section Global South Travel Grant for the 2020 Annual Convention are Carlos Andres Paredes Minango and Avantika Dureha. Many thanks to the evaluation committee, which included Bethany Barratt (Chair), Lucrecia Iommi Garcia, and Ñusta Carranza Ko.

**Financial Report**

The Section continues to stand in excellent financial health. As of October 2019, we have a balance of $50,568.89 in our reserves.

**H-Human Rights**

The section sponsors the electronic discussion group H-Human-Rights, which is hosted by H-Net. There are more than a thousand global subscribers, including academics, practitioners, activists and governmental and inter-governmental officials. Joel R. Pruce serves as the H-Net Editor.

**Section-Affiliated and Co-Sponsored Conferences**

In June 2020, we will host the 7th Joint Human Rights Conference at the University of London. This is a collaborative initiative, taken in partnership with the Human Rights Consortium at the University of London, the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association, the Human Rights Research Committee of the International Political Science Association and the Standing Group on Human Rights and Transitional Justice of the European Consortium for Political Research. Subscribe to the official Twitter feed of the conference, @hrjc2020, for the most up-to-date information.