

HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK 2013 - TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

During the week of February 18th, a number of academics and dedicated activists visited East High School to present a variety of perspectives on human rights. East High Staff were encouraged to sign their classes up to attend these compelling and informative presentations, organized by the Madison East Organization for Human Rights.

"Gaza Under Siege" (Tsela Barr)

"Apartheid in Israel" (Veena Brekke)

Tsela Barr and Veena Brekke are members of the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project. They are active advocates for the rights of the Palestinian people and for justice in the Middle East.

"Workers' Rights and Our Broken Immigration System"

Patrick Hickey is the director of the Workers' Rights Center of Madison.

"Climate Change: Human Rights at the Boiling Point"

Erin Parker is a teacher of Environmental Science, Limnology, and Oceanography at Madison East High School.

"Global Rights of Gender, Romantic, and Sexuality Minorities"

Camden Goetz is a high school student who works with local, state, and national groups such as the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) and the Transgender Student Rights project.

"Human Trafficking: Hidden in Plain Sight"

Morgan Young is an Immigration/Poverty attorney at the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"Abundance or Starvation - Do You Have a Right to Food?"

Joe Mingle is a member of the Dane County Food Council, an organization which works on developing sustainable agricultural projects and policies.

"Creating Inclusive Schooling to Promote Education for all in Cameroon"

Margaret Mbeseha is the founder of the Nwankem Benevolent Foundation, Inc., an organization which helps provide access to social services for children with disabilities in Cameroon.

"The Quest for Education in Africa"

Anne Waliaula is currently the outreach director for the African Studies program at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"As Seen on TV: The Psychological Seduction of Torture"

Alfred McCoy is a J.R.W. Smail Professor of History has written extensively on the international drug trade, covert operations, US imperialism, and torture.

"Welcome ALICE: A Way to Act Locally While Thinking Globally"

Joel Rogers is a professor of Law, Political Science, Public Affairs, and Sociology at UW-Madison as well as a longtime political activist.

"Our Imperiled Free Speech Rights"

Matt Rothschild is the editor of the Progressive magazine.

"The Silenced Struggles of Transgender People in the United States"

Emily Ptak-Pressman, Adrian Conner, and River Heisler are students at Madison East High School, all very active in the struggle for justice for transgender students in schools throughout Madison.