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HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES COLONEL LARRY WILKERSON, CHIEF OF STAFF TO FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL, AND DR. VINCENT IACOPINO OF PHYSICIANS FOR HUMANS RIGHTS, TO PRESENT VIEWS ON TORTURE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND U.S. ACCOUNTABILITY

This Panel Discussion to be held on September 30 is part of the Peace Day 2010 Celebration Series at the University of Hawaii.

Honolulu—September 17, 2010—the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in cooperation with Richardson School of Law, and Pacific Survivor Center, presents a two-part celebration of Peace Day 2010 with provocative events on September 23 and 30. The first event is the screening of “The Reckoning—The Battle for the International Criminal Court” with a public discussion about the challenges it faces; and the second is a panel discussion entitled: “Torture, National Security and Accountability” that features two profound human rights advocates, Colonel Larry Wilkerson, Chief of Staff to former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Dr. Vincent Iacopino, Sr. Medical Advisor for Physicians for Human Rights.

“The Reckoning” (film screening) September 23

In response to repeated mass atrocities around the world, more than 120 countries ratified the Rome Statute and created the International Criminal Court (ICC), the first permanent international court empowered to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide. The Reckoning is a powerful documentary film on the work of the ICC in its first three years. The film follows the ICC prosecutor and his team across four continents as they issue arrest warrants for Lord’s Resistance Army leaders in Uganda and charge Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir with genocide in Darfur.

While the ICC can help to deter atrocities by punishing perpetrators it must adhere to high standards of procedural fairness, which can result in lengthy trials. Moreover, if an armed conflict is still ongoing, there may be pressure to abandon a prosecution as a term of peace negotiations. Should justice be compromised to facilitate peace and reconciliation? This is one of many questions that will be raised in a post-film discussion moderated by Carole Petersen, Director of the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Petersen will discuss challenges facing the ICC and the relationship between peace and justice.

“Torture, National Security, and Accountability” (panel discussion) September 30

The scandals that surround Abu Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay detention camp force us to critically examine American interrogation practices. Dr. Vincent Iacopino, author and Senior Medical Advisor to
Physicians for Human Rights, will make the case that the U.S. authorized and implemented an intentional and systematic policy of torture, and comment on the consequences. Colonel Larry Wilkerson, Chief of Staff to former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, will present his views on how these crimes happened and whether they could happen again, and will engage the panel and audience in a discussion of the national security implications of U.S. interrogation practices and the need for accountability.

Both Peace Day 2010 events are free to the public and will be held on consecutive Thursdays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the University of Hawai‘i William S. Richardson School of Law, Room CR2, 2515, Dole Street. Ample parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to the Law School.

Speaker Bios for September 30 Panel Discussion

**Vincent Iacopino, MD, PhD**
Senior Medical Advisor
Physicians for Human Rights
Adjunct Professor of Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School
Senior Research Fellow
Human Rights Center,
University of California, Berkeley

Vincent Iacopino, MD, PhD has participated in health and human rights research, investigations and advocacy for eighteen years. Dr. Iacopino has represented PHR and/or supervised medical fact-finding investigations to Thailand, Punjab, Kashmir, Turkey, South Africa, Afghanistan, Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, Chechnya, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Mexico, Botswana, Swaziland, Iraq, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Chad, Burma and the United States and documented the health consequences of a wide range of human rights violations. He is the former Medical Director of Survivors International of Northern California, a non-profit organization providing medical and psychological assistance to survivors of torture from around the world. Dr. Iacopino was the principal organizer of an international effort to develop UN guidelines on effective investigation and documentation of torture and ill treatment (the Istanbul Protocol) and has served as a consultant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has been one of the pioneers in conceptualizing the relationship between health and human rights. He has taught Health and Human Rights courses at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health since 1995 and is a Senior Research Fellow at the Human Rights Center of the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Iacopino is the author of more than seventy-five health and human rights publications. In 2004, he received The Center for Victims of Torture’s Eclipse Award for extraordinary service on behalf of torture survivor. In 2005, he also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Medicine of the University of Minnesota.

**Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson**
U.S. Army-Retired
Visiting Pamela C. Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy
College of William & Mary
Professorial Lecturer
Honors Program, George Washington University

Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson’s last positions in government were as Secretary of State Colin Powell's Chief of Staff (2002-05), Associate Director of the State Department's Policy Planning staff under the directorship of Ambassador Richard N. Haass, and member of that staff responsible for East Asia and the Pacific, political-
military and legislative affairs (2001-02). Before serving at the State Department, Wilkerson served 31 years in the U.S. Army, including as Deputy Executive Officer to then-General Colin Powell when he commanded the U.S. Army Forces Command (1989), Special Assistant to General Powell when he was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-93), and as Director and Deputy Director of the U.S. Marine Corps War College at Quantico, Virginia (1993-97). Since leaving the State Department, Colonel Wilkerson has spoken to audiences all over America and written extensively about U.S. policy and detainee abuse. He has become one of the most outspoken critics of the Bush administration and its national security policies, including the CIA’s secret rendition program and the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib.

About the Sponsors

Pacific Survivor Center

Pacific Survivor Center (PSC) is a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of torture, human trafficking, and related human rights abuses. Through its multi-disciplinary network of professionals from the fields of medicine, psychology, law, social work, public health, and human rights, PSC provides a comprehensive, client-centered approach to restoring well-being and hope to survivors.

Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution

The Matsunaga Institute for Peace was established in 1985 to fulfill the vision of Senator Spark M. Matsunaga to expose every student enrolled in Hawaii’s public university to peace studies so they could learn and practice peaceful methods of resolving disputes of all kinds from interpersonal to global. The Institute, now called the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (MIPCR), is now part of the College of Social Science’s Public Policy Center and combines peace studies research with skills-based training for practical application of alternative dispute resolution methods in its three academic programs: the Certificate in Peace Studies, Interdisciplinary the B.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies, and the Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution.

The William S. Richardson School of Law

The William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has been accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association since 1982. Richardson School of Law provides an excellent professional legal education to highly qualified and diverse students in a collaborative, multidisciplinary educational community that is deeply committed to teaching, scholarship, public service, ethical responsibility, and the pursuit of social and economic justice. The School embraces Hawaii’s diversity, location, and values, and as Hawai‘i’s law school recognizes a special responsibility to this state and region and to the global community. Richardson School of Law leads in important areas of law, including environmental law, Pacific-Asian legal studies, and Native Hawaiian law.

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