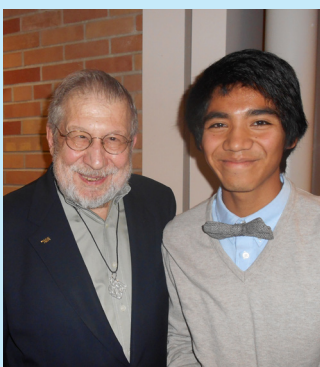


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World Without Genocide provides **education** to raise awareness about past and current conflicts and **advocacy** at local, state, and national levels for policies and legislation to protect innocent people, prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators, and remember those whose lives have been affected by genocide.

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Fred Amram, Holocaust survivor, with Summer Institute student Moises Roman.

Kristallnacht and Congo: 'Never Again' is 'Over and Over Again'

The 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, was memorialized around the world on November 9 and 10. It was on these nights in Austria and Germany in 1938 that Nazis and their supporters set synagogues on fire, smashed shop windows of Jewish-owned businesses, plundered Jewish homes, and rounded up more than 30,000 Jewish men for incarceration in concentration camps in what many call the beginning of the Holocaust.

Jewish and civic organizations worldwide held special ceremonies to commemorate Kristallnacht. But Congregation Shir Tikvah in Minneapolis did something different. Rabbi Michael Latz believes that we must recognize that the echoes of Kristallnacht reverberate in too many places today. And just as people did not stand

up against the Nazis then, many people are bystanders to genocides and mass killings today.

Rabbi Latz invited Dr. Alain Mukwege to speak about the violence in his home country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. More than 6 million Congolese have perished since 1996 in a conflict that is ongoing. Six million Congolese have died - and six million Jews died in the Holocaust.

Dr. Mukwege is currently studying at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He works with his father, Dr. Dennis Mukwege, at Panzi Hospital in Congo. These two physicians and their staff bring hope and healing to women and girls who have been brutalized by gender vio-

lence, a deliberate tool of terror in this conflict.

We applaud Rabbi Latz for raising awareness about this tragedy. Join us to support legislation to make a difference. We must not stand by; we must stand up.

More information about conflict-free legislation and advocacy at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/conflict-free.



L to R: Minnesota State Senator Sandy Pappas, sponsor of upcoming conflict-free legislation; Dr. Alain Mukwege; Rabbi Michael Latz; Nicholas Webb, Benjamin Ferencz Fellow in Human Rights and Law.

Summer Institute to Prevent Hate Locally and Globally

World Without Genocide will host its third annual **Summer Institute for Educators and Leaders** and fourth annual **Summer Institute for High School and College Students** this summer.

The Institute for Educators and Leaders will be held June 18-19 and the Institute for High School and College Students will be August 12-14 at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.

This summer, 2014, marks the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. The 2014 Institutes will focus on the prejudice and

hate that spurred the Rwandan genocide of 1994 and will address manifestations of hate in Minnesota: anti-Muslimism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, xenophobia, and racism.

The 2014 Student Institute will welcome high school and college students, offer participants service credit, and increase opportunities for volunteers. Educators will receive a Genocide Education Certificate.

The participants who are drawn to the Institute display outstanding dedication, creativity, and

passion for human rights issues. The Institute serves as a catalyst: it inspires them to explore their interests, build leadership skills, and become 'upstanders,' taking action for justice.

Student participants have gone on to important next steps including visiting post-genocide countries, hosting a human rights events at their school, supporting advocacy initiatives, and starting a social justice club with their classmates.

More information at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/events.

Winter Events

The Murder of Emmett Till

We are pleased to announce our first collaboration with **Penumbra Theatre** for a workshop, *The Murder of Emmett Till: Beyond the Legacy*, on **Saturday, February 8, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**, followed by a performance of *The Ballad of Emmett Till* at 7:30 pm. The event will be at the theatre, 270 North Kent Street, St. Paul, MN 55102.

In the summer of 1955 in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, Emmett Till, a black teen-ager visiting from Chicago, was brutally killed by two white men for 'flirting' with a white woman. The two men accused of his murder were tried and acquitted. They subsequently confessed once they could no longer be convicted of the crime. The case became the impetus for the Civil Rights movement.



Emmett Till, age 14

Emmett Till's legacy has become part of America's consciousness and conscience about civil rights.

In 1951, the Civil Rights Congress attempted unsuccessfully to accuse the US of genocide based on lynching, legal discrimination, and systematic inequalities in health and quality of life for African-Americans.

The workshop will examine key issues for African-Americans in the nearly 60 years since Till's death with talks by leading civil rights experts. The program is co-sponsored by William Mitchell College of Law Office of Multicultural Affairs and Minneapolis Public Schools Office of Equity & Diversity.

The workshop is open to the public. Regis-

tration is required by January 24 at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/emmett-till. Fees are \$40 for adults, \$25 for students, and \$80 for lawyers to receive 2.5 Elimination of Bias CLE credits (pending); this includes the workshop, dinner, and a ticket to the performance. Limited student scholarships are available; contact admin@worldwithoutgenocide.org.

Women and War

In collaboration with our long-time partner **The History Theatre**, we will sponsor a workshop on **Saturday, March 22, 10:30 am - 1:45 pm**, *Women in War: Examining Sexual Harassment, Violence, and Trauma*, followed by a performance of *Women at War in Iraq* at 2:00 pm. The event will be at the theater, 30 10th Street East, St. Paul, MN 55101.

More American women have fought and died in Iraq than in any US conflict since World War II. Though many regard their service with pride, others experience isolation, discrimination, and sexual assault. Yet even as they increase in numbers, women soldiers are painfully alone. In Iraq, women still only make up one in ten troops, and they often serve in platoons with few other women or none at all. This isolation causes problems that many female soldiers find as challenging as war itself.

Speakers will discuss the legal issues surrounding the treatment and prosecution of military sexual trauma; medical care for women soldiers with PTSD; women and international humanitarian law; and UN Security Council Resolution 1325, urging consideration of the unique needs of women and girls during repatriation and resettlement, rehabilitation, re-integration



and post-conflict reconstruction.

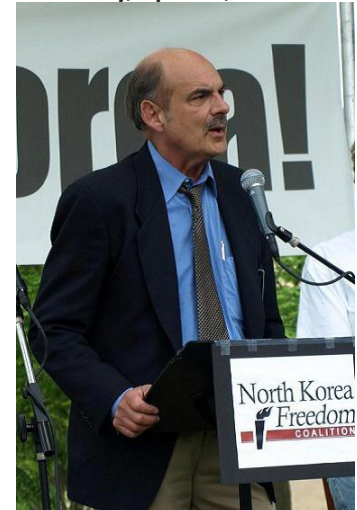
The workshop is open to the public. Registration is required by March 20 at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/women-and-war.

Fees are \$40 for adults, \$25 for students, and \$80 for lawyers to receive 2.5 Elimination of Bias CLE credits (pending); this includes the workshop, lunch, and ticket to the performance. Limited student scholarships are available; contact admin@worldwithoutgenocide.org.

20th Anniversary,

Rwandan Genocide

On April 7, 2014 we will mark twenty years since the Rwandan genocide of 1994, when an estimated 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were brutally slaughtered by their friends, neighbors, and even their own relatives. We will host a special memorial event at the **Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda** on **Friday, April 11, 12:30 - 1:30 pm**.



Jack Rendler

Jack Rendler will be a featured speaker.

Rendler, Chair of the Board of Directors of World Without Genocide and current North Korea specialist for Amnesty International, will talk about his work during the genocide to take hundreds of children out of Rwanda to safety in neighboring Congo. The exhibit, *Tents of Witness: Genocide and Conflict*, will also be on display. The event is free, open to the public, and no reservations are necessary.

Our Phones and Violence in Congo



Most of us are linked to Congo. Minerals from Congo make our cell phones vibrate. Minerals from Congo are in our laptops, cameras, iPods, computer games, and even in our jewelry.

Armed groups compete for access to these minerals, exploiting the land and devastating local populations. Over six million people have died from famine, disease, killings, and sexual violence in the deadliest conflict since World War II.

We're connected to Congo – and that makes us responsible.

World Without Genocide will support a bill in the 2014 legislative session, to be sponsored by President of the Minnesota Senate Sandy Pappas, that will require the Minnesota Department of Administration to purchase electronic products from companies that are moving towards conflict-free sources of minerals.

Conflict-free resolutions are gaining strength at universities across the country and around the world. Over 100 colleges and universities have passed resolutions

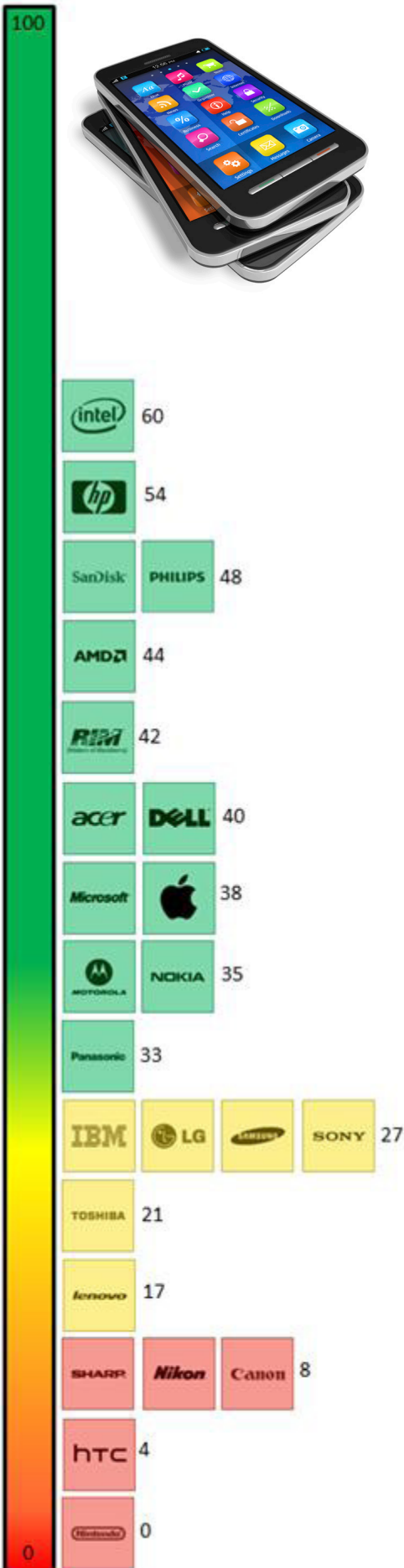
in the United States and approximately 20 international schools have gone conflict-free. A number of cities have passed similar resolutions, including the City of Edina in Minnesota.



The accompanying chart by the Enough Project ranks electronics companies on their use of conflict-free minerals in their products. Companies highlighted in green are doing well with regard to the sources of their minerals, yellow companies could do more, and red are those that aren't yet taking any positive steps.

Join the Conflict-Free Initiative. Buy your own electronics responsibly and encourage organizations such as businesses, faith communities, and public groups to buy thoughtfully.

To learn more and to receive updates, visit www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/advocacy.



- Companies 30% and over audit their supply chains, support legislation, exercise leadership in industry-wide efforts, and have started to help Congo develop a clean trade. But they can still do more!
- Companies 29% to 11% take some steps to investigate their supply chains and are members of industry-wide efforts. More action is required.
- Companies 10% and under have done next to nothing to shift their practices toward conflict-free from Congo.

From the Director

Sectarian Violence

Today's conflicts in Syria, Central African Republic, Iraq, Mali, Northern Ireland, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Sudan, and Burma share an important and surprising characteristic. The conflicts have all been labeled **sectarian violence**. How can that term apply to crises in such widely-differing places?

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, sectarian violence is a confrontation between different population groups. The conflict appears to be based on the perception of identity differences, usually inter- or intra-religious sectarianism such as Muslim-Christian, Sunni-Shiite, or Catholic-Protestant.

Journalist Eliza Griswold suggests, however, that these conflicts are not really about religion. Religion is only a mask for clashes that are deeply-rooted in economic inequality and the desire for power. In weak or failed states, resources and power can be controlled by a single identity-based group in these winner-take-all, non-democratic societies. Outsiders are disenfran-

chised politically, economically, and socially and there is no civil society to advocate for balance. The only recourse the outsiders perceive is to overthrow the group in control and grab power themselves.

This process becomes a never-ending cycle of violence. A classic example is the 'troubles' in Northern Ireland which originated in the early 1600s when the British confiscated Irish land. The result? Protestants and Catholics have clashed for the past five hundred years.

What, then, is the answer to preventing these conflicts? We must understand that in many ways, they're all the same, and we have to generate enduring and significant solutions.

In many post-colonial states, people have no national identity because countries were created arbitrarily with borders that make no sense. Religious identity becomes the only way for people to establish a sense of belonging. Where there are many different religious identities, divisionism and conflict almost always occur. One approach, then, is for the state to foster a national identity

that embraces everyone as equal citizens, a strategy used in post-genocide Rwanda and post-Holocaust Germany.

Another strategy is that leaders of violent groups and even heads of state must be held accountable to law. As Ben Ferencz, one of the world's greatest human rights advocates, says, "Illegal use of armed force that kills large numbers of innocent people should be condemned by national courts everywhere as crimes against humanity. Such atrocities must be deterred as we move toward a more humane world."

The International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, has indicted many of those responsible for the crimes in the countries noted above. At World Without Genocide, we advocate for US ratification of the International Criminal Court as an important step towards global peace and justice. To join us in this work, visit www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/advocacy.



Torture by Health Care Professionals

By Alison Schmidt, Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellow in Human Rights and Law

"Do no harm." Despite swearing to uphold this oath, some doctors, psychologists, nurses, and physicians' assistants take part in the torture of prisoners of war. These people who pledge to 'do no harm' determine the threshold for abuse, calibrate pain, and dictate how far torture techniques can be pushed without killing victims. **More than 30,000 victims of torture live in Minnesota.**

Torture is a crime in the US under many different professional, national, and international statutes, acts, and conventions. However, state licensing boards refuse to investigate complaints against doctors and psychologists.

Our system is broken. As a nation, we deny that we participate in torture. By ignoring its existence, we maintain our moral high ground. But if state licensing boards don't fulfill their responsibilities, we can't hold medical professionals accountable for torture and cruelty. We must ask our leg-

islature and licensing boards to revoke licenses of health care professionals who so severely violate the oath: to do no harm.

In 2008 California passed a resolution requiring that state licensing agencies must inform clinicians that if they participate in torture, they will be subject to both professional and criminal sanctions. New York will likely pass a bill in 2014.

Minnesota will propose a similar bill in 2014.

- State licensing agencies will be required to inform clinicians that if they participate in coercive interrogation or torture, they will be subject to both professional and criminal sanctions;
- Any medical professional licensed in Minnesota who participates in enhanced interrogation or torture will have his or her license revoked;

- Minnesotans will have the right to know if their provider has been complicit in torture.

Minnesotans could be under the routine care of a doctor, therapist, or other medical professionals who have been complicit with heinous acts that harmed others. None of us would knowingly accept this.

Support this work at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/advocacy.



Fall 2013 Highlights



World Without Genocide associates and supporters at the Minnesota state capitol with Governor Mark Dayton as he signs legislation designating every April as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month.



World Without Genocide staff, interns, and Ferencz Fellows at a social gathering with Professor Gregory Gordon (third from left), Director of the University of North Dakota Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies.



Ellen Kennedy and Christie Nicoson, World Without Genocide, with Dr. Robert Fisch, Holocaust survivor, at Normandale Community College's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht.



Mr. Benno Black (center), possibly Minnesota's only Kindertransport survivor, with his family.

Prepare the next generation - today

Yes! I will build the legacy of a world without genocide:

- \$1,000** Support college education in **post-genocide countries** for young survivors.
- \$500** Sponsor law students for the **Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellowships in Law and Human Rights**.
- \$250** Give scholarships to students for the **high school and college summer institutes**.
- \$100** Provide scholarships for educators to **engage youth in anti-genocide advocacy**.
- \$___** Fund conferences for **lawyers, educators, and the general public**.

Please make checks payable to World Without Genocide. Donations can also be made online at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org.

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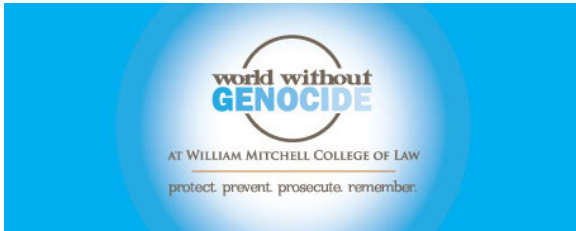
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Tents of Witness: Genocide and Conflict Winter Exhibits

- Jan 30** Thursday, January 30
Academy of Holy Angels
6600 Nicollet Avenue, Richfield, MN 55423
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- Feb 1** Saturday, February 1-Friday, February 7
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
2924 South 4th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55408
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- Mar 25** Tuesday, March 25-Thursday, March 27
University of Wisconsin- Stout
712 Broadway Street South, Menomonie, WI 54751
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- Apr 11** Friday, April 11, 11:30-2:00 pm
Capitol Rotunda
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
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- Apr 21** Monday, April 21-Friday, April 25
Harding High School
1540 East 6th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106

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- Feb 8** *Workshop, The Murder of Emmett Till: Beyond the Legacy*
Saturday, February 8, 4:00-7:30; show 7:30-9:00 pm
Penumbra Theatre
270 North Kent Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
- Feb 13** *Talk, Conflict in the Congo*
Thursday, February 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
William Mitchell College of Law Auditorium
875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

- Mar 22** *Workshop, Women and War: Examining Sexual Harassment, Violence, and Trauma*
Saturday, March 22, 10:30 am-2:00 pm; show 2:00-3:30 pm
History Theatre
30 East 10th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
- Mar 31** *Talk, Genocide in Bhutan*
Monday, March 31, 7:00-9:00 pm
William Mitchell College of Law, Kelley Board Room
875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105
- Apr 1** *Gala, Celebrating the Human Spirit*
Tuesday, April 1, 7:00-9:00 pm
The Woman's Club
410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403
- Apr 11** *Remembering the 20th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide*
Friday, April 11, 12:30-1:30 pm
Capitol Rotunda
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
- Apr 28** *Film, 'The Soap Myth,' Holocaust Remembrance Day*
Monday, April 28, 7:00-9:00 pm
William Mitchell College of Law
875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105
- Apr and May** *Exhibit, BESA: Albanian Muslims who saved Jews during the Holocaust*
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