



Special points of interest:

- Dr. Kevin Bales' Lecture at GSIS
- CORD Symposium in April 2008
- Slavery Still Exists Week Event Schedule

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February 25, 2008

CENTER ON RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT

CORD Connection

CORD Sponsors a Lecture by Dr. Kevin Bales, the World's Leading Expert on Modern Slavery

Dr. Kevin Bales, President of Free the Slaves and one of the world's foremost leading experts on the issue of modern slavery and human trafficking, gave a lecture on his latest book, "Ending Slavery," at the University of Denver.

Free the Slaves is a non-profit organization based in Washington D.C. As a sister organization of Anti-Slavery International, the oldest human rights organization based in UK, Free the Slaves is dedicated to ending slavery worldwide by working with local

partner organizations, raising awareness, promoting slave-free trade, educating policy makers, and research. slaves than any time in human history. The problem is prevalent in every country, including the US, although it is illegal everywhere.



Dr. Bales' lecture took place on October 18, 2007 at the Graduate School of International Studies.

Despite the magnitude of the problem, Dr. Bales remains optimistic. In fact, his new book presents a 25-year plan on bringing an end to slavery, consisting of what he calls "a box of silver bullets"—solutions unique to each type of slavery and situation. He believes that all of us, governments, international organizations, businesses, and individuals, have significant roles to play. For

According to Dr. Bales, there are approximately 27 million slaves throughout the world—more information on Free the Slaves, visit: <http://www.freetheslaves.net/>

2008 CORD Symposium

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Critical Gaps and Prospects for Change

Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Sturm College of Law

Each spring, CORD sponsors a symposium on a theme of contemporary importance to our understanding of human rights. This year, titled "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Critical Gaps and Prospects for Change," the symposium will bring together different actors and address critical issues in the field of anti-trafficking initiatives.

You can register online (http://du.edu/gsis/cord/symposia_2008.html) to participate in this conference. Full conference registration includes all sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, reception, and handout materials. Registration fees for the Symposium are as follows:

- Early Bird (before March 14): Students - \$15 / Non-Students - \$35
- Regular (after March 14): Students - \$20 / Non-Students - \$50

For more details, please visit the CORD Website.

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About the Center

The **Center on Rights Development** was established in 1988 as part of the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. The Center promotes universal recognition of human rights in all societies by undertaking research on human rights violations, establishing links with academic and legal monitoring centers around the world and conducting outreach to local and national organizations engaged in human rights activism and education. The Center sponsors several events and activities including speakers, films, an annual symposium and other human rights activities.

For the 2007-2008 academic year, the Center will focus on the issues of human trafficking and forced labor. Various events and activities related to these topics will be coordinated throughout the year. There will be ongoing collaboration with the online journal Human Rights and Human Welfare and the DU Task Force on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking who are also focusing on these topics.

For further information on our activities and upcoming events, visit our website:

<http://du.edu/gsis/cord/>

To join our listserv, contact our Outreach Coordinator Anna Ikeda (mikeda@du.edu)

Slavery Still Exists Week: Awareness– Raising Cam- paign to Educate Students

CORD and the DU Task Force on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking are co-sponsoring "Slavery Still Exists Week" from **February 25 to 29**. Slavery Still Exists - originally put together by Polaris Project, an anti-trafficking NGO based in Washington DC - is an awareness-raising campaign to educate students around the campus about the issue of human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

A major highlight will be the booth located on the bridge at Driscoll Center, where information will be shared and students can participate in the photo campaign. Throughout the week, there will be numerous events (please see the box on the right). For more information about this campaign, please visit the Slavery Still Exists Campaign Website:

<http://www.slaverystillexists.org/slaverystillexists>
or email DUTaskForce@gmail.com.

Events during the Week

Monday, February 25

"History of Slavery" by Prof. Caleb McDaniel

History Department
5:30pm at the Lindsay
Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Tuesday, February 26

Film: "Charcoal People"

6pm at the International
House
(2200 S. Josephine St)
Sponsored by Peace Corps
Week. Refreshments will be
served.

Wednesday, February 27

"Activist Workshop" by Seth Donovan

Program Director, Prax(us)
12pm at the Commerce
Room, Driscoll Center

Thursday, February 28

"Slavery in Colorado" by Prof. Claude d'Estree

Graduate School of Interna-
tional Studies
5:30pm at the Lindsay
Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Friday, February 29

"Human Trafficking in Israel"

Executive Director, ATZUM
11:30 at the Hillel Center,
(2390 S. Race St)

Friday, February 29

"Revolution T-Shirt Making Party"

February 29 7:00pm at
Whittier Community Center
(2900 Downing St)
Hosted by Prax(us) and Rocky
Mountain Animal Defense