

Human Rights Organizations and Web Sites: A Small Selection

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National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT). Web www.nrcat.org Main issues: Commission of Inquiry, Optional Protocol, Torture, esp. solitary confinement, in U.S. prisons. Provides resources (videos, banners, study guides, literature)

Episcopal Peace Fellowship – WNY <http://epfwny.org/> (not updated; e-mail sahartny@gmail.com)

American Civil Liberties Unions (ACLU) and NY affiliate (NYCLU). General website, <http://www.aclu.org/>; for torture, <http://www.aclu.org/national-security/torture> Huge number of issues, including dissenter/demonstrator rights, use of state secrets privilege to avoid accountability for torture and extraordinary rendition. NYCLU working with Steven Reisner, a psychologist on case against state board that supervises psychologists, re their involvement in torture <http://www.nyclu.org/case/reisner-v-catone-challenging-office-of-professional-disciplines-failure-investigate-and-sanctio> Also works on solitary confinement <http://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/stop-solitary-articles-other-resources>

Amnesty International. Has local groups, also national (“section”) offices, including one for U.S., and international secretariat where Julia Hall works. Not clear whether there are local groups in Buffalo that are currently active. U.S. web site <http://www.amnestyusa.org/>

Human Rights Watch <http://www.hrw.org/>

Center for Constitutional Rights <http://ccrjustice.org/> works on Guantanamo, U.S. death penalty regimen as torture preceding execution, much else

Witness Against Torture <http://www.witnesstorture.org/> focused on actions against Guantanamo, Bagram, etc., including fasts, civil disobedience, Jan 11.

Buffalo Human Rights Center (at UB) <http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/BHRC/> Educational programs. A journal: *Human Rights Law Review*

Erie County Prisoner Rights Coalition <http://ecprc.weebly.com/>

Physicians for Human Rights <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/>

Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC) <http://tassc.org>

School of the Americas Watch <http://www.soaw.org/> (n.b. School of the Americas is now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation)

Center for Justice and Accountability. www.cja.org .

Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture. <http://www.survivorsoftorture.org/> Put forward NYS bill making participation in torture grounds for discipline in medical profession

Psychologists for Human Rights. No working web site; on Facebook.

Participants in Jan 11 action that are not otherwise primarily focused on human rights, but rather on more general peace or civil liberties issues. Pax Christi <http://paxchristiusa.org/>; does a lot of School of the Americas. Has a local chapter, no web site; contact Bill Privett wprivett.paxchristi@gmail.com. Catholic Worker www.catholicworker.org . War Resisters League www.warresisters.org . Code Pink www.codepink.org; has a local chapter. Bill of Rights Defense Committee <http://www.bordc.org/>. September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrow <http://peacefultomorrow.org/> National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance (can't find web site). World Can't Wait <http://www.worldcantwait.net/> and it's subsidiary War Criminals Watch <http://warcriminalswatch.org/>. <http://warisacrime.org/>, formerly AfterDowningStreet

And two people who valuable blogs with great emphasis on human rights and civil liberties: Scott Horton <http://harpers.org/subjects/NoComment> and Glenn Greenwald http://www.salon.com/writer/glenn_greenwald/. Another frequent source of human rights info you won't find in the mainstream media: radio show Democracy Now, available at <http://www.democracynow.org/>