CVT and UMN Human Rights Center Event Explores Extraordinary Rendition and Torture

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A panel of experts in extraordinary rendition and torture will explore North Carolina’s part in the CIA post-9/11 torture program and the ongoing humanitarian effort to abolish torture worldwide. The event will examine efforts to hold the state of North Carolina and others accountable for the abuses they perpetrated.

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Law School's Human Rights Center and the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), the April 22 event will be held at the University of Minnesota Law School.

The panel will include Professor Deborah M. Weissman, the Reef C. Ivey II Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law. Professor Weissman co-founded the North Carolina Citizen’s Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT) and serves as legal advisor.

Also joining the discussion is Scott Roehm, the director of CVT’s Washington, D.C., office. Roehm leads the policy work for the Minnesota-based NGO and is a national expert on the CIA’s post-9/11 torture program. The discussion will be moderated by Professor Fionnuala Ni Aolain, a regents professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and faculty director of the Human Rights Center. Professor Ni Aolain currently serves as the UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights.

The event is open to the public and free of charge, but registration is required.

WHAT: Holding North Carolina Accountable for Extraordinary Rendition and Torture

WHEN: Monday, April 22, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: University of Minnesota Law School, Walter F. Mondale Hall Room 50

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