

The Baldy Center Conference

The Human Right to Truth and Truth Commissions

June 6 and 7, 2025

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
509 O'Brian Hall, UB North Campus

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

- 12:00 - 1:10 Welcome Lunch
- 1:10 – 1:30 Introductory Remarks
Welcome, S. Todd Brown, Dean
Matthew Dimick, Professor of Law, Director, The Baldy Center
Dr. Siwei Lyu, Center for Information Integrity
Jorge Luis Fabra-Zamora, Organizer
- 1:30 – 2:40 Andres Molina-Ochoa, “Rethinking the Role of Truth Commissions: Truth as Discovery, Interpretation, and Dialogue”
Chair and Commentator: David Mendeloff
- 2:40 – 3:20 Anita Ferrara, “The Contribution of Truth Commissions to the Development and Expansion of the Right to Truth” (online)
Chair and Commentator: Manoj Mate
- 3:20 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:30 Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm, “New Insights on Gender and Truth Commissions”
Chair and Commentator: Tara Melish
- 4:30 – 5:20 Bernard Duhaime, Transitional justice and UN Special Procedures: current perspectives and challenges (online)
Chair and Commentator: Jorge Fabra-Zamora
- 5:20 End of Academic Programming
- 7:00 Conference Dinner
Lobby of Hampton Inn, Buffalo – Amherst (1601 Amherst Manor Drive, Buffalo/Amherst). All conference attendees are invited.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

8:45 – 9:00 Coffee

9:00 – 10:50 Juan Mendez, “The Human Right to Truth: Lessons Learned from Latin American Experiences with Truth-Telling Revisited” (online)
Chair and Commentator: Jorge Fabra-Zamora

10:50-11:40 Ruti Teitel, “Latin America's Transitional Justice and its Contribution to International Human Rights” (online)
Chair and Commentator: Andres Molina-Ochoa

10:40 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:50 Bonny Ibhawoh: “Restorative Humanism: A Philosophical and Practical Reimagination of Transitional Justice.”
Chair and Commentator: Athena Mutua

11:50 – 12:40 Lisa J. Laplante, “Cultivating Collective Conscience: Meeting at the Crossroad of Memory, Contested Truths and Political Ethos.”
Chair and Commentator: Joshua Coene

12:40 – 2:00 Lunch + Official Picture

2:00 – 2:50 Maxim A. Pensky, “The relation between truth, accountability and impunity, specifically in connection with the Colombian JEP and the "special sanctions." mechanism for perpetrators of serious international crimes”
Chair and Commentator: Beatrice Canossi (online)

2:50 – 3:40 Colleen Murphy, “Transitional Justice, AI, and the Right to Truth” (online).
Chair and Commentator: Min Cho

3:40 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 4:50 Alice Panepinto, “Procedurally sound truth(s): The convergence of trials and truth commissions in limiting truth seeking”
Chair and Commentator: Carlos Federico Gaitan

4:50 – 5:20 Concluding Remarks and Discussion on Publication Plans
Jorge Luis Fabra-Zamora

5:20 End of Academic Program.