



Symposium on Disability Rights

THEME: DISABILITY RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
February 21-22, 2019

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2018

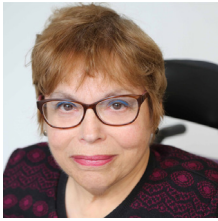
The quest for improving the rights of people with disabilities locally, nationally, and internationally is urgent and significant. Addressing the needs of the disability community through the removal of social, economic, and environmental barriers that limit accessibility to basic services and prevent persons with disabilities from participating fully in their communities, getting a quality education, achieving employment, and having their voices heard is at the center of a human rights approach to disability.

We invite proposals from graduate and undergraduate students, scholars, educators, advocates, practitioners, clinicians, and professionals on topics related to disability rights, broadly defined. At this year's conference, we invite you to explore the development and implementation of the rights of people with disabilities across the local, regional, national, and international levels. The purpose of this symposium is to serve as a platform for discussion, scholarly exploration, and interaction between various groups interested or involved in promoting the human rights of people with disabilities and the disability rights movement from the local to international level. We especially encourage submissions and participation from individuals and communities whose voices have traditionally been marginalized.

**To review the guidelines and submit a proposal,
please go to www.uab.edu/cas/humanrights/symposium**

**The window for submission will be open until October 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. CST.
The Symposium is open to the public. Registration will open on November 15, 2018.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Judith E. "Judy" Heumann is an American disability rights activist. She is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities and her work at the World Bank and in the U.S. State Department was instrumental to make disability rights a core component of international development.



John D. Kemp is an American disability rights leader who co-founded the American Association of People with Disabilities and is currently the President & CEO of the Viscardi center and the Henry Viscardi School.



Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda is an urban planner, social entrepreneur, filmmaker and globally recognized disability rights advocate. He founded the Pineda Foundation / World Enabled, a global non-profit that promotes the rights of people with disabilities.



Keller Johnson Thompson was named after her great-great aunt, Helen Keller. She is the Director of Education of the Helen Keller Foundation, a foundation her grandmother helped to establish.

We look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham!

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For more information or for any accommodation requests in the application process, please contact the UAB Institute for Human Rights at ihr@uab.edu or at +1-205-934-5643.