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SYMPOSIUM ON EQUALITY

**In Celebration of Four Decades' Work of
Thomas K. Gilhool, his Colleagues and their Clients
At the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia**

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4th and Arch Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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\$20 per person

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The Mission of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, is with its clients to advance the Constitutional promise of equal citizenship to all persons irrespective of poverty, race, ethnicity, national origin gender and disability.

SELECTED READINGS

“The principle of equal citizenship presumptively insists that the organized society treat each individual as a person, one who is worthy of respect, one who belongs: Stated negatively, the principle presumptively forbids the organized society to treat an individual either as a number of an inferior or dependent caste or as an outsider”

K. Karst. The Supreme Court, 1975 Term – Forward: Equal Citizenship Under the Fourteenth Amendment, 91 HARV.L.REV 1,6 (1977)

“... the distribution of income and wealth in the United States is so inequitable that it violates the minimum standard of distributive justice. ... the time has come for... the creation of an order that guarantees the minimum conditions of human dignity in the economic sphere for every person.”

First Draft of the U.S. Bishop’s Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, November 15, 1984

“They [the Declaration’s authors] meant to set up a standard maxim for free society, which would be familiar to all, and revered by all; constantly looked to, constantly labored for, and even though never perfectly attained, constantly approximated, and thereby constantly spreading and deepening its influence and augmenting the happiness and value of life to all people of all colors everywhere. The assertion that ‘all men are created equal’ was of no practical use in effecting our separation from Great Britain; and it was placed in the Declaration not for that but for future use. ...Its authors meant simply to declare the *right*, so that *enforcement* of it might follow as fast as circumstances should permit.”

Abraham Lincoln at Springfield on the Dred Scott Decision, June 26 1857 (Lincoln’s emphasis).

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The "Four Freedoms"

Franklin D. Roosevelt's Address to Congress January 6, 1941

In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression -- everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way -- everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want -- which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants -- everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear -- which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-- anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

To that new order we oppose the greater conception -- the moral order. A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear.

Since the beginning of our American history, we have been engaged in change -- in a perpetual peaceful revolution -- a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly adjusting itself to changing conditions -- without the concentration camp or the quick-lime in the ditch. The world order which we seek is the cooperation of free countries, working together in a friendly, civilized society.

This nation has placed its destiny in the hands and heads and hearts of its millions of free men and women; and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or keep them. Our strength is our unity of purpose.

To that high concept there can be no end save victory.

From *Congressional Record*, 1941, Vol. 87, Pt. I.

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Program

12:00-12:15 Registration and light lunch

12:15-12:25 Welcome and Introductions

12:25-12:30 Break

12:30-2:00 Breakout Session I (part A): *Achieving the Possible: the Effective Integrated Education To the Top of the Curriculum of All Children, with Disabilities and Without*

Moderator: Judith A. Gran, Esq.

Elizabeth Healey, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Parent Training and Information Network

Beverly Evans

Ann Donellan, Professor of Education
University of San Diego and Provost

Richard A. Cohen
Executive Director, Disability Rights Center
Concord, NH

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Senior Education Law and Policy Associate with the UCLA Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles; Former Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.

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Professor, Department of Special Education
University of Kansas

Patricia A. Amos, M.A.
Founder, Autism Support and Advocacy in Pennsylvania
Founder, The Family Alliance to Stop Abuse and Neglect,
TASH Board of Directors

Steering Committee, National Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion

12:30-2:00 Breakout Session II: *The Uses Of United Nations Treaties: Organizing World-Wide and Domestic Movements and Achieving and Advancing Their Purposes*

Moderator: Barbara E. Ransom, Esq.

Arlene S. Kanter
Professor of Law
Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor of Teaching Excellence
Director, Disability Law and Policy Program
Co-Director, Center on Disability Studies, Law, and Human Policy
College of Law
Syracuse University

Catherine Albisa, Esq. (invited)
Executive Director
National Economic & Social Rights Initiative

Chester Finn
Chair, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered.
Special Assistant to the New York State Commissioner of Retardation

2:00-2:15 break

2:15-3:45 Breakout Session I (continued)

2:15-3:45 Breakout Session III: *Achieving Universal and Equal Health Care for Children and Adults in Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, in the United States: the Costs and Benefits of Equality.*

Moderator: Jennifer R. Clarke, Esq.

Richard P. Weishaupt
Senior Attorney
Health and Human Services Unit
Community Legal Services
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Leighton Ku
Professor of Health Policy
Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health and Health Services
George Washington University
Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Dr. Evan Fieldston, MD, MBA
Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar
University of Pennsylvania and
Attending physician, Division of General Pediatrics
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

2:15-3:45 Breakout Session IV: *Achieving (Again) and Sustaining Decent Incomes
or Full Employment for All Families*

Moderator: Thomas K. Gilhool, Esq.

Walter H. Tsou, M.D., M.P.H.
Former Health Commissioner, City of Philadelphia, Department of Public
Health; Public Health Consultant; Adjunct Faculty, University of
Pennsylvania, Course Co-Director "Public Health Methods

Shelly Yanoff
Executive Director
Public Citizens for Children and Youth

Dr. Mark J. Stern
Professor of Social Welfare and History
School of Social Policy and Practice
University of Pennsylvania

3:45-4:00 Reports Back and Closing Remarks

*A Celebration in Honor of Tom Gilhool's Extraordinary Career will begin at 5 p.m. at
the Downtown Club, 6th and Chestnut Streets. Drew S. Days, III, former Solicitor
General, will be the keynote speaker. For tickets or more information see
www.pilcop.org.*