

American University Washington College of Law
Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

*Race, Class and "Refugees":
Human Rights Implications of
Hurricane Katrina*

Friday September 16, 2005
12-2pm
Room 602

As we begin to realize the devastating toll of Hurricane Katrina, many questions confront us: Could the devastation have been prevented? Has America failed its own people in its response? What can the WCL community do to help?

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law invites you to attend a panel discussion on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina with **WCL Professors Muneer Ahmad, Angela Davis, Susan Bennett** and special guest speaker **Monique Harden**, co-founder of the New Orleans based NGO Advocates for Environmental Human Rights, who will be joining the panel by phone from Birmingham, Alabama. The panel will be moderated by **Center Executive Director Hadar Harris**.

The panel will discuss race, class and other social impacts of the aftermath of the hurricane, as well as the police and military responses, and the repercussions for community and economic redevelopment. The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer period, as well as a brainstorming session on action that WCL students can take to assist in relief efforts. A non-pizza lunch will be provided.

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