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## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY 2010 GRUBER WOMEN'S RIGHTS PRIZE RECIPIENTS

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**Center for Reproductive Rights and CLADEM to receive prestigious  
2010 Women's Rights Prize in Ceremony at NYU Law School.  
Panel Discussion Will Feature Leaders from Recipient Organizations**  
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September 16, 2010, New York, NY – Veteran journalist Carol Jenkins will moderate a panel discussion in conjunction with the presentation of the 2010 Gruber Women's Rights Prize. Nancy Northup, representing the Center for Reproductive Rights, and Norma Enríquez, representing CLADEM, will discuss sexual and reproductive rights within the context of a woman's human rights. The event will take place immediately following the presentation of the Gruber Women's Rights Prize to the two organizations, in an invitation-only breakfast session September 21 at the NYU School of Law in New York City. The presentation and panel discussion will be available for online viewing at [www.gruberprizes.org](http://www.gruberprizes.org) beginning September 23.

"This year's Prize recipients have stood up to defend women's human rights against deeply entrenched political, religious and cultural beliefs that, in many cases, do not allow for the assertion or even the acknowledgment of such rights," said Eli Y. Adashi, MD, MS, CPE, FACOG, and Professor of Medical Science and Immediate Past Dean of Medicine & Biological Sciences at Brown University. "Sadly, to advocate on behalf of a woman wishing to make her own sexual and reproductive choices still requires extraordinary courage and determination in many parts of the world. The Center for Reproductive Rights and CLADEM have, against all odds, achieved dramatic progress while making all of us more keenly aware of this often neglected aspect of women's human rights."



**Nancy Northup**, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights – A graduate of Brown University and Columbia Law School, she served as Deputy Chief of Appeals in the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and was consulting attorney with the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project. She is adjunct professor of constitutional and human rights law at Columbia Law School and NYU Law School, where she was founding director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice.

**Center for Reproductive Rights**, is an organization dedicated to winning for all women the right to decide whether and when to have children, the freedom to exercise that right, and access to the best reproductive healthcare available. Since 1992, the Center has used both US constitutional law and international human rights law to bring important cases before the courts, UN committees and regional human rights bodies. As a result of these efforts, women in more than 50 countries have expanded access to birth control, safe abortion, prenatal and obstetric care and reliable information about reproductive health and human rights.





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**Norma Enríquez**, regional coordinator of CLADEM – A Colombian sociologist by training who holds a graduate degree in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, she has been part of the feminist movement in Colombia since the late 1970s. Her human rights activism in feminist causes dates back to the arrival of the first Chilean exiles in her country following the military coup against Salvador Allende. She remains an active participant in the peace movement in Colombia.

**CLADEM (Comité de América Latina y El Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer)**, is a regional organization in Latin America and the Caribbean that promotes, monitors and defends women's rights as human rights and contributes to the construction of real democracies in which women can fully exercise their human rights and participate at all levels of society with freedom from violence. CLADEM was founded in Costa Rica in 1987, two years after the United Nations Third World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya, at which female lawyers gathered to discuss the need for judicial and political reform to defend women's rights. Currently, about 200 individual and organizational associates in 14 countries are affiliated with CLADEM.



**Carol Jenkins**, writer, producer and former Emmy Award-winning television news anchor and correspondent – She served from 2004 to 2009 as founding president of the Women's Media Center, a nonprofit advocacy organization that seeks, through training, media advocacy and media creation, to make women powerful and visible in the media. She worked in several NYC news departments, including 23 years at WNBC. She is coauthor of a biography of African American millionaire A.G. Gaston and executive producer of an award-winning PBS documentary, "What I Want My Words to Do to You." She currently serves as senior advisor to the Women's Media Center.

In addition to a shared cash award of \$500,000, recipients receive a gold laureate pin and a citation, which reads:

*The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation proudly presents the 2010 Women's Rights Prize to:*

*The Center for Reproductive Rights, a U.S.-based organization that uses the law to protect women's reproductive freedom, and The Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM), a network of activists and organizations from countries in the region committed to the defense of women's rights as human rights, for their historic collaboration in advancing women's sexual and reproductive rights and successfully holding governments accountable for complying with international treaties and standards on women's rights.*

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**Members of the committee that selected the 2010 Women's Rights Prize recipients:**

**Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, The New School; **Pinar Ilkkaracan (Chair)**, Women for Women's Human Rights - NEW WAYS; **Akua Kuenyehia**, International Criminal Court; **Cecilia Medina Quiroga**, University of Chile; **Thandabantu Nhlapo**, University of Cape Town; **Geeta Rao Gupta**, formerly with the International Center for Research on Women; **Sakena Yacoobi**, Afghan Institute of Learning.

**Laureates of the Gruber Women's Rights Prize:**

• **2009: Ms. Leymah Gbowee** – who helped form a coalition of Christian and Muslim women to end the Liberian civil war

**Women's Legal Centre** – for court and legislative advocacy in South Africa and for educating women about their legal rights

• **2008: Ms. Yanar Mohammed** – a cofounder of Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq, has succeeded in protecting numerous Iraqi women threatened by domestic abuse and “honor killings”

**Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla** – a member of Nepal's Constituent Assembly, has helped extend gender equality in many areas through effective advocacy of legal reforms

**Dr. Nadera Shaloub-Kevorkian** – a leading scholar and activist, has worked to end domestic violence against Palestinian women, particularly in “honor killings”

• **2007: Ms. Pinar Ilkkaracan** – recognized both individually and for her leadership in two organizations that she co-founded; helped reform Turkish laws to advance gender equality and advocated for sexual and reproductive rights

**Women for Women's Human Rights** – played a critical role in advancing women's civil and reproductive rights and raising awareness about gender-based violence

**The Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies** – helped shatter myths about customs and religious practices and united women's rights advocates from 14 countries in an effort to protect women and girls

• **2006: Unión Nacional de Mujeres Guatemaltecas (UNMG)** – a leader in working toward peace-building and equitable participation in Guatemala

**Sweatshop Watch** – strong advocate for the economic and political rights of migrant workers in the US

**Judge Cecilia Medina Quiroga** – advanced the rights of women through international law

• **2005: Shan Women's Action Network** – dedicated to ending the oppression of minority women along the Thai-Burma border

**The Women's League of Burma** – a multi-ethnic umbrella organization committed to empowering women and enabling their participation in the democracy movement

• **2004: Professor Sakena Yacoobi** – founded a grassroots program within the International Rescue Committee that quadrupled the number of Afghan girls enrolled in school

**Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL)** – provides health and human rights education to 350,000 women and girls in Afghanistan and in Pakistan's refugee camps

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- **2003: Judge Navanethem Pillay** – the first black woman to serve on the bench of the High Court of South Africa; strong advocate for human rights and women's issues
- Pro-Femmes Twese Hamwe** – an umbrella organization comprising over 40 women's groups across Rwanda; dedicated to achieving peace and eradicating discrimination

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**The Women's Rights Prize** honors individuals who have made significant contributions to human rights that advance the rights of women and girls around the world.

**The Gruber International Prize Program** honors contemporary individuals in the fields of Cosmology, Genetics, Neuroscience, Justice and Women's Rights, whose groundbreaking work provides new models that inspire and enable fundamental shifts in knowledge and culture. The Selection Advisory Boards choose individuals whose contributions in their respective fields advance our knowledge, potentially have a profound impact on our lives, and, in the case of the Justice and Women's Rights Prizes, demonstrate courage and commitment in the face of significant obstacles

The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation honors and encourages educational excellence, social justice and scientific achievements that better the human condition. For more information about Foundation guidelines and priorities, please visit [www.gruberprizes.org](http://www.gruberprizes.org).

**For more information on the 2010 Gruber Prizes**, email [media@gruberprizes.org](mailto:media@gruberprizes.org) or contact Bernetia Akin of the Gruber Foundation at +1 340-775-4430. Media materials and additional background information on the Gruber Prizes can be found at **our online newsroom**: <http://www.gruberprizes.org/Press.php>.

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