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To Whom It May Concern:

Can you think of a front-line human rights activist in need of a short respite from on the ground work? We are pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 2010 Oak Human Rights Fellowship, sponsored by the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Enclosed is a copy of our brochure describing the program and Colby in detail. The fellowship is a one-semester appointment as an activist-in-residence. It is designed to provide human rights practitioners doing "on-the-ground" work at some level of personal risk a respite from front-line duties to enable them to reflect, write, and communicate their work to our campus community. We are writing to ask your help in identifying the Oak fellow for the fall of 2010.

Each year, we target our search for a human rights activist either regionally or functionally. For the Oak fellowship for residence at Colby College in the fall of 2010, we seek a front-line human rights activist advocating for those incarcerated. Areas of work for prisoners' rights include, but are not limited to, living standards and health care in prisons, education for inmates, torture, rape, brutality, disciplinary procedures, the right of legal representation, pretrial detention, gender and racial discrimination in incarceration, juvenile detention, political prisoners, illegal detention, and the death penalty.

The appointment is for the fall semester of 2010 (mid-August through mid-December). Responsibilities include participation in a lecture series or symposium in the Fellow's area of expertise and regular interaction with Colby students through a one credit non-graded discussion class. The College provides a stipend of \$32,000, plus transportation, housing, health care coverage, and other fringe benefits. We encourage the fellow to bring family through limited financial support for their travel as well.

In conducting our annual search, we rely heavily on nominations from NGOs, journalists, human rights lawyers, and academics—you are most likely to know of the work of on-the-ground professionals. Since Innocent In Prison Project International has been active in the field of human rights, we would like to solicit your help. Please submit nominations to us no later than November 2, 2009. We will contact your nominee(s) and encourage him or her to apply; you might also suggest that your nominee apply directly. Your nomination letter(s) will become part of the applicant's file, underscoring your recognition of this person's

important contributions to human rights activism. The deadline for completed applications is December 15, 2009.

Please feel free to forward this announcement to individuals or groups that might be interested or might help us locate excellent candidates. If you prefer to have an electronic copy of this announcement with a PDF brochure, please let us know. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (207) 859-5234 or Assistant Director Susanna Thompson at [oakhr@colby.edu](mailto:oakhr@colby.edu). For more information, you can access our webpage at [www.colby.edu/oak](http://www.colby.edu/oak); we call your attention to the frequently asked questions sidebar to clarify terms and eligibility. We underscore that the fellowship is for an individual who needs a break from the intensity of front line work; it is not a training program, appropriate for someone at the earlier stages of human rights work or a traditional academic sabbatical. Final selection will be announced by **April 15, 2010**.

Thank you in advance for helping us identify deserving candidates for this award.

Sincerely,



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of the Oak Institute for the Study of Human Rights