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Notre Dame law professor to discuss human rights issues at Palm Beach Community College

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL – March 5, 2009) Dr. Sean O'Brien, assistant director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss human rights issues at a lecture at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens, Wednesday, March 18.

Sponsored by PBCC and the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club, the 10th annual lecture event titled "Human Rights: What are they and why do they matter?" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Meldon Lecture Hall, 3160 PGA Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

"This year's lecture on human rights by Dr. O'Brien will look at the origin of human rights, their development over the last 60 years and the future outlook for these rights," said Thomas Magill, a PBCC adjunct professor of economics and a Notre Dame alumnus. "Dr. O'Brien will also discuss the relation between human rights and U.S. foreign policy."



In addition to his position at the Center for Civil and Human Rights, O'Brien is a concurrent assistant professor of law at the Notre Dame University law school. He has experience with the Belfast law firm of Madden & Finuacane and has done litigation work for the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. O'Brien also has served as chief counsel for Immigration and Human Rights at the Center for Multicultural Human Services in Fall Church, Va.

For more information on this event, please contact Professor Thomas Magill at (561) 842-3019.

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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