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2024 UMD Do Good Institute & ARNOVA Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Award

to

Christopher Einolf, PhD

for

*“Structures, Strategies, and Networks of Anti-Torture International
Nongovernmental Organizations”*

The committee is pleased to present the 2024 UMD Do Good Institute & ARNOVA Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Award to Dr. Christopher Einolf for his project titled, “Structures, Strategies, and Networks of Anti-Torture International Nongovernmental Organizations.”

Dr. Einolf’s project, which will culminate in a sole-authored book, investigates how international human rights NGOs choose organizational formats, develop strategies, seek funding, coordinate with each other and with local NGOs, and manage relationships with governments and the United Nations. The project homes in on an under-studied segment of human rights NGOs—specifically, anti-torture INGOs—and uses a deep dive into this sub-sector to probe how organizations navigate the diverse political contexts in which they operate, develop and adapt their international strategies and operations, and manage relationships with a range of external actors such as local anti-torture nonprofits, funders, governments, regional intergovernmental bodies, and the United Nations.

The committee applauds both the design of the project and its intended contributions. Methodologically, we are intrigued and impressed by Dr. Einolf’s focus on anti-torture INGOs. We agree that focusing on this subfield of human rights NGOs allows Dr. Einolf to analyze a wider range of issues and relationships among actors that many studies of human rights

organizations miss. Additionally, we are pleased that the study deploys both interviews and archival research as data gathering techniques, allowing Dr. Einolf to observe how the organizations in his sample evolved over time. And we praise the study's international scope, looking at nonprofit organizations in different countries and studying their operations comparatively. Theoretically, the project unites scholarly fields that too often fail to intersect, including nonprofit studies, human rights studies, international relations, and public management. The book that results from Dr. Einolf's research will be valuable to scholars, practitioners, and policy makers alike and we very much look forward to reading it.