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# Annual Lecture on Human Rights & Global Justice



## How to Become a Real-Life Human Rights Activist Provost Marcella David

**Marcella David** is FAMU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law in the FAMU College of Law. Provost David joined FAMU in February 2015, leaving a distinguished career at The University of Iowa, where she was Professor of Law & International Studies and Associate Dean for the Iowa College of Law.

Provost David earned a B.S. in Computer & Systems Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York in 1986, and her J.D. from The University of Michigan Law School in 1989. Professor David clerked for Judge Louis H. Pollak of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, was a litigation associate at the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. She began her academic career at Iowa in 1995, and has visited at The University of Chicago and University of Pennsylvania law schools.

Provost David has taught public international law, human rights, national security law, and humanitarian law (the law of armed conflict). Her research interests include the use of economic and other sanctions, international criminal law, and questions related to international organizations. From 1991-92, she studied Human Rights and Comparative Law as a Ford Foundation Fellow in Public International Law at the Harvard Law School. In that capacity, she participated in an investigatory mission to Iraq, traveled through South Africa, and researched the impact of economic sanctions in both countries. Provost David is a past member and past chair of the Governing Board of the Worker Rights Consortium, a non-governmental organization that assists in ensuring that university-logoed goods are manufactured under conditions that respect the rights of workers; she has also served on the Board of Directors for Diversity Focus, a non-profit organization that seeks to promote diversity and inclusion in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids corridor. She served over five years in The University of Iowa's central administration, in roles including the university's first Special Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity and Diversity and Associate Provost for Diversity (from 2006-2009).

Her international destinations include Iraq, South Africa, Europe, India, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, Uganda, Antarctica, the Arctic, The Galapagos Islands, and Cuba, and her hobbies include travel, photography, and knitting.

**Wed., April 1, 2015**  
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