

# *The Forgotten Refugees: The Central African Republic Camps in South Chad*

*Members of the Santa Barbara  
Chad Relief Committee*

*Thursday, November 8, 2007  
12:30 p.m.*

*MultiCultural Center Auditorium*

*In September 2007, three Committee members (Bill Felstiner, Catherine Swysen and Stan Roden) went to N'Djamena, the capital, and three refugee camps outside of Gore in south Chad. They visited the camps, talked to refugees and camp officials and interviewed representatives of the NGOs involved in providing assistance to the refugees (UNHCR, CARE, UNICEF, Africare, COOPI). Their lecture will focus on the content, trajectory and critique of relief efforts concerning nutrition and agriculture, shelter, health, education and recreation.*

## **SPEAKER BIOS**

**Bill Felstiner** - Assistant Director USAID Mission to India; Associate Dean, Yale Law School; Director, American Bar Foundation. Among numerous academic appointments he has taught law at UCLA and sociology and law and society at UCSB; currently he is Honorary Professor of Law at Cardiff University (UK). Bill has disaster relief experience as site Manager of an American Red Cross shelter in Monroe, Louisiana after Katrina and during Rita.

**Catherine J. Swysen** - Born in Brussels, Belgium, she is a criminal defense attorney with Sanger & Swysen. She is a member of the American Bar Association and numerous statewide and local legal associations. She serves on the board of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association and the Central Coast Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is a Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Lawyer Representative. Recognized by the California State Senate and State Assembly for her civil liberties work, as a former high school teacher and former employee of the University of California she remains involved with students and faculty in administrative and disciplinary matters there and at SBCC.

**Stanley Roden** - Co-Chair, California South Committee of Human Rights Watch. He is a trial attorney and has worked as a litigator and mediator for more than 35 years. He recently founded his own mediation/arbitration firm, and is the former two-term elected district attorney for Santa Barbara County. He has also been adjunct professor of political science at Santa Barbara City College and of law at Shandong University, PR China.