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# Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid Eliminating Modern Slavery

*“I think it’s a wonderful thing they’re doing. Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid is an affordable, doable program that could be replicated on every campus in America.”*

William Jefferson Clinton – 42nd President of the United States

**Speaker** Joseph Quinnell

## Biography

Joseph Quinnell is an artist, activist, and founder of The Thailand Project. He uses creative concepts, strategic planning, and innovative solutions to fight against statelessness: a root cause of extreme poverty, child labor, child prostitution, and human trafficking.



During the summer of 2005, as an undergraduate art student, Quinnell began photojournalistic research inside the child sex trade/prostitution industry of Thailand. Quinnell gathered undercover intelligence in the attempted rescue of children being sold within a brothel, interviewed numerous adult sex workers, American sex tourists, and began a relationship with two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sompop Jantraka and the at-risk children of the Myanmar-Thai border.

When he returned to school as a junior, he worked with his partner, graphic design student - Susan Perri, to create a unique study abroad international program, a traveling photography exhibit/lecture tour, and the groundbreaking scholarship program for stateless individuals: Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid.

In the summer of 2008, Quinnell and Perri worked on the ground overseas to negotiate an international agreement between two governments, gaining citizenship and travel documents for their pilot program’s two stateless scholarship recipients.

## Photo Lecture

Quinnell will share the project from its initial concept to its ultimate execution, challenging students and universities to become partners of his program.

Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid’s goal of influencing governments around the world to grant citizenship to stateless populations relies heavily on momentous expansion and replication. Universities will be invited to create a chapter of the program within their own campus - creating partnerships with NGOs around the world and granting scholarships to stateless individuals.

## Equipment

Digital Projector/screen, wireless mic, and dim to dark lighting needed

## Price

**1 Day** Two hour evening lecture (including Q&A): \$2,000\*

**2 Days** Campus Visit - workshops/brainstorm sessions, and evening lecture: \$2,500\*

\*Plus room, meals, and travel

(Discounts are available when multiple bookings are arranged in-state)

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