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ROCK HILL, S.C. - North and South Carolina high school students from 25 high schools will address "Renewing the Voice of Human Rights," the focus of the 33rd annual Model United Nations conference, April 1-3 at Winthrop.

This year's keynote speaker is Jared Feuer, southern regional director of Amnesty International USA. He will deliver the keynote speech during the opening session on April 1 at 7 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. Feuer oversees AIUSA's staff and human rights advocacy in the south and serves as the organization's main spokesperson in the region, which includes 11 states from Texas to the Southeast. He also served as director of the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union and developed the American Civil Liberty Union's national online organizing program into a list of more than 200,000 activists sending more than 1 million faxes each year.

Additional speakers are Ginger Williams, associate professor of history; Katarina Moyon, instructor of political science; and Jennifer Solomon, professor of sociology.

Started in 1977, Winthrop's Model UN is the first program of its kind to combine participation of college and high school students. The program pairs Winthrop students enrolled in PLSC 260, who act as delegate chairs, with teams of high school students to represent each of the 65 nations. Select students from the UN class are part of the Secretariat, which plans and runs the following year's conference. Student coordinators Erin English and Elijah Abram lead this year's Secretariat. Rachel Gower acts as secretary general.

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