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HUMAN RIGHTS LEGAL ADVOCATE AND SCRIPPS COLLEGE GRADUATE ANNOUNCED AS BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER FOR 2009 CLAREMONT COLLEGES CEREMONIES

CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA---The Office of the Chaplains of The Claremont Colleges is pleased to announce that Karen Tse, JD, an alumna of Scripps College, and human rights legal advocate, will be the keynote speaker at the Claremont Colleges' 2009 Baccalaureate Ceremony, which will be held on Friday, May 15, 3:30pm-4:30pm, at Garrison Theater, Scripps College. The public is invited to attend.

Karen Tse is the founder and CEO of International Bridges to Justice, an independent, non-profit and non-governmental organization that strives to protect due process and achieve fair trials for the accused throughout the world and is dedicated to the mission of protecting basic legal rights for ordinary citizens in developing countries. She received the 2008 Human Rights Award from the American Bar Association.

Tse received her bachelor's degree from Scripps College in 1986 and a master of divinity from the Harvard University School of Divinity. She is a Unitarian Universalist minister. She received her juris doctor from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law. Tse has also studied at the Tianjin Foreign Languages Institute and the London University School of Oriental and African Studies.

Prior to her work with IBJ, Tse was affiliated with the United Nations Center for Human Rights in Cambodia and the Cambodian Defenders Project. After law school, she worked in Contra Costa County, California, as a public defender; she later joined the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco. In 1994 she moved to Cambodia to train the country's first core group of public defenders. She served as a United Nations Judicial Mentor and trained judges and prosecutors to establish the first arraignment court of Cambodia.

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