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## CENTER FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Daniel D. Bradlow**, Professor of Law and Director of the Washington College of Law (WCL) International Legal Studies Program, spoke on the "The Asian Financial Crisis" and "Recent Developments in International Economic Law: The MAI, Euro, Corruption, the International Financial Institute, and the 'Architecture of the International Financial System'" for a workshop on "Teaching International Economic Law" at the University of the North in Pietersburg, South Africa, from May 4-8, 1998. He presented a lecture on "International Commercial Law—U.S. and Colombian Legal Systems" at the International Financial Law Workshop in Bogota, Colombia, sponsored by Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and WCL from May 15-16, 1998. He also lectured on "Practical and Legal Issues Arising in the Context of Requests Sought Before the World Bank's Inspection Panel" for the World Bank Lawyers' Forum in June 1998, in Washington, D.C. In August 1998, he traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to present a lecture on "A Legal Perspective on the Asian Crisis and Lessons for Africa" at the Annual Meeting of the African Society of International and Comparative Law. He also spoke on "The World Bank and Human Rights" for the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibilities of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in September 1998. In October 1998, Professor Bradlow gave a keynote address at the 1998 International Law Student Association Conference in Iowa regarding "Human Rights and Development: Lessons from the Asian Financial Crisis."

**Robert K. Goldman**, Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Center), and First Vice-President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), organized and participated in WCL's Ninth Seminar for Diplomats on International Humanitarian Law on October 28, 1998. The event was co-sponsored with the American Red Cross in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross. During the week of November 7, 1998, he traveled to Peru as a member of the IACHR to evaluate the human rights situation in that country.

**Claudio Grossman**, Dean, Co-Director of the Center, and member of the IACHR, participated in the fall session of the IACHR, from September 28 to October 15, 1998. During the session, Dean Grossman, in his capacity as the IACHR Special Rapporteur on Women, presented a report

for publication on the status of women in the Americas. He chaired a panel on "Water in Development" for the "Water: Dispute Prevention, Environment and Development" conference held at WCL on October 12-13, 1998, sponsored by the American University Center for the Global South. Also in October, he presented a paper on strengthening the Inter-American Human Rights System at a program in Buenos Aires, Argentina, entitled "The International Congress on Human Rights: Approaching the Year 2000: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Declarations on Human Rights," sponsored by the National University of Lomas de Zamora in Buenos Aires. Dean Grossman gave the opening remarks at the Geraldson Conference on International Humanitarian Law, a day-long seminar for diplomats co-sponsored by WCL and the American Red Cross, on October 28, 1998.

**Beth Lyon**, Practitioner-in-Residence at the WCL International Human Rights Law Clinic, submitted comments on September 19, 1998, on behalf of a group of law professors on a proposed U.S. Department of Justice regulation that would undermine the application of the definition of "refugee" in U.S. asylum law. Professor Lyon also spoke at an international refugee law conference at the Chicago-Kent Law School October 9, 1998, on International Refugee Protections in U.S. Asylum Law. Professor Lyon chaired a meeting between refugee rights advocates and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) officials on October 1, 1998, with the purpose of raising concerns and addressing any new problems regarding refugees and asylum practices in the U.S.

**Diane Orentlicher**, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center, spoke at a program on "War Crimes in Bosnia, a Permanent International Criminal Court, and the Rule of Law," sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice and the Defense and National Security Committee on October 8, 1998. From October 18-21, 1998, she headed the U.S. government delegation to a conference on "Integrating Diversity" in Locarno, Switzerland, sponsored by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. She published an article on General Pinochet's arrest in the Outlook Section of the *Washington Post* on October 25, 1998, entitled "Putting Limits on Lawlessness: From Nuremberg to Pinochet."

**Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón**, Co-Director of the Inter-American Human Rights Digest Project, was invited by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences to participate in the International Academic Conference on the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be held from December 10-12, 1998.

**Herman Schwartz**, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center, consulted with the Armenian Constitutional Court and Constitutional Commission on proposed constitutional amendments from October 7-10, 1998, in Yerevan, Armenia. He also chaired a workshop on insult laws in London on October 14, 1998. Professor Schwartz represented the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights at the European Commission for Democracy Through Law at the Council of Europe in Venice, Italy, on October 16-17, 1998. His recent publications include an article, "The Truth about High Crimes and Misdemeanors," published in the *Los Angeles Times* on September 27, 1998, and "East Europe's Constitutional Courts," published in the October 1998 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*. His recently completed book, *The New East European Constitutional Courts*, is pending publication.

**Rick Wilson**, Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Center, and Director of WCL's International Human Rights Law Clinic, has served as Legal Advisor to the Consulate of the Republic of Columbia in Washington, D.C., on issues arising under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations for Colombians detained in the United States. On October 9, 1998, he was a commentator on "The Right to an Adequate Standard of Living," at the "International Human Rights Workshop: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Fifty Years After the Universal Declaration" at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law in Vancouver, British Columbia. He also participated on November 2, 1998, in an international panel on "Recent Topics on Crime and Criminal Justice in a Borderless Era" at the International Conference on Crime and Justice in a Borderless Era, Ritsumeikan University Faculty of Law in Kyoto, Japan. Other participants attended from Japan, China, Canada, and the United States. On November 6, 1998, he was a panelist on "What Constitutes an Unfair Trial?: The Evolving International Standards," at the Amnesty International USA National Lawyers Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. ☉