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## CENTER NEWS AND FACULTY UPDATES

### CENTER NEWS

The Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law was established in 1990 to provide scholarship and support for human rights initiatives internationally and within the United States. Located at American University Washington College of



*Center Executive Director Hadar Harris announces the winner of the Fourth Annual Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition before the the American Society of International Law and the International Law Association*

Law, the Center works with students, academics, and practitioners to enhance the understanding and implementation of human rights and humanitarian law worldwide. The Center explores emerging intersections in the law and seeks to create new tools and strategies for the creative advancement of international norms.

The Center has a variety of core projects, including the Anti-Torture Initiative, the Program on Human Rights in the United States and its Local Human Rights Lawyering Project, the Program on Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Program on Human Rights Education, and the Initiative on Human Rights in Business. In addition to these projects, the Center provides ongoing student-focused programming,

which includes skills development seminars, lunchtime learning sessions, and a robust program of more than fifty conferences, panels, film screenings and other events each year. Webcasts and podcasts of most programs are available at [www.WCLCenterforHR.org](http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org). The following is a brief update of some of the most recent developments at the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law.

### ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE

*The Center's Anti-Torture Initiative works with the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment (SRT), WCL Prof. Juan E. Méndez, to enhance implementation and follow-up of his country-specific and thematic recommendations for the prevention of torture. Information about the project can be found at [www.antitorture.org](http://www.antitorture.org).*

### ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE PUBLISHES *TORTURE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS: REFLECTIONS ON THE SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON TORTURE'S 2013 THEMATIC REPORT*

As a follow-up initiative to the Special Rapporteur on Torture's 2013 thematic report on the issue of torture in healthcare settings, the ATI published its new book, *Torture in Healthcare Settings: Reflections on the Special Rapporteur*

*on Torture's 2013 Thematic Report*. More than thirty experts from around the globe contributed to the book. The publication seeks to expand upon the SRT's thematic report by providing experts in the field the opportunity to critically reflect upon the groundbreaking report of the Special Rapporteur. The publication is the first of its kind and has been heralded around the world as an important tool to expand understanding and implementation of the Special Rapporteur's recommendations. The full publication is available online at <http://antitorture.org/torture-in-healthcare-publication>.

### ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE PREPARES NEW REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SRT'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN URUGUAY

As part of its initiative to follow-up on the Special Rapporteur's 2012 visit to Uruguay and specific recommendations to end torture and ill-treatment in that country, Anti-Torture Initiative (ATI) Coordinator **Maria Leoni Zardo** is working with high profile civil society representatives and government officials to develop and publish a compilation of articles assessing national level follow-up to the SRT's recommendations. This will be the first publication of its kind, involving key stakeholders in a critical assessment of implementation. The hope is that the publication will spark a national discussion that will help improve implementation and end torture and ill-treatment in Uruguay. The publication will be published in Spanish on the ATI website ([www.antitorture.org](http://www.antitorture.org)) and widely distributed in Uruguay. A launch event is planned in August 2014.

### ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE CONDUCTS FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO TAJIKISTAN

In February 2014, the SRT and the ATI conducted a follow-up visit to the Republic of Tajikistan to assess the level of implementation of the recommendations issued by the SRT after his 2012 visit to the country. The visit was organized jointly by the ATI and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). During the visit, the SRT and the ATI met with high-level government officials from all branches of government, as well as with representatives of local and international civil society groups, and international and regional organizations. The ATI and the SRT also conducted visits to several places of detention.

As part of this trip, the SRT and the ATI participated in a full-day roundtable discussion organized jointly by the ATI, the OHCHR, and the Association for the Prevention of Torture. The roundtable was attended by more than sixty people representing all levels of the Tajik government and civil society, and constituted the first time that civil society and government were able to hold a substantive conversation on issues related to the prohibition of torture and ill-treatment in Tajikistan. The SRT's forthcoming report that summarizes conclusions, observations, and

further recommendations to the government will be presented to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

#### PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES

Since 2002, the Center has helped shape the debate and discussion around human rights in the United States. The Center's *Program on Human Rights in the United States* strives to promote the incorporation of international human rights norms, language, and strategies into the work of advocates on behalf of marginalized and vulnerable communities in the United States.

#### PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES HOSTS CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The Center hosted a first-of-its-kind consultation on access to justice between civil society organizations and more than fifty high-level representatives of the government of the United States. The Consultation was held in anticipation of the upcoming reviews of U.S. human rights obligations by the United Nations under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism and the ongoing review of the U.S. by the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD). The consultation was organized by Local Human Rights Lawyering Project Director **Lauren Bartlett** and Project Advisory Board Member **Maha Jeweied**, Senior Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Initiative. **Tonya Robinson**, Special Assistant to President Obama for Domestic Policy and Justice, opened the Consultation with prepared remarks. The Consultation was structured in two panels — one dealing with civil cases, the other dealing with criminal cases. Included in the issues addressed were the rights of juveniles, people with disabilities, undocumented immigrants, migrant farmworkers, homeless people, among general trends. Civil society leaders presenting included **Debra Gardner**, National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel; **Reena Shah**, Human Rights Project Director, Maryland Legal Aid; **Keith Hillard**, Maryland Legal Aid client regarding an eviction and homelessness; **Risa Kaufman**, Executive Director, Columbia University Law School Human Rights Institute; **Andrew Soles** and **Verna Krishnamurthy**, University of Pennsylvania Law Students; **Nathaniel Norton**, Farmworker Attorney, Maryland Legal Aid; **Jennifer Harbury**, General Counsel, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; **Sarah Mehta**, Human Rights Researcher, Human Rights Project, ACLU; **Jennifer Nadga**, Policy Director, The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights; **JoAnn Wallace**, President & CEO, NLADA; **Betsy Clarke**, Executive Director, Juvenile Justice Initiative; **Timothy Curry**, Managing Attorney, National Juvenile Defender Center; Professor **Robert Dinerstein**, Disability Rights Clinic Founder & Director, American University Washington College of Law; **Deborah Labelle**, Attorney; **Steve Hanlon**, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. Representatives from seventeen agencies of the government of the United States were also present, including representatives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Department of Justice. A video of the consultation can be downloaded at [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org).

#### PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN BUSINESS

The Center's *Program on Human Rights in Business* is devoted to the promotion of human rights and justice for people adversely affected by business and economic activity around the world. Information about the project can be found at [www.phrib.org](http://www.phrib.org).

#### EXPERT DISCUSSION ON UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Over 100 people attended a panel discussion on the UN's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights hosted in collaboration with the **International Bar Association**. Panelists included **Sarah Altschuller**, Corporate Social Responsibility Practice, Foley Hoag, LLP; **Gabriella Herzog**, Senior Manager, Corporate Responsibility, Hess Corporation; and **Mark Wielga**, Partner, Temkin, Wielga & Hart. The panel was moderated by **John Richardson**, Co-Director of the Program on Human Rights in Business. The program provided insights into implementation of the Principles, identified corporate best practices generally, and provided predictions about the impact the Guiding Principles will have on the way businesses operate throughout the world in the coming decades.

#### PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

The Center's *Program on Human Rights Education* aims to promote interest in and enhance understanding of human rights through teaching, academic study, and innovative training opportunities.

#### CENTER ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

The Fourth Annual Student International Humanitarian Law Writing Competition culminated in the selection of University of Ottawa law student **Michele Krech** as the winner. Her paper, *Technological Asymmetry and the Law of Armed Conflict: The Intersection of Law and Politics in the Creation of Differentiated State Obligations*, was selected from a wide range of submissions from students around the world. The competition theme — the intersection of international humanitarian law and emerging technologies — was explored in a global online conference on May 8, 2014, during which Ms. Krech presented her paper with noted experts Prof. **Laurie Blank**, Emory Law School; Prof. **Chris Jenks**, SMU Law School; Prof. **Sean Watts**, Creighton Law School; and **Eric Jensen**, ASIL Lieber Society Chairperson. The Student IHL Writing Competition is a joint collaboration between the Center and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society. The initiative seeks to promote student scholarship in the field of international humanitarian law.

### **SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM SET TO EXPAND TO ADDITIONAL LAW SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2014–2015**

The Speak Truth to Power Human Rights Teaching Fellows Program is set to expand in the next academic year to two schools in the United States. The program is a collaboration with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights. The program brings together law students, and high school and middle school teachers and students, to promote human rights education and activism. The program enables law students to teach high school and middle school students from a variety of communities in the Washington, D.C. area, basing their lessons on the highly acclaimed STTP curriculum. In addition, through exposing high school students to law student-educators, the program seeks to create peer-to-peer educational models to inspire young people to make positive change in the world around them.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COLOMBIA THROUGH TRAINING AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS**

The Center is engaged in a multi-year collaboration with two law schools in Cali, Colombia to expand the teaching of human rights. The project envisions numerous workshops and exchanges of faculty to identify and explore the issues of teaching human rights in Colombia and to expand the capacity and initiative of key faculty working in the field. As part of that project, funded through Higher Education for Development and USAID, faculty of the two Colombian law school partners, the **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali** and the **Universidad Santiago de Cali**, came to American University Washington College of Law to participate in the Program of Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and a specialized summer Legal English course.

In addition, Center Human Rights Education Program Director **Melissa del Aguila** traveled to Barranquilla and Santa Marta, Colombia to participate in the 15th Annual Conference on Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas. The international conference is hosted by the University of Florida Levin College of Law in conjunction with the Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia and the Universidad de Magdalena in Santa Marta, Colombia. In addition to holding working meetings with the partners from Cali, she presented on a panel entitled, “Crisis in Legal Education: Comparative Lessons.”

### **WCL STUDENT INITIATIVES**

#### **2014 CENTER STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD SELECTED**

After a highly competitive selection process, seven extraordinary students were invited to join the Center’s 2014 **Student Advisory Board (SAB)**. The Center SAB is a group of highly qualified and committed students interested in human rights and humanitarian law who work closely with the Center over the course of a calendar year. The SAB assists the Center in developing programming that reflects student interests and priorities. SAB members also participate in specialized training in practical skills, such as grant proposal writing, public speaking, interviewing, social networking, and more. The new SAB members

were selected from a large pool of applicants who submitted a written application and were then individually interviewed. Congratulations to new SAB members **Sequoia Ayala, Drew Bahr, Whitney Hood, Christopher Keeler, Whitney-Ann Mulhauser, Natalie Richman, and Edwin Wilbert.**

### **CENTER HOSTS LUNCHEES WITH PRACTITIONERS TO EXPOSE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

The Center initiated a series of lunches with noted practitioners who provided students with insight not only on their current work, but also on the career path that led them to do the work they do today. The lunches provided an opportunity for students to ask questions and seek advice on their own career aspirations. Speakers at the Lunches with Practitioners included **Stephanie Selg**, Human Rights Advisor, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; **Maha Jaweied**, Senior Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Initiative; and **Wade McMullen**, Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights.

### **UKRAINE: SOVEREIGNTY, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS: AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION**

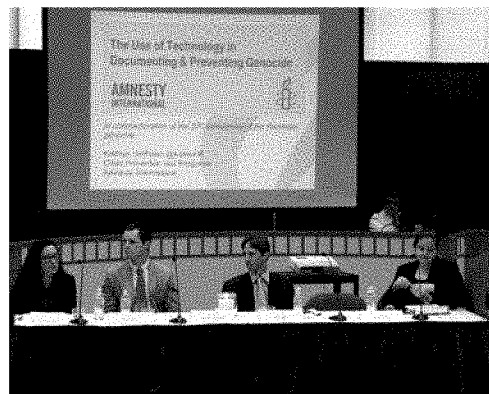
Responding quickly to events in Ukraine, the Center hosted a discussion on the human rights implications of the political turmoil and Russian troop deployment in Crimea. Leading the discussion was Center Executive Director **Hadar Harris**. This event was the first planned by the Center’s new 2014 Student Advisory Board.

### **CONFERENCES, PANELS AND EVENTS**

*This year, the Center held more than 60 events, conferences and panel discussions. Webcasts and podcasts of most Center events are available for free download at [www.WCLCenterforHR.org](http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org).*

### **THE CENTER MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF RWANDA GENOCIDE WITH DAY OF COMMEMORATION**

On April 7, the Center held a variety of activities throughout the day to mark the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. In addition to a broad public awareness event that took place throughout the day with the Center SAB distributing information and ribbons and screening films from survivors, the Center held a solemn commemoration with University Chaplain **Joseph Eldridge** and student readers, commemorating the more



*As part of the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide, the Center held a conference that included a panel discussion on the use of technology in preventing genocide*

than 800,000 people who died in 100 days. Afterwards, the Center hosted an afternoon conference on the use of technology in preventing and documenting genocide, the financing of genocide, and citizen action against genocide. Professor **Diane Orentlicher**, former Deputy Director of the Office of War Crimes at the U.S. Department of State, gave a moving keynote address about the responsibility of individuals to act to prevent or stop genocide. In addition, speakers included Dean **Claudio Grossman**; **Katie Strifolino** of Amnesty International; **Jay Ulfelder**, Genocide Forecaster and Independent Consultant; **Patrick Ball** of the Human Rights Data Analysis Group; **Chris Tuckwood** of The Sentinel Project; **Nate Haken** of the Fund for Peace; **Ignacio Mujica** of the Corporate Enablers Program at Human Rights First; and **Bukeni Waruzi**, WITNESS Senior Program Manager for Africa and the Middle East.

#### CENTER HOSTS EXPERT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Partnering with the **Center for Democracy & Technology** and the **American Civil Liberties Union**, the Center hosted a day-long invitation-only roundtable discussion on the human rights and international law implications of electronic eavesdropping programs such as those carried out by the National Security Agency. Nearly fifty high-level experts from dozens of civil society organizations participated in the discussion. Participants included, among others, **Frank LaRue**, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression; **Michael O'Flaherty**, former member of the UN Human Rights Committee (overseeing the ICCPR); **Dinah PoKempner**, General Counsel of Human Rights Watch; **Rebecca MacKinnon** of the New America Foundation; and **Morton Halperin** of the Open Society Foundations.

#### CENTER HOLDS INAUGURAL WEEK OF ACTIVITIES: *HUMAN RIGHTS ACROSS AU*

As part of its initiative to build greater cooperation in human rights programming across the entire American University campus, the Center hosted *Human Rights Across AU*, a week of activities and interactive discussions on human rights themes at home and abroad across the AU campus. Among the events that took place were:

**Human Rights 101:** A crash course in human rights led by Center Executive Director **Hadar Harris**

**Protection from Everyday Violence as a Human Right:** **Liz West** and **Lauren Walker**, Organizing and Advocacy Fellows with International Justice Mission, discussed the intersection of citizen security and human rights around the world.

**Portraits for Social Change:** Eight student organizations across AU organized an exhibit with photos of women who are social and human right leaders.

**AU Alumni Working in Human Rights:** SPA alumna **Christina Arnold** (SPA '04, '10), founder and President of Prevent Human Trafficking; WCL alumna **Lauren Bartlett** (WCL '07), Project Director at the Center; SIS alumna **Katherine Marshall** (SIS/WCL '10) consultant at the Public International Law and Policy Group; and **Laurie Moy** (SOC '09), Multimedia

Writer and Editor for the Broadcasting Board of Governors and former Executive Director of Pearls of Africa spoke of their experiences at AU and provided students with career advice.

**Transition in Afghanistan: A Conversation with Visiting Scholar Hakim Asher:** One week before the Afghan national elections, the Center hosted a talk with Dr. **Hakim Asher**, AU Visiting Fellow and former Executive Director of the Afghan Government Media and Information. Formally a close advisor to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Dr. Asher provided his insider's perspective about democracy, security, and geopolitics in Afghanistan.

**Celebration of the Life of Archbishop Oscar Romero:** The AU community came together at the Kay Spiritual Life Center to commemorate Archbishop Oscar Romero on the 34th anniversary of his assassination. A range of community members spoke at the commemoration, including Rev. **Joe Eldridge**, University Chaplain; Father **Carlos Quijano**; Father **Vidal Rivas**; AU student **Allesandra Clara**; **Manuel Perez Rocha**; **Sonia Umanzor**; **Reverendo Palacios**; and **Evangelina Castillo**.

**Roma: Political Participation, Society, and Human Rights:** The Center, in cooperation with the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and the International Legal Studies Program, brought a number of high-level officials and scholars to WCL to discuss the situation of the Roma in Europe. Over fifty people, including a number of NGO and government leaders, attended the conference. Speaking were **Hadar Harris**, Executive Director of the Center; **Padideh Ala'i**, Director of Hubert H. Humphrey Program; Dr. Florin Priboi, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow at WCL; Dr. **Gisella Gori**, Senior Advisor of Global Issues, European Union Delegation to the United States; Dr. **Margareta Matache**, Professor, Harvard University; **Diliana Markova**, Humphrey Fellow and WCL student; **Jud Nirenberg**, Board Chair, National Roma Center of Macedonia; Dr. **Cristina Bejan**, expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; David Meyer, Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; **Nadezhda Mouzykina**, Program Officer, National Democratic Institute; and Dr. **Mischa Thompson**, Policy Advisor, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

**Webinar on Engaging the U.S. Government through UN Advocacy in Human Rights Compliance:** The Center's Local Human Rights Lawyering Program Director, **Lauren Bartlett**, led fifty NGO leaders and attorneys in an online training session on using UN mechanisms to engage the U.S. government on human rights compliance issues. Speakers included **Joshua Cooper**, Director of the Hawaii Center for Human Rights Research and Action; **Hadar Harris**, Executive Director, WCL Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, **JoAnn Kamuf Ward**, Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute, and **Eric Tars**, National Law Center for Homelessness and Poverty. The training came the week before WCL hosted a Civil Society Consultation in which civil society leaders, many of whom took part in the training, met with representatives of the United States government as part of the Universal Periodic Review process established by the United Nations.

## FACULTY UPDATES

**Dean Claudio Grossman** is a Professor of Law, Dean of the American University Washington College of Law (WCL), and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Affairs. Since 2008, Dean Grossman has served as chairperson of the United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT) and, in April 2014, he was re-elected chairperson for an unprecedented fourth term. In January 2014, Dean Grossman became the President of the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, for which he previously served as board member (2011-2014) and member of the general assembly (1993-2011). Also in January 2014, Dean Grossman was recognized as one of the twenty-five most influential people in legal education in 2013 by the National Jurist.

Between January and April 2014, Dean Grossman initiated and participated in numerous human rights initiatives. He published “The U.N. Committee Against Torture and Eradication of Torture in Health Care Settings,” in *TORTURE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS: REFLECTIONS ON THE SPECIAL RAPporteur ON TORTURE’S 2013 THEMATIC REPORT*, a publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law’s Anti-Torture Initiative (March 2014). He served as a moderator for the Sixteenth Annual Grotius Lecture, “Women and Children: The Cutting Edge of International Law,” cosponsored by WCL and ASIL during ASIL’s 108th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Together with cosponsors ASIL and the IBA, Dean Grossman hosted at WCL the chairs of the ten UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and representatives of the OHCHR for special consultations on the ongoing treaty body strengthening process. Also in Washington, D.C., Dean Grossman was a panelist on “Global Horizons for Disability Rights in the Human Rights Framework” as part of the German Marshall Fund of the United States Conference on The Digital Frontier: Widening Access for People with Disability; a panelist on “When Asylum is Not an Option: The Convention against Torture” as part of the Asylum Conference presented by the FBA and WCL; and a speaker at GWU Law School International Law Week Keynote Speaker Series on “Regional Proliferation: Reinforcing Uniformity or Creating Fragmentation?”

In Melbourne, Australia, Dean Grossman served as: the keynote speaker on “The Contributions by the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies in Imagining and Achieving Social Equity” at the Melbourne Social Equity Institute’s Inaugural Conference on Imagining Social Equity; the panelist for that conference’s Closing Plenary Session on “Social Equity: Where to from Here?”; and as a speaker on “The Prohibition Against Torture and the Role of the Committee Against Torture” at the University of Melbourne Law School. In the United Kingdom, Dean Grossman served as a panelist on “How best to secure effective implementation of human rights globally?” as part of the Wilton Park Conference on Addressing Implementation Gaps: Improving Cooperation Between Global and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms. At the AALS Annual Meeting in New York, Dean Grossman served as a panelist on “The Comprehensive Integrated Model: Can One Do It All? Can One Afford Not To? Can One Afford It?” as part of the session on “Globalization of Legal Education: Developing Optimal Models for Your Law School.”

**Claudia Martin** is a Professorial Lecturer in Residence and Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at WCL. On October 29, 2013, Professor Martin coordinated an Expert Meeting on the “Situation of the Human Rights of Girls and Adolescent Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean,” sponsored by UNICEF, UNPFA, and the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and moderated a panel on “The Situation of Reproductive Rights and Adolescent Girls in the Region.” On November 17, 2013, she moderated a panel on “The Right to Nationality in the Inter-American Human Rights System: Current Situation and Future Challenges,” at WCL. On December 5, 2013, Professor Martin spoke at a panel on “Debido Proceso Legal y Derechos Humanos,” organized by the Fiscalía General de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina. On February 21, 2014, Professor Martin lectured on “The Inter-American Human Rights System: the Role of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” at a training organized by the Law School of the University of Sao Paulo and the Sao Paulo Public Defender’s Office, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In addition, Professor Martin published the article “Strengthening or Straining the Inter-American System of Human Rights,” co-authored with Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, in *Intersentia’s THE REALISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: WHEN THEORY MEETS PRACTICE—STUDIES IN HONOUR OF LEO ZWAAK*. Professor Martin also published the book *EL DEBIDO PROCESO LEGAL, ANÁLISIS DESDE EL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO Y UNIVERSAL DE DERECHOS HUMANOS (VOL I AND VOL II)* (*Due Process of Law: Analysis from the perspective of Inter-American and Universal Human Rights*), co-authored with Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Fabián Salvioli, Federico di Bernardi, and James Vértiz Medina, Eudebaina.

**Juan E. Méndez** has been a Visiting Professor at WCL since 2010. In the same year, he was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations as the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SRT). Professor Méndez has dedicated his career to defending human rights around the world and has a long and distinguished record of advocacy. From February 10–12, 2014, he conducted a follow-up visit to the Republic of Tajikistan to evaluate the level of implementation of his recommendations issued after his 2012 visit and urged the Tajikistan government to fully implement its policies for the eradication and prevention of torture and ill-treatment.

On February 28, 2014, Professor Méndez, through his Anti-Torture Initiative project, issued a publication on *TORTURE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS: REFLECTIONS ON THE SPECIAL RAPporteur ON TORTURE’S 2013 THEMATIC REPORT* with contributions from more than thirty international experts in response to the Special Rapporteur’s provocative 2013 thematic report on torture and other abusive practices in healthcare settings. On March 10, 2014, as Special Rapporteur, Professor Méndez presented his latest thematic report on *The Use of Torture-Tainted Information and the Exclusionary Rule* to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, urging governments to strictly abstain from using information or products of acts of torture and ill-treatment collected by third parties in other countries as well as in any domestic proceedings.

On April 10, 2014, Professor Méndez delivered a keynote address at the OSCE's Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on the prevention of torture in Vienna. Additionally, in late April, Professor Méndez visited Mexico to assess the situation and identify challenges regarding torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country. In his capacity as Special Rapporteur, Professor Méndez "discuss[ed] and assess[ed] the implementation of the new criminal procedures legislation, coerced confessions before national courts, and the use of 'arraigo' detention, among other aspects relating to [his] mandate," and also examined prisoners' rights and conditions of detention, in particular those spending years in prison either awaiting trial or serving lengthy sentences and migrants held in immigration detention facilities.

**Diane Orentlicher** is a Professor of International Law and specializes in human rights and war crimes tribunals. Professor Orentlicher has served in various public positions, including as the Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State, as the UN Independent Expert on Combating Impunity, and as Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. In 2014, Professor Orentlicher participated in a panel discussion with Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, on "U.S. Policy on the International Criminal Court." She also presented as the Keynote Speaker at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law's Commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda event in April 2014. In March 2014, Professor Orentlicher traveled to Beijing, China to present remarks on "The United States and the International Criminal Court" as part of a forum on the U.N. Security Council and the ICC. She also spoke at an experts' workshop on Reparations for Survivors of Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, co-sponsored by Physicians for Human Rights; Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security; Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs for Women, Peace, and Security; and the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs at Georgetown University.

**Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón** is a Professorial Lecturer in Residence and Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at AUWCL. Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón recently published the book *EL DEBIDO PROCESO LEGAL: ANÁLISIS DESDE EL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO Y UNIVERSAL DE DERECHOS HUMANOS (VOL I AND VOL II)* (Due Process of Law: Analysis from the perspective of Inter-American and Universal Human Rights), co-authored with Claudia Martín, Fabian Salvioli, Federico Di Bernardi, and James Vertiz Medina, under the auspices of the *Ministerio Público Fiscal de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires*.

In October 2013, he taught the course "The Inter-American System on Human Rights" during the Annual Course on Human Rights Training of the *Institut de Développement et Droits Humains*, in Florianópolis, Brazil. He also served as Panel moderator in the "Expert Meeting on the Situation of the Human Rights of Girls and Adolescent Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean," held at AUWCL. Additionally, in November 2013, Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón taught the course "El Proceso de Fortalecimiento del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos" (The Process of Strengthening of the Inter-American

Human Rights System), in the Masters in Human Rights and Democracy of the *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales* (FLACSO), in Mexico City, Mexico.

In December 2013, Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón lectured on "Obligaciones Internacionales del Estado en Materia de Derechos Humanos" (International Human Rights Obligations of States) at the *Primer Curso Internacional Especializado en Derechos Humanos: Acceso a los Sistemas Internacionales de Protección*, in Cartagena, Colombia. Additionally, he participated on a panel titled "Presentation of the Book the Due Process of Law: Analysis from the perspective of Inter-American and Universal Human Rights," at the *Universidad Católica de Argentina*, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. On January 22, 2014, he was interviewed by CNN Spanish about the execution of Mexican national Edgar Tamayo in Texas and its implications regarding U.S. international obligations under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. In February 2014, Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón lectured on "The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights," at the *Universidade de São Paulo and Defensoria Pública do Estado de São Paulo*, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and in March 2014, he presented at a conference entitled "El Sistema Interamericano: Temas Actuales" (The Inter-American System: Current Issues), at the *Universidad de Nariño*, in Pasto, Colombia.

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Judgment, Sentencing, and Reparations” in *Human Rights and Civil Liberties in the 21st Century*, co-authored with Katherine Cleary Thompson; “Obtaining Victim Status for the Purpose of Participating in Proceedings at the International Criminal Court,” in the *Human Rights Brief*, also co-authored with Katherine Cleary Thompson; the forthcoming article “The Relevance of the United Nations War Crimes Commission to the Prosecution of Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes Today” in the *Criminal Law Forum*, co-authored with Dan Plesch and Chante Lasco; and “Investigative Management, Strategies, and Techniques of the International Criminal Court’s Office of the Prosecutor,” co-authored with Katherine Cleary Thompson in the forthcoming book *THE LAW AND PRACTICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: A CRITICAL ACCOUNT OF CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS*.

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In the past year, Professor Wilson participated in several lectures, including serving as a commentator for Dean Claudio Grossman’s lecture “The Work of the UN Committee Against Torture” during the International Law Lecture Series and serving as a commentator for Christiana Ochoa’s lecture “Transferring Wealth, Developing Poverty” during the AUWCL Faculty Lecture Series. In December 2013, he lectured in Spanish and facilitated the “Seminar on Human Rights in the Curriculum: Classroom and Clinics,” in Cali, Colombia, which was funded by the Higher Education for Development Colombia Grant. In October 2013, Professor Wilson gave a lecture in Spanish to Latin American Civilian-Military Personnel at the National Defense University as part of the Seminar on Strategic Implications of Human Rights and Rule of Law; the lecture was titled “The Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.” He also gave a lecture on “Economic, Social, and Cultural Human Rights” for the WCL “Munching on Human Rights Lunch Series.”

In September 2013, Professor Wilson participated in a litigation roundtable in London, England hosted by Legal Action Worldwide (LAW) on “Litigation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Strategies for Litigation.” Professor Wilson also currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of LAW. He also participated, in Spanish, in the Fifth National Congress on Teaching Legal Sciences workshop in Valencia, Spain on “How to Design a Legal Clinic: Clinics as an Element in the Transformation of Learning.”