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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 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, 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 50 conferences, panels, film screenings and other events each year. Webcasts and podcasts of most programs are available at 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, WCL Professor 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.

ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE HOSTS EXPERT CONVENING AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY TO INFORM DRAFTING OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S THEMATIC REPORT ON REVISIONS TO THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

On July 10, in Oxford, UK, the Anti-Torture Initiative held an expert consultation to inform the drafting of the Special Rapporteur on torture's thematic report on revisions to the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (SMRs). The meeting was co-sponsored by the American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law's Anti-Torture Initiative, the **UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**, and the **Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations** at the University of Oxford. More than thirty experts from different countries and representing different UN, regional organisms, and prominent NGOs attended the consultation, including representatives from the UN Committee against Torture (CAT), the Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT), the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNDOC), the World Health Organization, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Open Society Foundations (OSF), Penal Reform International, and Amnesty International. The purpose of the expert convening was to analyze the opportunities and challenges of the review process and to identify issues within the proposed areas targeted for review that the Special Rapporteur should address in his thematic report.

The thematic report, which became public on August 9, 2013, was intended to add the Special Rapporteur's perspective and support to the ongoing review process of the SMRs. The UNDOC is leading the review process with active participation of many States—through an open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group created by the General Assembly—and civil society organizations. The thematic report represents a significant contribution to this process by reflecting on several areas

targeted for reviews and analyzing their interplay with the international prohibition of torture and ill treatment through the identification of the procedural standards and safeguards that States are obliged to implement.

ANTI-TORTURE INITIATIVE HOSTS EVENT ON THE DEATH PENALTY AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Anti-Torture Initiative, along with the **Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)** and the **International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)**, held a panel discussion to mark the launch of a joint report by CCR and FIDH that examines the United States' use of the death penalty through an international human rights framework. The report and panel specifically focused on the use of the death penalty in Louisiana and California and considered deficiencies in existing legal processes, examined conditions on death row, and assessed whether the two states' use of the death penalty conforms with international prohibitions against discrimination, torture, and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. United National Special Rapporteur on Torture, **Juan E. Méndez**, joined the event with a presentation that discussed the conclusions reached in his 2012 thematic report on the death penalty and the prohibition of torture. **Christine Thomas**, Activist and wife of Correll Thomas, a prisoner on San Quentin's Condemned Row; **Mercedes Montagnes**, Attorney and Deputy Director, The Promise of Justice Initiative & The Capital Appeals Project; **Florence Bellivier**, President, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, FIDH representative regarding the death penalty; and **Vincent Warren**, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights also spoke at the event. More than 100 people attended the event with more than 60 people from across the world following it through live webcast on the ATI website.

ATI CONVENES SIDE-EVENT AT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THEMATIC REPORT ON STANDARD MINIMUM RULES ON TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND PREVENTION OF TORTURE

Following the presentation of the Special Rapporteur of Torture's latest thematic report to the United Nations General Assembly, the Center co-hosted an event at UN Headquarters in New York to focus discussion on proposed revisions to the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the Prevention of Torture. Special Rapporteur on Torture **Juan E. Méndez** moderated the interactive panel of experts, including **Claudio Grossman**, Chair of the UN Committee Against Torture, **Malcom D. Evans**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, **Andrés Pizarro**, Human Rights Specialist with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, **Andrea Huber**, Policy Director of Penal Reform International, **Jamil Dakwar**, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Program, and **Yuval Ginbar**, Legal Advisor to Amnesty International. The event was co-sponsored by the ACLU, Penal Reform International, the Open Society Foundations, Amnesty International, the Association for the Prevention of Torture and the Permanent Missions of Denmark and Switzerland to the United Nations. The event was watched around the world via a live webcast.

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. The Center seeks to enhance the understanding of international law and the ways that it can be applied in social justice work in the U.S.



Center Executive Director Hadar Harris addresses Congressional staff and interns during the second annual Congressional Human Rights Summer Lecture Series with the Tom Lantos Commission.

CENTER HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER LECTURE SERIES WITH TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Center, in collaboration with the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the United States House of Representatives, held a series of three successful educational briefings on basic issues in human rights and humanitarian law for Congressional staff and interns over the summer. Attendance exceeded capacity for each session. Center Executive Director **Hadar Harris** spoke at the first session in June, providing an introduction to human rights law. WCL Prof. **Rick Wilson** spoke about intersections of human rights and international humanitarian law in July. WCL Prof. **Diane Orentlicher** provided an introduction to international criminal law at the final session in August. The series is part of an ongoing initiative to educate key lawmakers and their staff on relevant human rights-related issues. Over eighty Congressional offices and NGOs participated in the lecture series.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN CENTER WEBINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2013 US SUPREME COURT TERM

On July 9, the Center, in collaboration with the American Society of International Law (ASIL), hosted an online webinar

analyzing the human rights implications of key decisions of the US Supreme Court's 2013 term. Moderated by Local Human Rights Lawyering Project Director **Lauren Bartlett**, the webinar drew participants from over ninety remote locations around the world. The discussion included presentations by WCL alum **David Gesspass** of the National Lawyers' Guild discussing *Shelby County, Alabama v. Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General et al.* (voting rights); Prof. **Constance de la Vega** of University of San Francisco School of Law discussing *Abigail Noel Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, et al.* (affirmative action); and WCL Prof. **Nancy Polikoff** discussing *Dennis Hollingsworth et al., v. Kristin M. Perry et al.* and *United States v. Windsor* (same-sex marriage).

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERING PROJECT CONDUCTS THREE REGIONAL TRAININGS TO NORMALIZE HUMAN RIGHTS IN LOCAL DOMESTIC LEGAL AID PRACTICE

Over the summer, the Local Human Rights Lawyering Project conducted three regional trainings—in New York City, Irvine, California and Miami, Florida—for dozens of legal aid attorneys and public defenders. The trainings encouraged legal aid attorneys to integrate human rights arguments into advocacy before judges and policy makers, as well as to integrate human rights principles into the

client-lawyer relationship and into their organizational decision-making systems. Center Local Human Rights Lawyering Project Director **Lauren E. Bartlett** facilitated various sessions during the trainings. Also participating at the various trainings were Center Executive Director **Hadar Harris**; Prof. **Martha Davis**, Northeastern University School of Law; **Risa Kaufman**, Executive Director of the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute; **Catherine Norris**, Staff Attorney at the NY Legal Aid Society; **Reena Shah**, Human Rights Project Director at Maryland Legal Aid; Prof. **David Kaye**, UC Irvine; attorneys **Paul Hoffman**, **Cathy Sweetser**, and **Melanie Partow**; Prof. **Caroline Bettinger-Lopez**, Practitioner-in-Residence **Kelleen Corrigan**, Prof. **Rebecca Sharpless**, Prof. **Stephen Schnably**, and Prof. **Jessica Carvahlo Morris** with the University of Miami School of Law, **Cathy Albisa**, Local Human Rights Lawyering Project Advisory Board member and Executive Director of the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI); and **Nelson Mock**, Human Rights Coordinator at Local Human Rights Lawyering Project Partner Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. The Local Human Rights Lawyering Project is supported by a grant from the **Ford Foundation**.

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERING PROJECT HOSTS FREE WEBINAR SERIES FOR LEGAL AID ATTORNEYS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

The Center's Local Human Rights Lawyering Project held a series of free online webinars for legal aid attorneys and public defenders in the United States. The webinars, which have been attended by hundreds of attorneys, have focused on such topics as an introduction to human rights law, international child abduction, disability rights, the right to housing, and how to bring a case before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The webinars were hosted by experts in each substantive area and are available for download, free of charge, at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERING PROJECT PUBLISHES UPDATED HANDBOOK FOR LEGAL AID ATTORNEYS

Project Director **Lauren E. Bartlett**, along with Local Human Rights Lawyering Advisory Board member **Kevin Cremin**, completed a newly-updated version of

Human Rights in the United States: A Handbook for Legal Aid Attorneys. This updated version contains a new section on disability rights, in addition to sections on the right to housing, freedom from domestic violence, immigrant's rights, children's rights, family law issues, consumer law issues and more. The Handbook also provides basic Human Rights 101 information and guidance on strategy. It is a key resource for legal aid attorneys in the US and has been downloaded by hundreds of legal aid attorneys across the country. It is available at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN BUSINESS

The Center's Initiative for 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. The Initiative consists of two core projects in development: Accountability for the Security Sector in Risk Environments (ASSURE) and the Financial Humanity Project (FHP). ASSURE seeks to foster rights respecting behavior by private military and security companies through strategic engagement with industry leaders and key stakeholders. FHP strives to improve access to affordable food to those at greatest risk of hunger resulting from uncontrolled speculation in global commodity investments.

INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN BUSINESS HOSTS CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

On September 16th, the IHRIB hosted the **North American Civil Society Mechanism of the Committee on Global Food Security (CFS) of the UN Food & Agriculture Organization**. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Zero Draft of the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment, which is under consideration at the CFS 40th Plenary in Rome in mid-October. More than thirty NGOs and IGOs participated in the event with live web-based participation by people from around the world.

CENTER BECOMES FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ASSOCIATION

The Center, represented by the Initiative for Human Rights in Business,

was accepted as a founding member of the civil society pillar of the Code of Conduct Association, which provides oversight on the implementation of the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers. The Code seeks to ensure that security providers respect human rights and humanitarian law throughout their operations in complex environments. IHRIB Co-Director **Dr. Rebecca DeWinter-Schmitt** attended the launch conference of the ICOC Association in Geneva in September.

INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN BUSINESS PARTICIPATES IN THE MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL CENTER'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

IHRIB took part in the Meridian International Center's Global Leadership Institute. IHRIB Co-Director **John Richardson** spoke before the Institute about geopolitical risk and human rights. His talk was received by business leaders and corporate executives from around the world.

IHRIB HOLDS SIX-PART WEBINAR SERIES ON TRAINING PRIVATE AND MILITARY AND SECURITY COMPANIES TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Center's Initiative for Human Rights in Business, together with the **International NGO Safety and Security Association**, the **International Institute of Humanitarian Law**, and the **Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy**, held a series of six online workshops on the training of private military and security companies to promote compliance with international law by such companies, their personnel, and clients of the industry and effectively aid in managing risks that may lead to international humanitarian and human rights law violations. There was robust interactive participation from around the world and deep discussion about the need to create training standards and materials for PMSCs.

IHRIB CO-DIRECTOR JOHN RICHARDSON PARTICIPATES IN FARMLAND WORKING GROUP FOR UN PRI AND RAI CONSULTATION

On September 19th, IHRIB co-director **John Richardson** participated in a meeting of the Farmland Working Group, held by the **UN Principles for Responsible Investment**, to discuss a draft Guidance

of the Farmland Principles for PRI investors. The following day, he participated in the Responsible Agricultural Investment Consultation with the U.S. Government held at the U.S. Department of State.

PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Program on the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities seeks to build a bridge between the human rights and disability rights communities to expand and strengthen implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

CENTER WELCOMES SECOND COHORT OF DISABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWS

This August, the Center welcomed the second cohort of Disability and Human Rights Fellows from around the world: **Felecia Mburu** (Kenya), **Lucas Correa Montoya** (Colombia), **Rajendra Thapa** (Nepal), and **James Mwakazi** (Kenya). The four attorneys will engage in a specialized course of study focused on Disability and Human Rights as part of the International Legal Studies Program, hosted by the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law. The program is the first of its kind, focused on the implementation of the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and its integration into national and local law. The Program intends to provide disability rights advocates and lawyers with the necessary expertise to develop new legislation, jurisprudence, impact litigation, and scholarship, thereby taking advantage of the innovations and opportunities offered by the UNCRPD. It is funded by the **Open Society Foundations**.

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.

COLOMBIA-US HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM HOSTS TRAININGS IN THE US AND COLOMBIA FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, TEACHING PEDAGOGY AND LEGAL ENGLISH

The *Colombia-US Human Rights Teaching and Research Partnership*



WCL students participate in STTP Human Rights Teaching Fellows Program in collaboration with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights."

Program works with two universities in Cali, Colombia to build capacity for the teaching and study of human rights: **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali** and **Universidad Santiago de Cali**. In May and June, the Center hosted eight faculty members from the two Colombian law school partners for a five-week visit to participate in the Academy's Summer Program in Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and a specialized summer Legal English course developed and taught by ILSP Associate Director **Cathy Schenker**. The Center also held a specialized Legal English course in Cali, Colombia from November 18 to 21 for a select group of human rights students and faculty from the two universities. The course was developed and taught by Professor **Marleen Heindunne**. The second in a series of faculty training workshops was held December 9 to 12 in Cali. Center Human Rights Education Program Director **Melissa del Aguila** accompanied WCL Professors **Rick Wilson** and **Macarena Saez** to lead a three-day workshop for key human rights law faculty at Universidad Santiago de Cali and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali. This project is supported by a grant to the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law from USAID through **HED**.

CENTER PARTNERS WITH THE RFK CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO LAUNCH SECOND STTP HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Center, in collaboration with the **Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights**, launched the second *Speak Truth to Power (STTP) Human Rights Teaching Fellows Program* this fall to work with law students to become effective human rights educators and advocates. The program partners law students with local high school and middle school teachers and students to provide them with an opportunity to teach and learn about human rights using the RFK Center's innovative STTP human rights curriculum. The law fellows began teaching at the end of September, with placements at Woodrow Wilson High School, Green Acres School, and the after school POWER Program at United Planning Organization. The law students also participated in a one-semester seminar taught by Center Assistant Director **Melissa del Aguila**, focused on how to effectively communicate and advocate for human rights in a variety of settings and with a variety of audiences.

WCL STUDENT INITIATIVES

CENTER LAUNCHES FOURTH ANNUAL IHL STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION, CO-SPONSORED WITH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ASIL)

The Center has once again partnered with the **American Society of International Law's Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict (ASIL)** to launch the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Student Writing Competition. The Competition seeks submissions of academic papers from around the world. This year, the Competition will be based on a theme: adapting IHL to emerging technology. The purpose of the Competition is to enhance scholarship and deepen understanding among students in this important area of international law. The winning authors will receive a one-year ASIL student membership and will present their papers at a Virtual Online Conference in discussion with a panel of expert professors and practitioners to be held in Spring 2014. The Competition is being promoted widely to law schools throughout the country and a variety of human rights related networks. Last year, the Competition received over 40 submissions from 13 different countries. Deadline for submissions is February 16, 2014.

HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES BRINGS TOGETHER FILMMAKERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS TO FULL CAPACITY HOUSES

Each fall, the Center partners with the American University Center for Media & Social Impact to host the annual Human Rights Film Series, currently in its fourteenth year. The series seeks to educate the AU and greater Washington, DC community on human rights issues while showcasing the power of film as an effective tool in promoting human rights awareness. Four exceptional documentary films were screened over four weeks to near capacity houses in the over 200-seat Katzen Arts Center. The films in the 2013 series were: *Dirty Wars* (October 3), *Valentine Road* (October 10), *Gideon's Army* (October 17), and *The Act of Killing* (October 24). The filmmaker and human rights experts discussed the film and its underlying issues with the audience following each screening.

CENTER PROVIDES SERIES OF INTRODUCTORY LECTURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND NEW HUMAN RIGHTS BOOT CAMP TO WCL STUDENTS

The Center continued its popular *Munching on Human Rights* lunchtime lecture series, which is designed to provide first-year law students with a "taste" of international human rights law. The series was kicked off with "Human Rights 101: A Crash Course," led by Center Executive Director **Hadar Harris**. The second event of the series was "Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights," led by Center Co-Director **Richard J. Wilson**. The final event of the series was "An Introduction to International Criminal Law," with Center Co-Director **Diane Orentlicher**. In addition, the Center's Student Advisory Board organized a first-time **Human Rights Boot Camp**, an intensive day-long interactive training to provide a deeper introduction into human rights and humanitarian law issues. Nearly thirty students spent a Saturday in September participating in this new training.

HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOURS BRING STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND PRACTITIONERS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS PRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

The Center held a series of *Human Rights Coffee Hours*, providing a forum

for human rights students, faculty, and practitioners to discuss the most pressing human rights issues in the news. Fall 2013 coffee hours included "*Syria and the Responsibility to Protect*," a conversation led by Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights **Elizabeth Abi-Mershed**, "*Statelessness in the Dominican Republic*," led by National Day Laborer Organizing Network National Coordinator **Salvador G. Sarmiento**, and "*Counterterrorism and Targeted Killings*," led by American University School of International Service Professor **Jeffery Bachman**.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS BRING HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS TO WCL

The Center hosted a variety of panel discussions featuring human rights experts from around the world. These experts addressed a range of topics ranging from transitional justice in Northern Ireland to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, the human rights implications of psychiatric diagnosis, and LGBTI rights in El Salvador. In addition, the Center hosted three high profile human rights defenders to talk about their life and work.

Webcasts and podcasts of all Center events are available for free download at www.WCLCenterforHR.org.



Center Executive Director Hadar Harris, Peter Kissel, Niall Murphy, and WCL Professor Diane Orentlicher hold a panel entitled "Accountability, Transnational Justice, and the Case of Northern Ireland."

FACULTY UPDATES

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 (UNCAT) and in May 2013, he was elected chairperson of the ten United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies. He serves on the board of directors for the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights (RFK Center) and on the RFK Center's judging panel for the RFK Human Rights Award. Dean Grossman also serves on the Scientific Board of the European Journal of Human Rights, and the Editorial Board of the International Law Department of the Universidad de Chile Law School.

Between May and September 2013 Dean Grossman served as a member of the Honorary Committee for the Charles Horman Truth Foundation's "Tribute to Justice" event. In June, the Dean presented as an international expert and working group participant at the International Expert Conference on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. The Dean was also the keynote speaker in August for the International Congress on Criminal Law at the University of Buenos Aires Law School in Argentina. The following month he spoke at the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law faculty workshop on The Importance and Role of Internationalization in the Modern Law School Environment. In October, Dean Grossman addressed the United Nations General Assembly in his capacity as UN CAT chairperson, and participated as a panelist in a UN GA 68th session side event on Reviewing the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (SMR): Preventing Torture and Ill-Treatment.

Robert Goldman is Louis C. James Scholar and Professor of Law at Washington College of Law. He also serves as Co-Director for the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and is a faculty director of the War Crimes Research Office. From 1996 to 2004, he was a member of the Organization of American States' Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and its president in 1999. From July 2004 to July 2005, Goldman

was the UN Human Rights Commission's Independent Expert on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. Recently, professor Goldman published an article entitled "Extraterritorial Application of the Rights to Life and Personal Liberty, including Habeas Corpus, During Situations of Armed Conflict" in *Counter-Terrorism Strategies in a Fragmented International Legal Order: Meeting the Challenges*.

Claudia Martin is Co-Director of American University Washington College of Law Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Professorial Lecturer in Residence. On May 24, 2013, Professor Martin participated as a Judge in the Honor Panel that judged the final round of the Inter-American Moot Court Competition, held at the American University Washington College of Law. As part of the competition, Professor Martin lectured by teleconference to students and faculty of the Law School of Universidad Iberoamericana of the Dominican Republic on *The Inter-American Court of Human Rights 35 years after Its Creation: Achievements and Challenges*.

In June 2013, Professor Martin co-taught Inter-American Human Rights Law during the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Additionally, she moderated the panel *The Case of Artavia vs. Costa Rica and its Impact for the Protection of Reproductive Rights in the Americas* during the Academy's Human Rights Month. On June 27-28, 2013 she participated on a workshop on Comparative Human Rights Systems in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she presented on *Access to Regional Courts and Commissions, Procedures of Access and Exhaustion of Domestic Remedies, and the Profile of Applicants before these Institutions*. The workshop was jointly organized by iCourts, University of Copenhagen, University of Pretoria, and University College London. During July 2013, she co-taught *Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: Practical Challenges* and *The International Labor Organization Decent Work Agenda* at the American University WCL International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy Program in Geneva, Switzerland.

On October 28, 2013, Professor Martin spoke on a panel entitled "Domestic courts

and the 'Rule of Law at the International Level'" at the meeting of Legal Advisors of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State Members to the United Nations, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. On October 29, 2013, she 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."

Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón is a Professorial Lecturer in Residence and Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at WCL. Additionally, he is also a correspondent for the British periodical *Butterworths Human Rights Cases*, covering the Americas, and for the *Netherlands Human Rights Quarterly* covering the Inter-American System. He served as *Ad Hoc* Judge in the Inter-American Court on Human Rights between 2007 and 2011 and has worked litigating cases before the Inter-American and United Nations system, as well as providing advise to international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and governments.

Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón recently published "Precautionary Measures issued by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights" (with Clara Burbano Herrera) in *Preventing Violations of Human Rights: Are Urgent, Interim or Provisional Measures an Adequate Tool in Human Rights Litigation*. In August 2013 he taught the course *The Inter-American Human Rights System* in the Åbo Akademi Institute for Human Rights in Turku, Finland. In June 2013, he participated as moderator in the panel "The Inter-American System and the Debate on Reform" as part of the Human Rights Month organized by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC. In addition to co-teaching courses on *Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law: New Challenges* and *The International Labor Organization Decent Work Agenda* in Geneva, Switzerland for American University's program on International Organizations, he also lectured in the *Public Forum for judges and magistrates*

of the Supreme Court of Guatemala organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Guatemala and presented on *La Interacción del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos con los Sistemas Nacionales* (The Interaction of the Inter-American Human Rights System with Domestic Law). Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón taught the course *Inter-American Human Rights Law* in the human rights summer program of the Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian law at China University of Political Science and Law, in Beijing, China during July.

Juan E. Méndez has been a Visiting Professor at WCL since 2010 and has acted as the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SRT) since his appointment by the Secretary General of the United Nations in 2010. Professor Méndez has dedicated his career to defending human rights around the world and has a long and distinguished record of advocacy. In 2009 he was the President of the International Center for Transitional Justice in 2009 and 2010 he was the Special Advisor on Prevention to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. In 2010 and 2011 he was also the Co-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association. He is currently a Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law where he oversees his project, the Anti-Torture Initiative (ATI). In June 2013, the SRT and the Center launched the Anti-Torture Initiative's website (www.antitorture.org) and its social media tools as a way of supporting the SRT's work through outreach and advocacy and to provide the human rights community with an updated compilation of news and information on anti-torture work around the world.

In July, jointly with the ATI, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations at the University of Oxford, the SRT organized and hosted an expert meeting on the revision of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners (SMRs) and their relation to the prohibition of torture, which would be the topic of the SRT's thematic report. In October, the SRT presented this thematic report on the revision of SMRs to the 68th Session of the UN

General Assembly. The report provides much-needed guidelines on making the SMRs more effective in protecting the rights of persons deprived of liberty and more reflective of the latest developments in international human rights law. Later that day, the SRT joined numerous distinguished panelists including Dean Claudio Grossman, Chair of the Committee against Torture, and Mr. Malcom Evans, the Chair of the Sub-Committee for the Prevention of Torture, in a side-event concerning the SMR report and the next steps in the review process.

Additionally, in October, the SRT discussed the situation of detainees in Guantanamo before an Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in a closed expert hearing in Washington DC. Later that month, the SRT testified as an expert at the Commission's public hearing on the conditions of Guantanamo's detention centers. In early November, the SRT embarked on a weeklong visit to Ghana to inspect the country's various detention centers and to recommend measures to end or minimize incidents of torture and ill-treatment in detention settings. The SRT will discuss his official findings in a country report that he will present at the next session of the Human Rights Council in March 2014.

Macarena Saez is a Fellow in the International Legal Studies Program and teaches at WCL in the areas of Family Law, Comparative Law, and International Human Rights. Her main areas of research are gender discrimination in Latin America, and comparative family law. Professor Sáez is also the Faculty Director of WCL's Impact Litigation Project.

On November 11, the Supreme Court of Mexico invited Professor Saez to present the new Protocol to decide cases with a gender perspective, issued by its Gender Unit, to judges and clerks in the State of Yucatan in Mexico. Professor Saez conducted a workshop on how to decide cases with a gender perspective using the Protocol.

On October 23, the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and the Center for Reproductive Rights organized a book launch in Puerto Rico of the book *Gender and Sexuality in Latin America: Cases and Decisions*, edited by Professor Saez and Cristina Motta.

Brenda V. Smith is a Professor of Law at WCL where she teaches in the Community and Economic Development Clinic and is the Director of the Project on Addressing Prison Rape. Nancy Pelosi named Professor Smith, an expert and advocate for individuals in custody, to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. Currently on sabbatical, Professor Smith has been traveling around the country conducting training and doing presenting on the intersection of gender, crime and sexuality.

This September, Professor Smith spoke on a panel sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Section of Criminal Justice "Protecting the Incarcerated Client from Sexual Violence under the Prison Rape Act." The panel included the Hon. Bobby Scott, U.S. District Court Judge Reggie Walton, and Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice. Professor Smith participated in a webinar sponsored by The National Center for Youth in Custody titled "Putting It All Together: How Juvenile Facilities Can Create & Sustain Improved Conditions for Youth." Professor Smith also hosted a webinar in September on "The National PREA Standards: Confidentiality, Ethics and the Law." In addition to serving as an editor for *The Clinical Law Review* this semester, Professor Smith co-authored an article with Melissa Loomis, "After Dothard: Female Correctional Workers and the Challenge to Employment Law" in the *Florida International University Law Review*.

In November, Professor Smith was a panelist on "Innovative Use of Law & Policy to Protect the Rights of Youth in Custody" at the National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona. In connection with that presentation, Professor Smith authored *Frequently Asked Questions PREA Questions for Juvenile Defenders*. She also participated in the *Entrepreneurship and Re-Entry Forum* at the U.S. District Court where she lead an informational session, "Returning Citizens: Access to Legal Services to Assist in Re-Entry." Additionally, Professor Smith conducted the November trainer for the next group of national auditors who will be conducting examinations of federal, state and local custodial facilities to ensure compliance with the PREA Standards. Professor Smith will end the year in an "Author Meets

Critic” event at the Social Science History Association in Chicago where she will offer commentary on Beth E. Richie’s book, *Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence, and America’s Prison Nation*.

Susana SáCouto is a Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence at WCL, where she teaches courses on advanced topics in international criminal law and procedure, gender and human rights law, and international legal responses to conflict-based sexual and gender-based violence. She is also the Director of the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) and WCL’s Summer Law Program in The Hague.

In June, Professor SáCouto presented the findings and recommendations from the WCRO’s International Criminal Court (ICC) report on “Investigative Management, Strategies and Techniques of the ICC’s Office of the Prosecutor” at meeting of representatives of States Parties to the ICC in The Hague hosted by the Embassy of Serbia. In July, Professor SáCouto delivered a presentation entitled “A Closer Look at the Prosecution of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence by International Criminal Tribunals, as part of a panel on Examining the Incidence and Consequence of the Involvement of Female Staff and Female Inmates in Abuse in Prison: A Comparative Perspective,” part of the 33rd International Congress of Law and Mental Health in Amsterdam.

In mid-October, Professor SáCouto traveled to London for a Working Session on Domesticating Core ICC Crimes organized by the Planethood Foundation in conjunction with Middlesex University School of Law and to Phnom Penh for meetings with the Office of Co-Prosecutors of the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia and to observe closing arguments in Case 002 against the surviving senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge. In November, she discussed findings and recommendations from the WCRO’s ICC report on “Regulation 55 and the Rights of the Accused at the ICC” at side event of the Twelfth Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC in The Hague, an event co-hosted by the Embassy of Serbia and the International Bar Association. Recent publications include: *Perspectives on Crimes of Sexual Violence in International Law*, 19 ILSA J. INT’L AND COMP. L. 263-275 (Spring 2013) and *The Adjudication Process and Reasoning at the*

International Criminal Court: the Lubanga Trial Chamber Judgment, Sentencing, and Reparations, in HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY, 30 IUS GENTIUM: COMP. PERSP. ON L. & JUST. 131-155 (Yves Haeck & Eva Brems eds., 2014) (with Katherine Cleary).

Jennifer Daskal joined American University Washington College of Law (WCL) in 2013 as an Assistant Professor of Law. She teaches and writes in the fields of criminal law, national security law, and constitutional law. From 2009-2011, Daskal was counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the Department of Justice and served on the Secretary of Defense and Attorney General-led Detention Policy Task Force. Prior to joining DOJ, she was the senior counterterrorism counsel at Human Rights Watch, where, among other things, she served as an observer of military commissions at Guantanamo Bay. She also previously worked as a staff attorney for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia and clerked for the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff. She spent two years before joining WCL’s faculty as a national security law fellow and adjunct professor at Georgetown Law Center.

Professor Daskal is a graduate of Brown University, Harvard Law School, and Cambridge University, where she was a Marshall Scholar. Recent publications include *The Geography of the Battlefield: A Framework for Detention and Targeting Outside the ‘Hot’ Conflict Zone*, 171 Penn. L. Rev. 1165 (2013), *Hamdan v. United States: A Death Knell for Military Commissions?*, 11 J. Int’l Crim. L. 865 (2013), and *Pre-Crime Restraints: The Explosion of Targeted, Non-Custodial Prevention*, 99 Cornell L. Rev. — (forthcoming 2014). Professor Daskal has published op-eds in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *L.A. Times*, and *Salon.com*, and she has appeared on BBC, C-Span, CNN, MSNBC, and NPR, among other media outlets. In October, she spoke at the 23rd Annual ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security Annual Review of the Field Conference in Washington, D.C. on a panel titled “After the AUMF” – debating possible statutory reforms to the 2001 Authorization to Use Military Force. Professor Daskal also recently participated in a panel discussion on the future of military commissions at WCL. She is

Founding Editor of the recently launched Just Security blog and recently joined the editorial board of the *Journal for National Security Law and Policy*.

Diane Orentlicher is a Professor of International Law at WCL specializing 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 early 2013, a chapter by Professor Orentlicher, “Transitional Justice: Views of the Epistemic Community,” was published in *Forum IV* by the Humanitarian Law Center. More recently she published two articles, “Review Essay: From Viability to Impact: Evolving Metrics for Assessing the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia” in the *International Journal of Transitional Justice* and “Owning Justice and Reckoning with its Complexity” in the *International Journal of Criminal Justice*. In September 2013, Professor Orentlicher published an Op-Ed piece in *Reuters* entitled “Seeking Justice for Syrians.”

In August 2013, Professor Orentlicher gave a talk at the U.S. Capitol entitled “An Introduction to International Criminal Law” as a part of the Congressional Human Rights Summer Lecture Series co-sponsored by the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Washington College of Law. On September 4, 2013, Professor Orentlicher was a guest on the Kojo Nnamdi radio show on WAMU, the local NPR affiliate, discussing legal issues surrounding the U.S. response to the chemical weapons attack in Syria. On May 14, 2013, NPR’s “Talk of the Nation” interviewed Professor Orentlicher on the genocide conviction of the former Guatemalan leader, Rios Montt.

Professor Orentlicher was a panelist in The Aspen Institute Justice and Society Program’s November 2013 workshop, “Trying Atrocity Crimes: The Khmer Rouge Trials, Transitional Justice, and the Rule of Law.” Professor Orentlicher was also a panelist at a conference on Human Rights Fact-Finding, sponsored by the NYU Law School Center for Human Rights and Global Justice. **HRB**

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