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Grossman Appointed Dean of WCL

On April 10, 1995, American University President Benjamin Ladner announced the appointment of Claudio Grossman as the new dean of the Washington College of Law, effective July 1, 1995. Grossman, currently dean of graduate studies and a co-director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at WCL, is also a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The co-directors of the Center and the staff of *The Brief* extend their congratulations to Dean Grossman and wish him success in his new position.



WCL Dean Claudio Grossman opens Humanitarian Law Conference at The American University

Gabriel Eckstein

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

by Karen Graziano & Frank De Pasquale

Upendra Baxi, visiting professor of law from the University of New Delhi in India, took part in an international conference of experts in January 1995 at The Human Rights Center, in Utrecht, The Netherlands, to draft an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Also in January, Baxi attended NGO sessions with the Preparatory Committee for the UN Social Summit, and in March 1995, he participated in the U.N. Social Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Tom Farer, Director of the J.D./M.A. Joint Degree Program in Law and International Affairs, participated in a symposium on migration problems and American foreign policy organized by the American Assembly at Columbia University in the fall of 1994. His contribution, entitled "How the International System Copes with Involuntary Migration," was published in the winter issue of *Human Rights Quarterly*. In March 1995, Farer delivered lectures on North-South relations at the University of Nanterre, France.

Claudio Grossman, Dean of Graduate Studies, represented the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights in December 1994 on an official mission to Guatemala to discuss human rights with the Guatemalan government. In January 1995, Grossman participated in an expert meeting on a possible optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Utrecht, The

Netherlands. In February, he was elected the First Vice-President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Robert Goldman, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, is working with Dr. Francis Deng, Representative of the UN Secretary General on Internally Displaced Persons, to develop legal principles for the protection of the internally displaced. In March of this year, he participated in the New York University-International Committee of the Red Cross seminar for diplomats; he plans to take part in similar programs during the upcoming summer in Bolivia and Europe. In April 1995, Goldman organized the Conference on International Humanitarian Law, held at The American University.

Mark Hager, Professor of Law, is teaching a new course at WCL with Lance Compa, an International Labor Rights Fund attorney, entitled "Worker Rights in the Global Economy," which addresses a range of issues on international labor law. Hager is also submitting an amicus brief in a case before the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals, arguing that the extraterritorial application of U.S. secondary boycott prohibitions violates the First Amendment right of free association for labor unions.

David Hunter, a senior environmental attorney at the Center for International Environmental Law and Adjunct Professor of Law at WCL, is working with groups in

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Herman Schwartz is coordinating a redistribution of slightly out-of-date law text books to the Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania Bulgaria and Slovakia, where non-communist text books are scarce. The project has been undertaken with the help of Little, Brown & Company, Anderson & Co., The Michie Co., and The Foundation Press, with financial support from the Open Society Foundation.

On January 8, 1995, Eric Rosenthal presented a paper on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) at the First National Conference on Ethics in Neurobiological Research with Human Subjects. From this paper, Rosenthal derived and published a critique of the United States report on compliance with the ICCPR, and presented the critique to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in March. The Committee responded favorably to the MDRI evaluation and found that United States law fails to provide adequate protections for psychiatric patients subject to potentially dangerous medical experimentation.

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India, Brazil and Bangladesh to bring resettlement and other claims before the recently-created World Bank Inspection Panel. In January 1995, Hunter prepared the environmental component of a report by the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights on the United States' compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Diane Orentlicher, Associate Professor of Law, spoke on impunity at an International Experts Conference on Historic and Contemporary Perspectives on International Criminal Justice hosted by the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in December 1994 in Siracusa, Italy. In February 1995, Orentlicher took part in an expert panel at WCL on the Yugoslavia War Crimes Tribunal, and in March 1995, she was interviewed regarding the Tribunal on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

Eric Rosenthal, Director of Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI), conducted fact-finding tours of psychiatric facilities in Hungary and the Czech Republic in February 1995. In March, Rosenthal spoke at Yale University's Schell Center for Human Rights International Symposium on the Rights of People With Mental Retardation, and brought three disability rights activists from Hungary to the United States for training. He also was recently invited to join the Human Rights Committee of the World Federation for Mental Health.

Herman Schwartz, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, served as a

member of the United States delegation to the 51st Session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva in February and March 1995. In March, Schwartz delivered an address on the place of economic and social rights in the new European constitutions at a conference in Krakow, Poland.

Rick Wilson, Director of the WCL International Human Law Rights Clinic, hosted members of the Croatian law faculty for skills training under a joint project of WCL and the American Bar Association's CEELI Program in October 1994. In November, Wilson helped to conduct a defense technique training program in San Francisco for Guatemalan lawyers practicing under Guatemala's new criminal procedure code, and participated in a panel on the first U.S. report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Index of Case Resolutions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

The American University Journal of International Law and Policy

The Index, found in the Fall 1994 issue of the Journal, is a comprehensive summary of all published case reports of the Commission. It is categorized by articles of the American Convention on Human Rights and the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man violated, as determined by Commission, as well as by subject-matter.

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