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## Center for International Legal Education

### From the Director

By Ronald A. Brand



Professor Charles Jalloh's International Criminal Law Seminar in Tanzania at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the creation of the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. It has been a wonderful journey so far, marked especially by students reaching for global experiences and intellectual achievements and colleagues dedicated to helping them to extend that reach. Indeed, it is not reputation, building, or endowment that make an educational institution great; it is the people with whom you share the experience of learning.

This issue of *CILE Notes* highlights those people, both professors and students, who have made Pitt Law a special place to pursue international opportunity. That opportunity truly reaches beyond the class-

room to internships, study abroad, special lectures, and unique relationships.

Our students have engaged in an impressive set of internships and study abroad initiatives over the past year. Our faculty members have worked hard to provide even more opportunities. With the work of Assistant Professor Charles Jalloh and CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist, Pitt Law has marked its place in the study and development of international criminal law. Our graduates (and current students) have contributed personally to the development of the law on a global basis. Our efforts to engage in legal education on a global basis have been both affirmed and confirmed.

Most importantly, our Master of Laws (LLM) Program for Foreign Law

Graduates—which is at the core of CILE activities—has proved its worth as something far more than an available degree. It truly is a *program* and not just a one-year stop in life for students. It provides both personal and professional opportunities for the LLM students, enriches the lives and educational experiences of our JD students, and connects us *for life* to each graduate in ways that leverage the one-year educational process into a continuum of educational development.

I invite you to explore, in the pages that follow, the ways in which our faculty members and graduates have used CILE and Pitt Law to provide students with special opportunities and the ways in which our students have taken advantage of those opportunities to make their three years at Pitt Law a special foundation for a productive future.

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## Pitt Students Experience Special Opportunities in International Criminal Law

The 2009–10 academic year saw a series of special programs and opportunities for Pitt Law students in international criminal law.

### U.S. War Crimes Ambassador Delivers Statement on International Criminal Justice

Stephen Rapp, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes, spoke at the law school on January 28, 2010, about “The Role of the United States in International Criminal Justice.” His talk was the first public statement of the Obama administration on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the level of involvement the administration planned to pursue both at the ICC and in international criminal matters in general. Following his lecture, students in Professor Charles Jalloh’s International Criminal Law Seminar joined Ambassador Rapp for lunch.



Ambassador Stephen Rapp (center) with (L to R) Professors Harry Flechtner and Charles Jalloh, Dean Mary Crossley, and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg

### Summer Internship at the ICTR

By Andrew Morgan, JD '11

Along with Holly Christie (JD '11), I spent two months this summer working with the Office of the Registrar at the ICTR in Arusha, Tanzania. The ICTR is an international court set up by the United Nations Security Council to prosecute those most responsible for the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. The registrar is charged with managing the operations of the tribunal; providing legal and judicial support services to the chambers and the prosecution; and communicating with individuals, organizations, countries, and other UN organizations on behalf of the tribunal.

I arrived in Arusha shortly after the arrest of ICTR defense counsel Peter Erlinder by Rwandan authorities on charges of denying the 1994 genocide. Working with the UN Office of Legal Affairs in New York, we reviewed the publications, public statements, and court records that were being used by the Rwandan prosecutor general to support the charges, in order to determine

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### Chief Prosecutor Justice Hassan Jallow Speaks on UNICTR Challenges

On September 11, 2009, chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) Justice Hassan Jallow spoke at the law school on “The Contribution of the Rwanda Tribunal to International Law and the Challenges of Completion: The Prosecutor’s Perspective.” Following the lecture, Justice Jallow met with students at an informal reception.



ICTR Chief Prosecutor Justice Hassan Jallow with Pitt Law students



## Internship *continued*

the degree to which UN immunities would attach to a member of the independent Defence Counsel Association.

One constant challenge for the ICTR has been finding a permanent home for those accused of genocide who have been acquitted by the tribunal. The UN provides accommodations for the acquitted persons in Arusha pending their placement, but this is not a permanent solution. As they have been credibly accused of participating in the 1994 genocide, the acquitted persons feel that they would be unable to safely return to Rwanda. Finally, there are rules prohibiting countries from extending refugee status to those charged with genocide (leaving aside the fact that they've been acquitted of the crime). We reviewed the bases for the acquittals in search of an exemplary candidate for reconsidering the refugee rules; drafted correspondence to the UN Human Rights Commission, the UN Office of Legal Affairs, and the Rwandan prosecutor general; and advised the registrar on how to respond to visa, asylum, and immigration requests made by the acquitted persons.

My experience with the ICTR has shown me the wide array of roles that make international courts possible, beyond those of the judges and the prosecutors. The tribunal is a multinational, multiethnic, multilingual, and multidisciplinary body and requires careful attention and hard work to ensure that the court functions smoothly. Moreover, living in Arusha is an excellent excuse to learn Swahili, drink Maasai blood milk, look at animals that could eat you for lunch, and eat most of your own meals without the benefit of silverware.

## Students Spend Spring Break at the UN Tribunal in Tanzania



Evelyn Kamau (LLM '02) (front right) joins Professor Charles Jalloh's class during their visit to her workplace, the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

After his visit to Pitt Law, Justice Hassan Jalloh, chief prosecutor at the ICTR, arranged with Professor Charles Jalloh and Pitt Law graduate Evelyn Kamau (LLM '02), now at the ICTR, for 11 students in Professor Jalloh's International Criminal Law Seminar to visit the ICTR in Arusha, Tanzania. While there, the students visited various departments at the tribunal, observed court proceedings, and spoke personally with Justice Jalloh. The students also had the chance to observe the East African Community, a regional organization dealing with economic and security issues for eastern African nations.

## CILE and Global Solutions Education Fund-Pittsburgh Create First International Criminal Court High School Moot Competition

On April 9, 2010, CILE assisted Global Solutions Education Fund-Pittsburgh in founding the first Moot International Criminal Court program for high school students in the United States. The program put high school students in the role of appellate attorneys arguing a hypothetical case in front of the International Criminal Court. Students were provided with a set of facts, a hypothetical problem, and the relevant legal research, all prepared by CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist. They then developed a legal argument, wrote legal memorials, and presented their arguments in front of a panel of judges. Global Solutions Executive Director Daniel Giovannelli (JD '08) arranged training sessions for high school teachers and coaches to give students the skills they needed to compete. Students were scored on the quality of their written memorial as well as their oral arguments. Pitt Law students served as volunteer judges for the competition.

Given the enthusiastic response from the high school students, teachers, and coaches, and the Pitt Law students involved as judges, CILE and Global Solutions Pittsburgh are planning to expand the program. The 2011 competition problem will be created by the winner of a writing contest open to all Pitt Law students. The contest will include a cash prize as well as a seat on the final round judges panel.



CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist (center), Andrew Morgan (JD '11) (left), and Steven Salas (JD '11) (right) serve as judges in the first ICC high school moot competition.



## FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNTS: The Kosovo Opinion

Pitt Law Graduate and Student Experience ICJ Opinion Results Firsthand



Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05) (right) with the Kosovo legal team on their way out of the Peace Palace in The Hague after the announcement of the Advisory Opinion

### Representing Kosovo before the International Court of Justice

By Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05, JSD Candidate), Chief of Staff  
and Senior Advisor on Legal and International Affairs  
to the President of Kosovo

On July 22, 2010, at about 2:30 p.m., along with a few other members of the Kosovo delegation, I approached the gates of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. The guards asked for the green badges that had been prepared for the delegations, and we showed them. Our badge said: Authors of Kosovo's Declaration of Independence. As we walked through the yard of the court, hundreds of journalists from around the world surrounded us, taking countless pictures and asking too many questions all at the same time. The interest was enormous; the world court was publishing its opinion on whether Kosovo's Declaration of Independence violated international law. At that moment, I recalled that just a little more than a decade ago, I, just like all Kosovo Albanians, did not have the

right to education. Going to school meant risking our lives. Not too long ago, just thinking of becoming a lawyer seemed like an impossible dream. But on July 22, 2010, I was a member of the legal team representing my country before the International Court of Justice.

Once we entered the court, delegations from all around the world approached us to wish us the best of luck. We felt blessed to once again be reassured of the support of the democratic nations around the globe for our cause. As we sat to wait for the 15 judges of the world's highest judicial institution, I was thinking about the many people who had told me that being at the International Court of Justice is the peak of any lawyer's career. It was the top of the top. No lawyer could wish for more. Indeed, looking at

the courtroom architecture alone gives you that feeling. And probably this is what most lawyers would feel at that moment: the pride of representing a party in the world's highest court. But for me, as a member of the Kosovo delegation, it was a different feeling. We were not there to represent just any party. We were there representing the right of the people of Kosovo to live in freedom and independence, and we were conscious that the eyes and hearts of more than 2 million Kosovars were with us during those moments.

The president of the International Court of Justice read the court's explicit and clear opinion. It concluded that "the adoption of the Declaration of Independence of 17 February 2008 did not violate general international law, Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) or the Constitutional Framework. Consequently the adoption of that declaration did not violate any applicable rule of international law." It also confirmed our position that "the authors of the Declaration of Independence ... acted together in their capacity as representatives of the people of Kosovo." The court agreed with us on all counts. While it is easy to explain what I felt at that moment as a lawyer, it is impossible to explain what I felt as a Kosovar.

As we were leaving the courtroom, the countless messages that arrived from all over the world included the words: "Congratulations. You have worked so hard on this." I had indeed spent immeasurable hours of work for almost two years to prepare the arguments of Kosovo for the advisory proceedings, but the first thing that came to my mind at that moment was a saying that shaped the future of another freedom-loving country, the United States, which stood by Kosovo at all times: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

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## Kosovo's Independence: A Ground-Floor Perspective

By Amelia Mathias, Class of 2011

At 3 p.m. Kosovo time on July 22, 2010, the International Court of Justice read out its advisory judgment that Kosovo's Declaration of Independence was not contrary to international law. The vote was 10 to 4 with one abstention, and the countries who voted against included such judicial luminaries as Russia, China, and Venezuela.

I was watching the judgment, overlaid in Albanian, on the eighth floor of the government building, surrounded by everyone in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) who hadn't fled the heat of Prishtina for a beach in Montenegro or Albania. The entire room went crazy—those who were not calling ambassadors in Riyadh and Canberra were spraying those on the phone with champagne.

This opinion, which had stalled many states from recognizing Kosovo until the decision came down, will help Kosovo gain entrance into the United Nations. It will help Kosovo to be recognized by more countries, gain more foreign investment, and hopefully open state-to-state talks with Serbia.

But as excited as my colleagues at the MFA were, for most of the rest of Prishtina, it was just another Thursday. After we had sprayed all the champagne we could, we stood by the windows on the eighth floor, puzzled, as to why no masses of people took to the streets to celebrate. There were some cars honking, and some people waving Kosovo flags, but mostly it was just another Thursday.

When we went out that night with the MFA, we celebrated our victory, but



Amelia Mathias (JD '11) (left) with the Heinz Ketchup Society of Prishtina

again, we were the only people celebrating. Though the decision was a good one for Kosovo, and though an adverse decision could have been disastrous for this fledgling state, the decision itself changes very little about the internal affairs of Kosovo. A vote in the General Assembly doesn't change the unemployment rate. A letter of recognition from Burundi doesn't halt rampant corruption. The decision of 15 people in black robes in The Hague doesn't solve the problem of 120,000 angry Serbs living across the Ibar River in Mitrovica. In fact, it compounds it.

Kosovo has a bright future, which is only enhanced by the ICJ opinion. There is still much work to be done, but with a young population and the desire to prove themselves, Kosovo is one step further on its way.

### Representing Kosovo

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This quote from President Kennedy embodies what the people of Kosovo feel, and they have expressed this through their elected representatives and in the Declaration of Independence. The International Court of Justice agreed with the people of Kosovo: the Declaration of Independence of 17 February 2008 did not violate international law. For most lawyers around the world involved in such a case, a favorable decision in the ICJ could be described as the best moment in their career, but for this lawyer from Kosovo, it can only be described as the best moment of my life.



## FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNTS: Summer Experiences

The following first-person accounts provide representative samples of the experiences of Pitt Law students during summer 2010.

### Italy, Art Crime, and a Good Summer

By Torry Hullum, Class of 2012

I left Pittsburgh on May 24 without a clue as to what, or even who, would greet me in Rome. After a two-hour drive north from the Rome airport with a fellow U.S. intern, we arrived in Amelia, Italy—a small yet diverse town of about 8,000 residents. Amelia is famous both for being one of the longest continually occupied towns in Italy and for being home to Italy’s oldest residents. My experience in Italy was an eye-opening mix of sightseeing and legal research, exploration, and discovery.

The Association for Research into

Crimes Against Art (ARCA) is an international nonprofit think tank and consultancy organization. ARCA works to curb art crime by educating cultural heritage professionals and advocating for more effective security methods to protect art and antiquities. With other legal interns, I was given background information on how survivors of the Holocaust filed claims to recover their stolen property taken by the Gestapo. After this initial introduction, the six of us were tasked with determining how American museums could more effectively mirror other coun-

tries’ strict acquisition policies in order to prevent stolen works from being owned by museums instead of being returned to their rightful owners.

My internship helped build my confidence in legal research, broaden my understanding of topics related to art law, and increase my interest in public interest law. More importantly, the entire experience made me appreciate individual rights and acknowledge the freedoms I have and those that were stripped away from so many others.

### Canadian Mining and the Social Justice Committee

By Megan McKee, Class of 2012

In May, I began working for the Social Justice Committee (SJC) of Montreal as a corporate accountability intern. The SJC is an independent human rights organization that promotes education and advocacy in areas of global poverty and inequality. With respect to corporate accountability, the SJC is particularly involved with the Canadian mining sector and its activities in Central America. Through working with the SJC, I was not only exposed to domestic Canadian law governing mining and extractive companies but also to international agreements such as the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the International Labor Organization-Convention 169 concerning indigenous rights, and the role of both of these in the legal systems of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

Canada is home to more than 75 percent of the world’s largest mining and extraction companies. However, the existing mechanisms to ensure that these corporations, which receive support from the government of Canada, act in compliance with international environmental best practices and with Canada’s commitments to human rights are toothless at best and non-existent at worst. The SJC is currently advocating for passage of Bill C-300. This private member’s bill, presently before the Canadian Parliament, seeks to create a mechanism that would allow for the filing of complaints against Canadian extractive companies operating in developing countries if the companies are believed not to be in compliance with agreed upon international environmental and human rights standards. Through working

with the SJC to advocate for this bill, I increased my understanding of the current legal reality and the process through which to change it.

The SJC also works in solidarity with human rights organizations in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Through communicating with these groups, I gained a better impression of the overall human rights situation and the impact of Canadian mining on it.

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## Language Study and an Amicus Brief in Baku

By Sarah Paulsworth, Class of 2012

This summer I worked as resident director in the Critical Languages Scholarship (CLS) Program in Baku, Azerbaijan (Azerbaijani Language Program). CLS is an intensive summer language and cultural immersion program intended to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering “critical need” foreign languages. The program is an initiative of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers and the American Councils for International Education. In this capacity, I oversaw program finances; wrote program and financial reports; served as liaison between

Washington, D.C., staff and program partners in Azerbaijan; advised CLS participants on cultural assimilation and second-language acquisition and safety; and enforced program rules and regulations.

While in Baku, I also independently researched and composed a Third-Party Intervention (amicus brief) on the case of imprisoned Azeri journalist Eynulla Fatullayev, which will be delivered to the European Court of Human Rights in early September. Fatullayev, who previously ran the *Realny Azerbaijan* and *Gundalik Azerbaijan* newspapers, is an outspoken critic of the Azeri government who has been imprisoned on various charges since April 2007. He is internationally recog-

nized as a prisoner of conscience. The Third Party Intervention examines persecution against Fatullayev including a new criminal conviction for possession of drugs. This conviction threatens to keep Fatullayev in prison, despite a European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) decision of 22 April 2010 that Azerbaijan “shall secure the applicant’s immediate release.” Additionally, the Third Party Intervention addresses the ECHR’s ability to issue a decision calling for Azerbaijan to secure Fatullayev’s immediate release and Azerbaijan’s obligation to execute the ECHR’s decision of 22 April 2010.

## Summer at the Max Planck Institute

By Andrew Vogeler, Class of 2012 and 2010 Nordenberg Fellow

I arrived at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, ready to get a lay of the land in issues of European jurisdiction and choice of law with regard to commercial transactions. In practice, private law on the international level has many layers to navigate, including international agreements, national law, and often subnational regional law. In addition, the European Union is somewhere in between: created out of conventions, but with certain competencies akin to a national state.

Of course studying the law in Europe is somewhat different than in the United States because of the long-term structural transformation of the legal and political systems within the European Union. I thus made it a priority to read overview texts and locate more in-depth articles on the changes in legal culture that correspond to the structural development.

In a conversation with Professor Jürgen Basedow, I was introduced to the Common Frame of Reference (CFR) and the ongoing projects designed to build a foundation for harmonization of European contract law. I decided the CFR was a perfect

topic to focus the rest of my work because it represents a promising avenue for future Europeanization of a topic that is of prime importance to me and because it practically illustrates the challenges associated with navigating the layers of private law in Europe—an early theme of my project. The CFR inherently invokes arguments about the form future legal systems should take in Europe, which expresses much about how further harmonization efforts might proceed.

The remainder of my project consisted of familiarizing myself with the various working groups involved in the Joint Network on European Private Law, their projects, publications, goals, and how they fit into the broader project of developing the CFR. In particular, I looked at the Common Core Group, the Insurance Group, the Acquis Group, and the AHC-SLC Group. To supplement these sources, I also collected evaluative sources that comment on these projects and provide policy and empirical arguments for pursuing different options for harmonization, such as a European Civil Code or an Optional Instrument.

Beyond the scope of my own project, I

had the privilege of getting to know many researchers from all over the globe, which has greatly widened my understanding of various perspectives with regard to law, legal education, and culture among other things. I also attended Aktuelle Stunde meetings, which are weekly presentations and discussions led by scholars at the Institute on a topic of their research. These meetings addressed many issues and perspectives that have enriched the way I think about comparative law and gave me valuable experience engaging with professionals from other backgrounds.

Looking forward, I already have had the chance to begin applying the fruits of my project in new opportunities. For instance, I recently published an article in *JURIST*, an online legal news publication out of the University of Pittsburgh, relating my experience and some of my findings to a wider audience. I also will have a chance to apply my research in an upcoming paper I will write as part of a certificate program in West European Studies on the nexus between contract law harmonization and its economic implications for the development of the internal market.



## A Summer at the European Union Commission Legal Services

By Morgan Kronk, Class of 2011 and 2010 Nordenberg Fellow

As the Nordenberg fellow at the European Union Commission, I had the unique opportunity to gain, from inside experience, a greater understanding of the functioning of the European Union (EU). The Legal Service of the Commission is comparatively a blend of the attorney general's office and in-house counsel for the "executive" branch of the European Union. Two primary responsibilities of the Legal Service are to intervene as *amicus curiae* in preliminary question proceedings and pursue infringement actions. In preliminary question proceedings, member states pose questions on the implementation of EU law that arise in national cases to the European Court of Justice. In infringement proceedings, if the commission believes that a member state is not in compliance with an aspect of EU law, it may decide to pursue legal action and bring an infringement case before the European Court of Justice.

The Legal Service is divided into numerous teams that deal with specific aspects of EU law. As a new intern, I was assigned to SOC—the Employment and Social Affairs, Education and Culture, Health, and Consumer Protection team. In particular, I worked under the direction of Michel van Beek, who covered gender discrimination as well as general labor law. I drafted the opinion of the Commission for several preliminary question proceedings and for one infringement case and assisted in the preparation of oral arguments before several hearings. Union labor law is extremely interesting because the EU has some competency, but it is almost all through directives, which leave much of the discretion for implementation to the individual member state. This creates an interesting and active tension between the EU institutions and the member states.

I had the opportunity to visit the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg on two occasions during the summer. On the first visit, I was thrilled to discover that I could see the Court from my hotel window! I accompanied my advisor to one of his cases, which happened to be in front of the Grande Chambre, which means the hearing took place in front of 13 sitting justices rather than the more typical panel of three or five justices. Later, I traveled to Luxembourg with several other interns and attended a hearing before the General Court.

To be an American at the European Union institutions was an incredible experience. To directly study EU directives, analyze the jurisprudence, and personally see the tensions between the institutions and member states gave an invaluable depth to my study of international law.

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## Working for the President of Kosovo

By Anne Thibadeau, Class of 2011

This past summer, I interned with Korab Sejdiu, legal advisor to the president of Kosovo, and Vjosa Osmani, chief advisor to the president. The Kosovo government is still in transition in some respects, and this experience allowed me to work at the top level of the government, live in Kosovo prior to the International Court of Justice advisory opinion, observe and participate in state building efforts, and work on a constitutional case brought against the president.

The work in the president's office was uneven. Some assignments required working weekends and some days I could easily leave before four. The work also was not purely legal. It was largely oriented toward diplomacy and the political aspects surrounding the position of the president of Kosovo. On days when I was not writing a memo or reading over legislation, I was writing letters to various world leaders and trying to follow important world events.

I even had the opportunity to work on a speech given by the president.

When a case was filed against the president in the Constitutional Court, I was assigned to work on the reply and write a memo covering an interpretation of the constitutional provision implicated, using American cases and comparing wording used in other constitutions. The memo was complete and on my computer one Saturday evening, although I decided against sending it in because I wanted to reread and edit it with fresh eyes the next day.

To celebrate, my roommate and I went out to see *Robin Hood*, the only American movie option, with a daily showtime of 10 p.m. Upon our return, we found that a number of items, including my computer, had been stolen from our apartment. On Sunday, I went to the president's office and rewrote the memo.

The memo and apartment break-in story is illustrative of my time in Kosovo. It was

an amazing work experience. My roommate and I never stopped laughing and even joked about the method that the police used to look for fingerprints around the apartment. Getting through the basics each day seemed somehow more difficult than in the United States, but everything also felt more optimistic. And when things went wrong, such as frequent bouts of food poisoning, it frankly did not matter and certainly did not slow us down. I learned a lot from doing the memo, too, when Advisor Sejdiu spent an hour with me discussing persuasive writing.

Overall, the summer was fantastic. I was given the opportunity to discuss legal writing with someone who has devoted much of his professional career to writing persuasively. The work was once in a lifetime, and Kosovo is a truly unique place.





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## VIS MOOT-RELATED ACTIVITIES

CILE Continues Use of Vis Moot as Educational Platform

### Third CLDP Contract Allows CILE Support of Legal Education in the Arabian Peninsula

CILE partnered with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) for a third year to assist law schools in the Arabian Peninsula in developing and expanding their commercial law curriculum. As in past years, the program used the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (Vis Moot) as a catalyst for work in commercial law and arbitration. In 2009-10, the CLDP project added the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) to the group that includes the University of Bahrain (UB) and Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) in Oman.

Pitt Law JD students Marc Coda, Rick Grubb, and Kerry Ann Stare traveled with CILE Director and Professor Ronald A. Brand to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in October, where they provided training on international commercial law and arbitration and assisted the UAEU faculty in selecting students for their Vis Moot team. Upon their return, Coda, Grubb, and Stare each continued to work with one of the Gulf region Vis teams to develop their written submissions for the Vis Moot.

In February, the three JD students again accompanied Professor Brand to Al Ain, UAE, to assist the UAEU, UB, and SQU



Professor Brand, Kerry Ann Stare (JD '10), Rick Grubb (JD '10), and Marc Coda (JD '10) with members of the Vis teams from UAE, Oman, and Bahrain universities

teams in preparation for the oral presentations at the moot. Professor Teresa Brostoff joined the group later to teach the English for Lawyers course to a larger group of UAEU students. In March, Coda, Grubb, and Stare met their respective teams in Vienna, where they provided administrative and instructional assistance throughout the moot competition.

CILE's work with CLDP has resulted in the first Gulf region teams in the Vis Moot. While in Vienna, those teams joined the other students in the Pitt Vis Moot consortium, a collection of 10 universities from what is now seven countries (Bahrain, Kosovo, Oman, Serbia, Ukraine, the UAE, and the United States), that meet in Vienna several days before the Vis Moot competition started to engage in one last pre-moot competition. The

consortium has become an excellent tool for allowing competitors to work together and follow each other's progress throughout the Vis Moot. The 2010 consortium dinner, hosted by CILE, included more than 60 students, professors, and friends, proving that hard work can be accompanied by pleasant experiences.

As with most CILE programs, the CLDP partnership is geared to create a self-sustaining result in the targeted universities. CILE routinely recruits for both its U.S. Law & Language Program and its LLM Program from the Pitt Vis consortium. This year will see the addition of Qatar University to the CLDP program. Once again, the past year's Vis team members will have the opportunity to gain experience by training the CLDP partner universities, providing a unique experience that takes legal education out of the classroom and into the real world.

In 2011, this process will include the first all-Arab pre-moot, to be held in Bahrain in March 2011 prior to the April competition in Vienna.



Professor Brand and Kerry Ann Stare (JD '10) enjoy a traditional bedouin meal in the UAE while in that country to assist the UAE University team in preparing for the Vis Moot.



## Visiting Professors Add Diversity

In 2009–10, Pitt Law students benefited from a variety of courses by visiting professors designed to expand their access to international and comparative law. Courses included European Union Law, Comparative Conflict of Laws in Contractual and Non-contractual Obligations, Criminal Law Aspects of the European Court of Human Rights, and State Building and the Law: The Kosovo Experience.

In 2010–11, three courses will be offered in the fall: Professors Milena Đorđević and Vladimir Pavić, from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, and Professor Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi from the University of Bologna, Italy, will teach International Commercial Arbitration; Professor Marco Torsello from the University of Bologna will teach European Private Law: Comparative & European Contract Law; and Professor Matthias Grabmair, from Germany, will teach Public International Law Advocacy. In the spring, Professors Thomas Möllers and Volker Behr from the University of Augsburg, Germany, will teach European Union Law.



Milena Đorđević (LLM '02), now a lecturer with the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, teaches international commercial arbitration at Pitt in fall 2010.

## Croatia Summer Institute a Success

In July 2010, Pitt Law joined with the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law to launch a new summer law program in Croatia: The Institute of International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution. This four-week program,

taught by leaders in the field including Pitt Law Professors Ronald A. Brand and Harry Flechtner, provided a broad introduction to international business transactions followed by a focused examination of the laws governing international sales of goods and international commercial arbitration. After three weeks of doctrinal instruction, students developed and applied skills through a weeklong simulation of a dispute.

Ten Pitt Law students joined 21 other students from the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Croatia, India, Kosovo, Oman, and Tunisia for the inaugural program, with Professor Jack Graves of Touro serving as the program director. Many of these students will use this experience as preparation for participation in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. Mary Crossley, dean of Pitt's law school, said of the program, "Partnering with two fine law faculties to present this collaborative Croatian summer program gives Pitt Law and the Center for International Legal Education a wonderful opportunity to build on our established strength in the area of international sales law and our experience in coaching students who are competing in the Vis Moot competition."

## Pitt Vis Team Advances to 64-Team Final Rounds for Second Straight Year

The 2010 Pitt Law team of McKean Evans, Richard Kyle, Kristine Long, and Amelia Mathias joined students from 253 law schools from 62 countries in March 2010 to participate in the 18th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. For the second year in a row, the Pitt team advanced into the round of finals competition. Prior to the competition in Vienna, the team also participated in the University of Belgrade pre-moot competition and arbitration conference and engaged in informal practice arguments in Zagreb, Croatia, with the University of Zagreb and Touro Law Center.



(L to R) The Pitt Law 2010 Vis team: Richard Kyle (JD '11), Kristine Long (JD '11), McKean Evans (JD '10), Professor Harry Flechtner, Professor Ronald A. Brand, and Amelia Mathias (JD '11)

## LLM Class of 2011

**Kaltrina Ahmeti (Kosovo)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law in Prishtina, Kosovo, in 2008, where she is pursuing a master's degree and was a member of the 2008 Jessup and the 2010 Vis international moot teams. She was a project assistant at the Kosovo Law Center in 2007–08. In fall 2008, she was an International Connection fellow and graduate research assistant at Georgia State University College of Law, where she also interned at Insley & Race LLC. She worked most recently as a legal officer for the Liquidation Review Committee at the Privatization Agency of Kosovo. Ahmeti is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies.

**Abdullah Alaoudh (Saudi Arabia)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Al Qassim University in Buraydah, Saudi Arabia, in 2006. He studied in the master's degree program of comparative law at the International Islamic University in Malaysia in 2009 and completed the English as a Second Language Program at Duquesne University in 2010. Alaoudh has published articles in Arab newspapers on cultural matters, developmental projects in Islamic law, and critiques of current legal practice in Saudi Arabia.

**Prajitha Ganga (India)** received her bachelor's degrees in arts and law in 2001 and 2003 respectively, and a master's degree in law in 2005 from the University of Kerala,

India. She worked as an assistant attorney at the Trivandrum District Court in Kerala, where she handled civil and criminal legal issues from 2005 until 2009. She is a recipient of a CILE/Alcoa tuition fellowship.

**Anna Heatherington (Russia)** received her bachelor's degree in law and a certificate of foreign relations expertise with knowledge of foreign languages from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations University in 2000. She joined KPMG in Moscow as a legal advisor in 2000. In 2004, Heatherington moved to Italy to work for Pavia e Ansaldo in Milan as an associate. She received a certificate in Italian as a foreign language from the University for Foreigners in Siena, Italy, in December 2004. In 2006, she returned to Moscow to work as an in-house lawyer at Media-Market-Saturn.

**Shafiq Jamoos (Palestine)** received his bachelor's degree in law from An-Najah National University, Palestine, in 2010. He has worked as a program coordinator for the nonprofit organization Environment First and as a moot court organizer at the An-Najah National University. Jamoos is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Fellowship Program, which is administered by the Open Society Institute.

**Sigee Koech (Kenya)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2008. After graduation, she worked as a legal assistant at Hamilton, Harrison, & Matthews in Nairobi, Kenya.

Koech is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies and a Franklin West Inc. housing fellowship.

**Ziva Lederman (Israel)** received a bachelor's degree in criminology from the Bar-Ilan University in Ramat-Gan, Israel, in 1999 and a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom in

2000. She interned at the Israeli Prosecution Office for the south county in 2000 and worked as an attorney at Mekler's Law Office in Ashkelon, Israel. In 2002, Lederman became a prosecutor at the Israeli District Attorney's Office and was promoted to vice head of the prosecution department in 2005.

**Cristina Mariottini (Italy)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Università Degli Studi di Milano in Milan, Italy, in 2006. She will complete her PhD in private international law from the University of Milan in 2010. Mariottini has been a visiting scholar at Pitt since March 2008. Her work has yielded publications in private international law. She is the recipient of a CILE/Alcoa Scholarship.

**Judith Johana Pool Narrias (Chile)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the Universidad Nacional Andres Bello in Santiago, Chile, in 1995. She worked as a paralegal at Zenon Garcia Law Firm from 1997 to 1999 and then as an attorney at Legal Chile LLC from 2002 to 2003. Pool Narrias received a paralegal certificate in 2006 from Emory University. In 2007, she worked as a law clerk for Kapoor & Associates in Atlanta, Ga. From 2008 to 2009, she was a paralegal at Adorno & Yoss.

**Maria Clara Pujol (Argentina)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the University of Buenos Aires in 2007. In 2003, she became a paralegal at Lynch & Associates in Buenos Aires, where, in 2007, she joined the firm as an attorney.

**Marta Shchavurska (Ukraine)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the National University of Kiev-Mohyla Academy in Kiev, Ukraine in 2010. She was a member of the Kiev-Mohyla team for the 2009 Tedlers International Law Moot Court and the 2010 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. She held several short-term internships at local law firms in Kiev while studying for her law degree. Shchavurska is the recipient of a CILE/Alcoa fellowship and a Franklin West Inc. housing fellowship.



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# Beyond the Classroom: What Can Your Law Professors Do for You?



**At Pitt Law's Center for International Legal Education (CILE), there's something more.**

The strength of any law school lies primarily in its teachers and its students. The value of a legal education depends largely on what each student gains from his or her three years of engagement with that community. Thus, any student considering law school should ask what a particular school's faculty can provide for that student.

At the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, our faculty members produce high-quality scholarship on a wide variety of compelling international and comparative legal issues. They combine their scholarship with experience in international organizations, government agencies, prominent nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and private practice in ways that enhance their classroom teaching.

But most importantly, CILE and Pitt Law professors create opportunities for students to engage in important experiences beyond the classroom. Examples of such opportunities arranged for Pitt students in summer 2010 include the following:

**Azerbaijan**

U.S. Department of State  
Critical Languages Program

**Belgium**

Institute for European Studies  
European Commission Legal Services

**Canada**

Social Justice Committee of  
Montreal

**China**

Peking University  
ZhongQiGuoSheng Law Firm

**Germany**

Max Planck Institute for  
Comparative and Private  
International Law  
Rödl & Partner

**Ireland**

Diaspora Women's Initiative  
Free Legal Advice Centre

**Italy**

Association for Research into  
Crimes Against Art

**Kosovo**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Office of the Legal Advisor to  
the President

Office of the Legal Advisor to  
the Prime Minister

U.S. Agency for International  
Development

**Luxembourg**

European Court of Auditors

**Maryland**

Center for Disaster and  
Humanitarian Assistance  
Medicine

**Mexico**

RB Abogados Law Offices  
Universidad Anáhuac

**New York City**

UN Office of Legal Affairs

**Palau**

Office of the Attorney General

**Sweden**

Westinghouse Electric  
Company, LLC

**Tanzania**

UN International Criminal  
Tribunal for Rwanda

**United Kingdom**

13 Old Square Chambers

**Washington, D.C.**

Commercial Law  
Development Program

For more examples of opportunities that Pitt Law professors provide for students, read on . . .

## David Barnard



is a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and affiliated faculty in the School of Law, with a JD and a PhD in religion and society.

**has published** extensively on end-of-life issues and ethical and legal issues facing medical practitioners and is currently focusing his research on international human rights law and the health and status of women.

**creates special opportunities for students** through his position as director of the Global Health and Human Rights Track of the Health Law Certificate Program at Pitt Law by identifying and developing positions for students both domestically and internationally that focus on global health issues. 🌐

## Elena Baylis



is an associate professor who has taught as an exchange professor at Mekelle University in Ethiopia and conducted field research in Ethiopia, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**has published** in the area of postconflict justice in transition countries and on the trend of international involvement in domestic governments following internal armed conflict.

**creates special opportunities for students** by administering the law school's Semester in D.C. externship program, which allows JD students to obtain a term's worth of academic credit while obtaining practical experience at a government agency or NGO in Washington, D.C. 🌐



Center for International Legal Education

## Ronald A. Brand



is a professor, Faculty Distinguished Research Scholar, and director of CILE who also directs the LL.M. Program for Foreign Law Graduates and the International and Comparative Law Certificate Program. He has taught and lectured in many countries and was a member of the U.S. delegation that negotiated the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements. He will give the 2011 Hague Academy of International Law Course on Transaction Planning Using Rules on Jurisdiction and Judgments Recognition.

**has published** more than a dozen books and more than 70 articles on private international law, international dispute resolution, and international legal education.

**creates special opportunities for students** through CILE programs, research institutes in many countries, and his relationships with government colleagues and with Pitt Law JD and LLM graduates around the world (noted above), as well as teaching opportunities for students to help train students in Bahrain, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates for the William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. 🌐

## Teresa Brostoff



is a professor and director of legal writing at Pitt Law who has served as a Fulbright scholar in Belgium and Iceland; a state department contractor in Kosovo, Serbia, and Ukraine; a commerce department contractor in Bahrain, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates; and an invited lecturer in Japan and Poland, all while coteaching the U.S. Law & Language Program.

**has published** two books on legal writing for law students and numerous articles on the challenges of teaching legal writing and research to English as a second language (ESL) students.

**creates special opportunities for students** through her work with overseas law faculties to identify opportunities for JD students to work and study overseas and her work in the law school's annual U.S. Law & Language course, offered every July to incoming LLM students. 🌐

## John Burkoff



is a professor who also has taught and conducted programs in Albania, Belgium, Ethiopia, Iceland, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and Slovakia. He has served as a Ford Foundation fellow at Harvard Law School, is a past president of the criminal justice section of the Association of American Law Schools, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Judicial Independence Commission.

**has published** more than 26 books and 60 articles in the areas of criminal justice and legal ethics.

**creates special opportunities for students** through numerous connections with overseas study and work opportunities for JD students and a continued strong connection with LLM students studying at Pitt Law. 🌐

## Vivian Curran



is a professor, a world-recognized expert on comparative law, and was awarded the Grand Decoration of Merit in Gold for Services Rendered to the Republic of Austria for her work as the U.S. appointee to the Austrian General Settlement Fund committee for Nazi-era property compensation. Curran currently meets regularly with a small network of French and American judges and law professors organized by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and Mireille Delmas-Marty of the Collège de France to study the internationalization of law.

**has published** extensively on international and comparative law in English and French and has given many talks and taught in those languages as well as in German. She is the translator of several legal works in those languages to English.

**creates special opportunities for students** through the law school's unique Languages for Lawyers Program, which offers courses in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. She also identifies special guest lecturers through her international contacts to bring to Pitt Law. 🌐

## Harry Flechtner

is a professor and internationally recognized expert on domestic and international commercial law.

He serves as a national correspondent for the United States to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and as the coordinating editor of the *UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods* (CISG). He recently recorded lectures on CISG for the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law.

**has published** numerous books and articles on international and domestic contract law.

**creates special opportunities for students** by coaching the Pitt Law team in the William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which takes place each year in Vienna, Austria. Pitt teams have participated in the moot for 15 years and have enjoyed notable success, including qualifying for the advanced rounds of the oral argument competition in each of the past two years by scoring among the top 25 percent of participating teams. 🌐



## Haider Ala Hamoudi

is an associate professor who served as program manager during the Iraq War for a project managed by the International Human Rights Law Institute of DePaul University College of Law to improve legal education in Iraq.

He recently spent nine months in Iraq advising the Iraqi legislature on commercial matters as well as participating in intensive negotiations conducted by the Constitutional Review Committee of the Iraqi legislature—which was responsible for developing critical amendments to the Iraq constitution deemed necessary for Iraqi national reconciliation—on behalf of the U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

**has published** a book on his experiences in Iraq and several scholarly articles on Iraqi law, Islamic law and jurisprudence, and Islamic finance.

**creates special opportunities for students** by serving as an advisor to the Pitt Law Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team and has worked with the U.S. Embassy in Iraq to bring the Iraqi Jessup teams to the United States to observe and compete in the international rounds. 🌐



## Bernard Hibbitts

is a professor with law degrees from Canada, England, and the United States. He was a Rhodes scholar and clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Gerald Le Dain.

Hibbitts lectures widely on the impact that technology has on legal systems.

**has published** in the areas of the influence of technology on the education and practice of law and comparative legal history.

**creates special opportunities for students** as the creator and editor-in-chief of *JURIST*, the Webby Award-winning legal news Web site, which receives more than 100,000 unique visits a week and employs Pitt Law JD students as editors, reporters, and staff members. 🌐



## Charles Jalloh

is an assistant professor who served as legal counsel with the Canadian Department of Justice in both its Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes sections and the Trade Law Bureau before accepting a position as the legal advisor to the Office of the Principal Defender at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

He resigned and subsequently went on to serve as an associate legal officer to the judges of Trial Chamber I at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), assisting them on opinion drafting in leading genocide trials.

**has edited and published** a book and several articles on international criminal law and its application in domestic and regional contexts in leading peer-reviewed journals on topics such as the International Criminal Court and Africa, universal jurisdiction, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

**creates special opportunities for students** by arranging for high-profile speakers, such as the chief prosecutor of UN ICTR and the U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues to visit Pitt Law. He also took 11 Pitt Law students in his seminar on international criminal law to spend a week in Arusha, Tanzania, at ICTR. Two of his students subsequently obtained summer internships at ICTR. 🌐



## Jules Lobel

is a professor and vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights, where he has represented numerous clients before the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Courts of Appeals.

He has served as an advisor for foreign governments, including those of Nicaragua and Burundi, on constitution development.

**has published** extensively on the intersection between the war on terror and human rights and the impact of international law on domestic foreign policy in the United States.

**creates special opportunities for students** through his human rights seminars, which allow JD and LLM students to assist with the drafting and preparation of cases scheduled for argument before the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Courts of Appeals. 🌐



## Alan Meisel

is the Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote Professor of Bioethics, a professor of law and psychiatry, director of Pitt's Center for Bioethics and Health Law, director of Pitt Law's Health Law Certificate Program, and founder and director of the Master of Studies in Law program.

He has been a fellow of the Hastings Center, the assistant director of legal studies for the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, a member of the Ethics Working Group of the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform, and a consultant to the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment on Life-Sustaining Technologies and Institutional Protocols for Health Care Decision Making.

**has published** extensively on end-of-life issues in medical care and their ethical and legal implications.


**creates special opportunities for students** through the Health Law Certificate Program, and by identifying and developing positions for students both domestically and internationally that focus on global health issues. 🌐



## Janice Mueller

is a professor with extensive experience in patent and intellectual property work as a patent agent, federal judicial clerk, patent attorney, chemical engineer, and trial attorney for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She has taught in Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, and Mexico in addition to numerous U.S. law schools and chairs the Expert Advisory Committee for intellectual property issues of the international non-profit Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

has published extensively on patent law, including international intellectual property, and has extensively researched the Indian patent law system.


creates special opportunities for students through her roles as director of the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Certificate Program and as faculty advisor to the patent and copyright intellectual property moot court teams at Pitt Law. 



## Ann Sinsheimer

is a professor of legal writing who has co-taught U.S. Law & Language as a Fulbright scholar in Belgium and Iceland, a state department contractor in Serbia and Ukraine, a U.S. Commerce Department contractor in Oman and the United Arab Emirates, and a consultant for U.S. Steel in Slovakia and for USAID in Ethiopia. She has worked at the University of Oxford's Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics and has taught ESL in Japan.

has published on the implications of language and law, legal education, and the challenges of teaching legal writing and research to ESL students.

creates special opportunities for students through her work with overseas law faculties to identify opportunities for JD students to work and study overseas and her work in the law school's annual U.S. Law & Language course, offered every July to incoming LLM students. 



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## International opportunities also are created by the following faculty members:

### Kevin Ashley

is a professor, a leading expert on the computer modeling of legal reasoning and cyberspace legal issues, and past president of the International Association for Artificial Intelligence and the Law.

### Douglas Branson

is the W. Edward Sell Professor of Business Law and a pioneer in the field of comparative corporate governance who has taught that subject across the globe.

### Pat Chew

is a professor and an expert in alternative dispute resolution and the role of race and gender law in dispute resolution.

### Mirit Eyal-Cohen

is an assistant professor and a multiculturally trained scholar in the areas of tax law and policy.

### David Harris

is a professor and a nationally renowned expert on racial profiling, search and seizure, and proper policing practices at home and abroad.

### Anthony Infanti

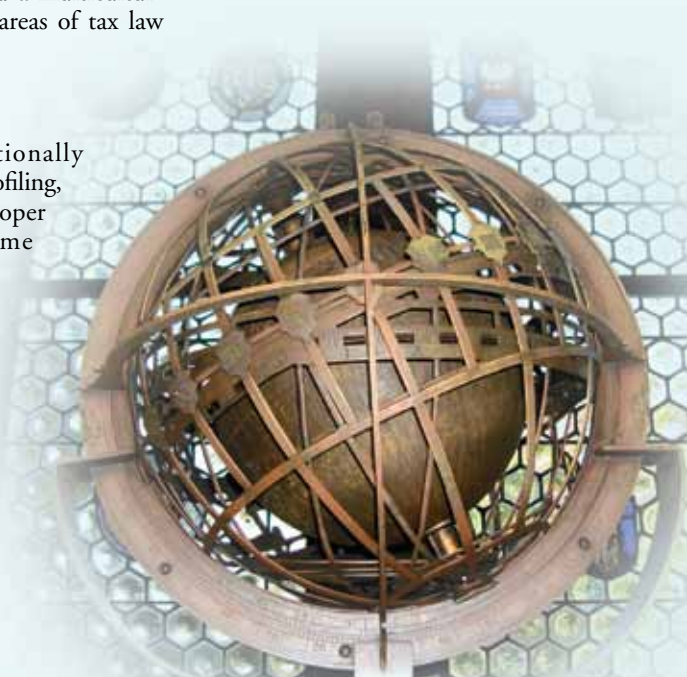
is a professor, a leading critical tax theorist, and international tax law scholar.

### Michael Madison

is a professor; director of the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Certificate Program; and an intellectual property law, law and the Internet, and law and technology scholar.

### Rhonda Wasserman

is a professor, a civil procedure and conflict of laws scholar who has taught in China, and a member of the advisory board for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's Project on the Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, Res Judicata, and Abuse of Process.







### CILE Partners with Pitt Schools to Offer Global Perspectives on Global Health Issues

CILE joined the University of Pittsburgh Center for Global Health and the University of Pittsburgh Department of Family Medicine to sponsor "Pros and Cons of Faith-Based Initiatives in Addressing Health Vulnerabilities in Southern Africa: Legal and Ethical Issues," a two-hour panel on September 3, 2009. Arranged by Pitt Law Professor Vivian Curran, the program included six visiting academics from Zambia, ranging from professors at the University of Zambia Schools of Agriculture, Medicine, and Nursing to the maternal health director of the Churches Health Association of Zambia. A U.S. perspective was presented by Pitt Law Professor Vivian Curran, Professor Charles Jalloh, and Adjunct Professor David Barnard, director of the Institute to Enhance Palliative Care at the University Center for Bioethics and Health Law, as well as by Reverend Ronald Peters, associate professor and director of the Metro-Urban Institute at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The panel discussed faith-based initiatives in Southern Africa from regional and international perspectives, including the legal and ethical implications of church and state approaches to national health care issues in different cultures.



Professors David Barnard (center) and Vivian Curran (center right)

### David Gill Speaks About Stasi Legacy in Germany to Students

On October 2, 2009, CILE hosted David Gill, deputy representative of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany to the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union, to speak on "The Secret Police of the Former East Germany: Their Dissolution and Legacy." This program was presented in cooperation with CILE Advisory Board member and K&L Gates partner David Murdoch and the Pittsburgh Eric M. Warburg Chapter of the American Council on Germany. Gill recounted how he was first among the private citizens of East Germany to make his way to the Stasi headquarters following the fall of the Berlin Wall in order to try to preserve the records found there. He spent the next several years working with the newly reunified German government creating a system that allowed private citizens access to the Stasi files and assisted in holding individuals criminally responsible for spying on their fellow citizens. The event was part of International Week 2009, sponsored by Pitt's Global Studies Program in the University Center for International Studies with a number of student and community organizations.



David Gill speaks to students on "The Secret Police of the Former East Germany: Their Dissolution and Legacy."

### Pitt Law Alumni Speak on Nontraditional International Law Careers

Continuing its tradition of bringing Pitt Law alumni back to speak to JD students, CILE invited Elizabeth Shackelford (JD '06) on August 28, 2009, and Jeffrey Koncsol (JD '03) on September 18, 2009, to talk about their experiences in obtaining nontraditional international law careers. Shackelford, formerly an associate at Covington and Burling in Washington, D.C., and before joining the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer, was a program officer at the international development firm Booz Allen Hamilton. Koncsol is an associate with the Iraqi Law Alliance.



## Sir David Edward Delivers 18th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law



(L to R) Dr. Alberta Sbragia, Sir David Edward, and Professor Ronald A. Brand at the 18th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law

Sir David Edward, former judge of the European Court of Justice and professor emeritus at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, delivered the 18th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law on October 22, 2009. Edward spoke on “Nationalism, Constitutionalism, and the Future of the European Union,” addressing the upcoming changes to the European Union in light of the Treaty of Lisbon. The Annual McLean Lecture is cosponsored by Global Solutions Education Fund-Pittsburgh, which was founded as the World Federalist Organization by Mac McLean, a longtime proponent of global government and legal education. During his visit, Edward also met with the 2009 Pitt Law Nordenberg Fellows, Richard Grubb, Amelia Mathias, and Kerry Ann Stare.

## CILE Rule of Law Lecture Series Continues with LLM Class of 2010

Members of the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2010 shared their perspectives on rule of law in their home countries on March 4 and April 8, 2010. Those speaking were Elina Aleynikova (Russia), Zana Berisha (Kosovo), Olga Buritica (Colombia), Nora Dekaidk (Palestine), Olga Dmytriyeva (Ukraine), Maria Jreissati (Lebanon), Kujtesa Nezej (Kosovo), and Myroslava Savchuk (Ukraine). Each of them addressed some of the past struggles and future challenges to the rule of law in their countries.

## CILE Partners with Student Organizations to Emphasize International Law

On November 17, 2009, CILE, in cooperation with the Black Law Students' Association, Christian Legal Society, International Law Society, and Jewish Law Students' Association, recognized International Human Trafficking Week by hosting a documentary video detailing current human trafficking problems. CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist followed the video with a discussion about modern slavery and human trafficking and the current international legal responses to the problem.

CILE sponsored two lectures in cooperation with the Muslim Law Student's Association. On February 25, Vjosa Osmani, advisor on legal and international affairs and chief of staff to the president of Kosovo, spoke on “Kosovo & International Law Challenges.” Osmani addressed the issues facing the fledgling nation in light of the then-pending International Court of Justice advisory opinion and the challenges in participating in the international legal system when Kosovo's legal status was still undetermined. Osmani is a 2005 Pitt Law LLM graduate and current JSD student. On March 25, Bernard Freamon, professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, spoke on “Straight, No Chaser: Slavery, Abolition, and the Modern Muslim Mind.” Freamon addressed Islamic law and slavery in ancient and modern times.

## CILE and U.S. Embassy in Iraq Partner for Iraqi Jessup Visit

For the third year, CILE worked with Associate Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi and the U.S. Embassy in Iraq to host the Iraqi National team at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The team traveled to Pittsburgh following the international rounds in Washington, D.C., where they met with Pitt Law students who also participated in the Jessup and Niagara moot court competitions. They also met with International Law Librarian Linda Tashbook and Pitt Law Professor Vivian Curran.



## Rule of Law Conference hosted by EUCE and CILE

On May 6 and 7, 2010, the University of Pittsburgh's European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE), Pitt Law's Center for International Legal Education (CILE), and the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel cosponsored a conference on "Promoting the Rule of Law: Cooperation and Competition in the EU-U.S. Relationship." The conference focused primarily on three topics: defining the rule of law; whether external programs influence a country's internal development of the rule of law; and the role of civil society and legal education in developing the rule of law.

Participants included representatives from, among others, the Council and Commission of the European Union, the European Court of Justice, the Council of Europe, the International Bar Association, the ABA Section of International Law, the U.S. Army JAG Corps, the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and the U.S. Department of Commerce, as well as four members of the Pitt, Virginia, and WVU law faculties. According to CILE director and conference coordinator Professor Ronald A. Brand, "The conference was unique in both the effort to identify the various rule of law programs sponsored by the U.S. and the EU and to consider the benefits of coordinating those programs." The following papers from the conference will be published in volume 72, issue 2, of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*:



Conference speakers at Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater

Wade Channell, "Grammar Lessons Learned: Dependent Clauses, False Cognates, and Other Problems in Rule of Law Programming"

Mark Ellis, "Toward a Common Ground Definition of the Rule of Law Incorporating Substantive Principles of Justice"

Ricardo Gosalbo-Bono, "The Significance of the Rule of Law and Its Implications for the European Union and the United States"

Esa Paasivirta, "Can External Programmes Influence Internal Development of the Rule of Law?"



Participants at the Rule of Law Conference

## One Year ... For a Lifetime

LLM students at Pitt Law aren't simply pushed into classrooms and left to find their own way. Instead, CILE works closely with each student, providing personalized attention and careful advice on course selection, study methods, and social integration. CILE also arranges professional and social opportunities that ensure for each student a year of experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. And CILE plans to be a part of that lifetime.

The impact of an LLM degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law doesn't end with graduation and a diploma. Our alumni stay involved regularly with CILE programs, whether they are returning as guest lecturers, visiting scholars, or visiting professors, or providing opportunities for Pitt Law JD students through summer internships and study abroad programs. Many also participate in CILE programs and activities held around the world, including the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, professional legal training in Eastern Europe, or Pitt Law student visits to UN tribunals.



Victor Mosoti (LLM '01), special legal advisor at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, returns to Pitt as the 17th Annual McLean Lecturer on World Law.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2009–10 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded funds exceeding \$93,000 to the following students for a variety of activities:

**Adediran Olugbenga Adekanye (Class of 2010):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law seminar

**Marie Brown (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Howard University School of Law Comparative and International Law program in Cape Town, South Africa, and 2010 International Humanitarian Law Workshop hosted by Santa Clara University School of Law in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Ingrid Burke (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Holly Christie (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar, and summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Registry of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania

**Marc Coda (JD '10), Richard Grubb (JD '10) and Kerry Ann Stare (JD '10):** traveled to Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, in October 2009 and February 2010 and to Vienna, Austria, as part of the Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program sponsorship of Arabian Peninsula teams at the 2010 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

**Jonathan Cohen (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Touro Law Center Ancient History and Modern Law program in Jerusalem, Israel

**Megan Collelo (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Patrice Collins (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the United Nations Office of Legal Counsel in New York City, New York

**Brittany Conkle (JD '10):** 2010 International Humanitarian Law Workshop hosted by Santa Clara University School of Law in Santa Clara, Calif., and spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Amy DiBella (JD '10):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Andrew Disipio (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the European Court of Auditors in Luxembourg

**McKean Evans (JD '10), Richard Kyle (Class of 2011), Kristine Long (Class of 2011), and Amelia Mathias (Class of 2011):** participation in the 2010 pre-moot competitions in Belgrade, Serbia, and Zagreb, Croatia, and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria

**Amanda Fisher (JD '10):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**William Fisher (JD '10):** spring 2010 study at the Temple University School of Law program in Tokyo, Japan

**Nicholas Fiske (JD '10):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Emma Founds (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Torrey Hullum (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at the Association for Research into Crimes Against Art in Amelia, Italy

**Andrew Jenkins (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 study at the Pace Law School program in London, England

**G'nece Jones (Class of 2011):** 2009–10 LLM study at the University of Nottingham School of Law in Nottingham, England

**B. Rhiannon Kelso (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at the U.S. Agency for International Development Kosovo Private Enterprise Program in Prishtina, Kosovo

**Morgan Kronk (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the European Commission Legal Service in Brussels, Belgium

**Richard Kyle (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at Rödl & Partner law firm in Nuremberg, Germany

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More than 60 people were a part of the 2010 Pitt Vis consortium in Vienna, Austria.

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**Adrienne Lester (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium

**Amelia Mathias (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prishtina, Kosovo

**Dustin McDaniel (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at RB Abogados (Law Offices of Enrique R. del Bosque) in Mexico City, Mexico

**Megan McKee (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at the Social Justice Committee of Montreal in Montreal, Canada

**Sarah Miley (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

**Andrew Morgan (Class of 2011):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar, and summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Registry at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania

**Steven Salas (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at ZhongQiGuoSheng Law Firm in Beijing, China

**Lilianne Snyder (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the American University Washington College of Law program at The Hague, the Netherlands

**Jeffrey Stacko (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Vienna Summer Legal Studies program in Vienna, Austria

**Kimberly Stains (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at the Universidad Anáhuac in Mexico City, Mexico

**Robert Stein (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

**Anne Thibedeau (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Legal Advisor to the President in Prishtina, Kosovo

**Andrew Vogeler (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 internship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International

Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, and summer study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

**Jacqueline Walker (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at 13 Old Square Chambers in London, England

**Kimberly Waller (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the Diaspora Women's Initiative in Dublin, Ireland

**Juanshu (Jessica) Wang (JD '10):** spring 2010 trip to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the law school's International Criminal Law Seminar

**Margaret Wilson (Class of 2011):** 2009–10 LLM study at Utrecht University in Utrecht, the Netherlands

**Haley Wojdowski (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

**Samuel Wolbert (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 internship at the Free Legal Advice Centre of Ireland in Dublin, Ireland

**Herbert Wolfe III (Class of 2011):** 2009–10 LLM study at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law in Singapore

**Patrick Yingling (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 study at the University of Bologna, Italy

**Kaitlin Young (Class of 2012):** summer 2010 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

**Elizabeth Youngkin (Class of 2011):** summer 2010 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

## Other Student Activities

**Ingrid Burke (Class of 2011)** did a summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Jonathan Burns (JD '10)** completed an LLM in 2009–10 at Utrecht University School of Law in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

**Richard Carpenter (Class of 2012)** received a tuition remission scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh Asian Studies Center for the 2010–11 academic year.

**Hyunmyung Choi (Class of 2011)** studied at the Fordham University School of Law 2010 summer program in Seoul, Korea.

**Ian Clark (Class of 2011)** studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

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Kimberly Stains, Class of 2012, during her summer internship in Mexico City, Mexico

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES *continued*

**Stephen Doherty II (Class of 2012)** studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Andrew Ferguson (Class of 2012)** studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution summer 2010 program in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Carl Frankovitch (Class of 2012)** studied at the Duquesne University School of Law and China University of Political Science and Law summer 2010 program in Beijing, China.

**Yibo Ge (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Attorney General in Palau.

**Joshua Hoffman (Class of 2012)** studied at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law summer 2010 program in Oxford, England.

**Andrew Hunter (Class of 2011)** studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Valerie Kamin (Class of 2012)** studied at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law summer 2010 program in Oxford, England.

**Allison Kant (Class of 2011)**, Morgan Kronk (**Class of 2011**), Steven Salas (**Class of 2011**), and Marko Zivanov (**LLM '08, JD '10**) participated in the 2010 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.

**Anna Kavalauskas (MSL '10)** did a summer 2010 internship at the University of Augsburg, in Augsburg, Germany.

**Kirk Knutson (Class of 2012)** studied at the Cornell University School of Law 2010 summer program in Paris, France.

**Kristine Long (Class of 2011)** did a summer 2010 internship at the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program in Washington, D.C.

**Yajuan Lu (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the Peking University Health Science Center in Beijing, China.

**Charles Martinez (Class of 2012)** studied at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law summer 2010 program in Oxford, England.

**Kelly Mistick (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the U.S. Department of Defense Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

**Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the U.S. Department of State Critical Languages Program in Baku, Azerbaijan, and received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Turkish. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2010–11 academic year.



JD and LLM students mingle at the second annual JURIST/LLM social mixer.

**Jamey Quinn (Class of 2011)** completed an LLM in 2009–10 at the University of Groningen Faculty of Law in Groningen, the Netherlands.

**Brad Sacavage (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Attorney General in Palau.

**Silpa Swarnapuri (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at the Office of the Attorney General in Palau.

**Maurine Vogelsang (Class of 2012)** did a summer 2010 internship at Westinghouse Electric Sweden, in Västerås, Sweden.

**Jaqueline Walker (Class of 2011)** studied at the Pace Law School spring 2010 program in London, England.

**Patrick Yingling (Class of 2011)** studied at Bucerius Law School in fall 2009 in Hamburg, Germany.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Nicole B. (Breland) Aandahl (JD '01)** married Casey P. Aandahl on October 24, 2009. She also was awarded a National Security Fellowship from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Noora Al Shamlan (LLM '08)** started her SJD program at Indiana University's Maurer Law School in August 2009. She

has published an article, "Alternative to Imprisonment: How it is in the U.S. and Bahrain and the Need for it in Bahrain," in the *Orient Journal of Law and Social Sciences* in August 2009.

**Paul Amato (JD '93)** is now a defense policy advisor to the U.S. Senior Civilian Representative in Regional Command (East) in Bagram, Afghanistan.

**Luz María Cárdenas Arenas (LLM '01)** is now an adjunct faculty member teaching intellectual property law at the Universidad Panamerica Law School in Guadalajara, Mexico.

**Alex Braden (JD '07)** and **Shannon (Lack) Braden (JD '07)** were married in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 17, 2010. They met in former CILE Assistant Director

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Mark Walter's Comparative Law Seminar.

**McKean Evans (JD '10)** is now a judicial clerk for the Honorable Robert L. Boyer at the Court of Common Pleas of Venango County, Pa.

**Ellen Freeman (JD '99)** is now of counsel to K&L Gates in Pittsburgh. She was reelected as chair of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA) Chapter for Pittsburgh and West Virginia, and she was appointed to the AILA National Committee as vice chair in charge of business immigration CLEs.

**Marco Gardini (LLM '97)** and his wife, Francesca, celebrated the birth of their second son, Francesco, on September 25, 2009.

**Mary Gibson (JD '08)** took time off from her position as staff attorney at Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services Inc. to campaign for British Labour MP Jon Trickett in the United Kingdom in May 2010.

**Daniel Giovannelli (JD '08)** is now the Executive Director of Global Solutions Education Fund -Pittsburgh.

**Scott Jablonski (JD '04)** is now of counsel to Bernstein Osberg Braun & de Moraes in Miami, Fla.

**Peter Kaldes (JD '01)** is legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) in Washington, D.C.

**Evelyn W. Kamau (LLM '02)** was promoted to appeals counsel at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania.

**Sven Kill (LLM '01)** and his wife, Kate, celebrated the birth of their first child, Adir, on June 30, 2010.

**Masami Kittaka (LLM '08)** is now an associate at the Toranomon Law and Economics Offices in Tokyo, Japan.

**Amelia (Kuschel) Knollman (LLM '08)** and her husband, Friedrich, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Viktoria Julie Charlotte, on December 5, 2009.

**Santy Kouwagam (LLM '08)** married Patrick Fitzsimmons on October 25, 2009, in Indonesia. She is now an international litigation and commercial transactions lawyer at Lucas, S.H. & Partners in Indonesia.

**Sandy Kunvatanagarn (JD '08)** is now a rule of law specialist for the International Rescue Committee. She works with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in a refugee camp on the Thailand-Burma border.

**Natasa Lalatovic (LLM '08)** passed the Serbian bar exam in June 2010.

**Renee Martin-Nagle (JD '84)** received her LLM in environmental law (highest honors) from George Washington University Law School in May 2010.

**David Meiler (LLM '01)**, partner and head of Felsberg e Associados' Oil and Gas Department, recently negotiated a one-year contract between U.S. oil exploration company Pride International Inc and OGX Petróleo e Gás, an exploration and production company in Brazil, to start drilling to depths of up to 1,500 meters with projected income returns of around \$71 million USD.

**Ginny Nagy (JD/MPH '06)** is a program manager for the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

**Kujtesa Nezaž-Shehu (LLM '10)** married Ylber Shehu on August 4, 2010, in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Maryam Nihayath (LLM '08)** and her husband, Ali Thoufeeq, celebrated the birth of their first child, Ian Ali, on April 13, 2010.

**Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05)** and **Luljeta Plakolli (LLM '06)**, in cooperation with two other Kosovar lawyers, opened their own law firm, First Legal Solutions, in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Alejandro Osuna (LLM '98)** published an article on the continued misinterpretation of the CISG by Mexican courts in the Mexican Institute of Legal Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City, Mexico.

**Melissa Pansiri (JD '08)** is now an attorney-advisor at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of International Trade.

**Joanna (Jing) Peng (LLM '08)** will join Reed Smith in Pittsburgh as an associate upon her completion of a Pitt Law JD in 2011.

**Jennifer Rellis (JD '06)** is now an asylum officer with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations.

**Elizabeth Shackelford (JD '06)** is now a political officer with the Foreign Service for the U.S. Department of State.

**Justine Stefanelli (JD '05)** is now the Maurice Wohl Research Fellow in European Law in the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London, England.

**Bujar Taho (LLM '07)** and his wife, Marsela, celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Katelin, on January 8, 2010. Taho also joined the UN Development Programme as project manager for a three-year program on empowering vulnerable communities in Tirana, Albania.

**Chuan Tang (LLM '10)** is now a lawyer at the Nanning City Legal Aid Center in Nanning City, China.

**Sarah (Coward) Vuong (JD '08)** is now a law clerk for the Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review in the San Francisco, Calif., Immigration Court.

**Gregory Walker (JD '06)**, an associate at Linklaters LLP in Frankfurt, Germany, moved to London, England, in June 2010 for a six-month secondment in the equity capital markets legal team at Deutsche Bank.

**Kaia Wildner (LLM '07)** and her husband celebrated the birth of twins, Lara and Tom, in February 2009.

**Lyubomir Zabov (LLM '07)** is now a junior associate with Tabakov, Tabakova & Partners law firm in Bulgaria. He published the article "International Trade, Direct Taxation, and Bilateral Tax Treaties: Should There Be a Change? Is the Inclusion of a Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN)-Type Clause in Bilateral Tax Treaties a Plausible Solution?" in the *International Journal of Private Law* in January 2010.

**Sergii Zheka (LLM '09)** is now an associate at Avellum Partners in Kiev, Ukraine.

**Emily (Qing) Zou (LLM '09)** is now a lawyer at Concord & Partners in Beijing, China.

# FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Elena Baylis** participated in a workshop on International Law Compliance and Human Rights Indicators at Arizona State University's Center for Transnational Law and Regulatory Governance on January 8, 2010. She spoke on "Empirical Approaches to International Law" at the American Society of International Law's Annual Meeting on March 25, 2010. She published "Outsourcing Investigations" in the *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs* in 2009.

**Professor Ronald A. Brand** and third-year students Marc Coda, Kerry Ann Stare, and Rick Grubb traveled to Al Ain, United Arab Emirates (UAE), from October 1–6, 2009, to provide training to students at the UAE University College of Law in preparation for their participation in the 2010 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The training is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program. On October 9, Brand presented a U.S. perspective on the new European Union regulation on the law applicable to contractual obligations at a conference on the regulation held at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. His paper will be published in a book edited by Professor William Binchy and John Ahern of Trinity College School of Law. On October 16–17, Brand participated as an invited observer in the Chicago meeting of the Drafting Committee appointed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to prepare a Uniform International Choice of Court Agreements Act. On October 18, Brand was a member of a panel discussing federalism issues in the implementation of The Hague Choice of Court Convention at the meeting in Washington, D.C., of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law. On October 23, he cochaired a panel on "Federalism Issues in the Implementation of Private International Law Treaties" at the International Law Weekend held in New York City, where he also participated in the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Branch of the International Law Association. His chapter, "Consent, Validity, and Choice of Forum Agreements

in International Contracts," was published in *Liber Amicorum Hubert Bocken* 541–553 (I Boone, I. Claeys, & L. Lavrysen, eds., Die Keure, 2009).

On January 24, 2010, Brand spoke to alumni of the Open Society Institute's (OSI) Palestinian Rule of Law program at their reunion conference in Amman, Jordan, on the importance of the development of rule of law of graduates of U.S. LLM programs. He also joined OSI staff members in Ramallah, Palestine, to interview candidates for 2010–11 Palestinian Rule of Law fellowships for study in LLM programs at U.S. law schools. On February 6–14, Brand was in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, where he and three Pitt Law students assisted the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams of the UAE University, Sultan Qaboos University of Oman, and the University of Bahrain in their preparations for Vis Moot oral argument. On March 3, Brand participated at the offices of the American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C., in a discussion led by Harold Koh, legal advisor, U.S. Department of State, on the implementation process for the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements. On March 5–7, he participated in Chicago in the meeting of the NCCUSL Drafting Committee for a new International Choice of Court Agreements Act. On March 18–April 2, Brand traveled with Professor Harry Flechtner and the Pitt Vis Moot team to pre-moots in Belgrade and Zagreb and the final competition in Vienna, Austria. In Vienna, the Pitt team hosted seven other Pitt Law consortium teams for a final pre-moot and cooperation during the competition.

On May 6–7, Brand organized and participated as a presenter in a conference titled, Promoting the Rule of Law: Cooperation and Competition in the EU-U.S. Relationship. The conference was cosponsored by the University of Pittsburgh European Union Center of Excellence, the Center for International Legal Education, and the Institute for European Studies of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Brand's presentation was on "The Role of Civil Society and Legal Education in Developing the Rule of Law." On May

18–19, he attended the annual meeting of the American Law Institute in Washington, D.C. On June 7–11, Brand taught courses on Jurisdictional Considerations for Transnational Transactions Planning and Transnational Legal Practice and Professional Responsibility in the University of Bologna/CILE International Commercial Contracts Summer School in Ravenna, Italy. On June 18, he participated as a member of the ASIL Working Group on Implementation of The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements in Washington, D.C. On July 26–30, he taught arbitration law in the Pitt/Touro/Zagreb Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zadar, Croatia.

**Professor Douglas Branson** spoke on "Women on Corporate Boards" on March 2–3, 2010, in Sydney, Australia, at the State Library in New South Wales under the auspices of the University of Technology, Sydney. He presented one of four principal papers at a University of Santa Clara School of Law conference on Corporations and International Law on March 13, 2010. Branson's paper "Holding Multinational Corporations Accountable? Achilles' Heels in Alien Tort Claims Act Litigation" will be published in the *Santa Clara Law Review*.

**Professor John Burkoff** was executive dean of the summer 2010 voyage of Semester at Sea, which sailed from Halifax to Barcelona, Civitavecchia (Rome), Naples, Dubrovnik, Piraeus (Athens), Istanbul, Alexandria, Casablanca, and back to Norfolk, Va.

**Professor Nancy Burkoff** was a visiting faculty member employed by the University of Virginia, teaching Law & Society on the summer 2010 voyage of Semester at Sea, which sailed from Halifax to Barcelona, Civitavecchia (Rome), Naples, Dubrovnik, Piraeus (Athens), Istanbul, Alexandria, Casablanca, and back to Norfolk, Virginia.

**Professor Vivian Curran** was part of a panel on "The Pros and Cons of Faith-Based Initiatives for Vulnerable Populations in Southern Africa," cosponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Global Health and Center for International Legal Education on September 3, 2009. She spoke on "Law and Memory" as part of a panel

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on Comparative Law and Society at the annual meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law. She addressed the transnationalization of law at the University of Maryland School of Law on October 14. Curran gave a presentation on “L’affaire Yahoo!, l’Internet, et le Dialogue des Juges Nationaux” on November 11, 2009, to a small group of French and American judges organized by Justice Stephen Breyer and Professor Mireille Delmas-Martywas. She was the featured speaker at the Lion of Judah Lunch and Learn on May 17, 2010, discussing “Some Reflections on Contemporary Compensation for Nazi Property Expropriations and the Rule of Law.” On June 17, 2010, she was one of two invited reporters from the United States at the biennial meeting of the International Association of Legal Methodology at the Faculty of Law of the University of Aix-en-Provence, France, addressing “La Formation des Juristes aux États-Unis.” Curran published “Comparative Law and the Legal Origins Thesis” in the *American Journal of Comparative Law* in 2009; two essays, “Regard d’une Comparatiste” and “Les Mécanismes de Compétence Universelle au Service de la Protection de l’Environnement,” in the book *Regards Croisés Sur l’Internationalisation du Droit: France-Etats-Unis*; and “Recent French Legal Developments Concerning a Wartime Arrest and Imprisonment Case” in the *Maryland Journal of International Law* in 2010.

**Professor James Flannery** served as the copy editor of *A Practitioner’s Guide to the CISG*, authored by Camilla Baasch Andersen, Francesco Mazzotta, and Bruno Zeller and published by Juris Publishing in August 2010.

**Professor Harry Flechtner** spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Civil Law Section (Zivilrechtsvergleichung) of the German Society of Comparative Law (Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung) in Cologne, Germany, in September 2009. He published “Selected Issues Relating to the CISG’s Scope of Application,” in the *Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration* in 2009; “The Globalization of Law as Documented



Professor Harry Flechtner (on Segway) with members of the Pitt Vis consortium in Vienna, Austria

in the Law on International Sales of Goods,” a chapter in *New Private International Law: More European, More Global* in 2010; and “Service Contracts in the United States (and from an Economic Perspective): A Comparative View of the DCFR’s Service Contract Provisions and Their Application to *Hawkins v. McGee*,” in *Rechtsvergleichung und Rechtsvereinheitlichung* in 2010. Flechtner was appointed by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to be coordinator of its project to update the CISG Case Law Digest, and he continues to serve as a national correspondent for the United States at UNCITRAL. He was an inaugural faculty member of the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution, which hosted a four-week summer study program for U.S. and foreign law students in Zadar and Zagreb, Croatia, in July 2010.

**Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi** spoke on February 8, 2010, at a program sponsored by the New York City Bar Association titled “Islamic Capital Markets: Past, Present, & Future.” He addressed the Legal Directorate of the Iraq Oil Ministry on “Arbitration and the Arab Tradition” at Columbia Law School on February 17 at a program designed to educate the Iraqi

Oil Ministry on international commercial law and arbitration. Hamoudi presented on “Islamic Constitutionalism in Iraq: Rhetoric or Reality” on April 12 at a symposium on Constitutional Democracy and Islamic Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. He published “The Death of Islamic Law” in the *Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law* in 2010 and “Identitarian Violence and Identitarian Politics: Elections and Governance in Iraq” in the *Harvard International Law Journal Online* in June 2010. Hamoudi received the American Society of Comparative Law’s Hessel Yntema Prize for the best scholarly article published in the *American Journal of Comparative Law* in 2008 by a scholar under the age of 40 for his article “The Muezzin’s Call and the Dow Jones Bell: On the Necessity of Realism in the Study of Islamic Law.”

**Professor David Harris** spoke at a transnational workshop sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and Washington & Lee School of Law on the relationship between police and prosecutors in the United States on April 1–2, 2010. Faculty members from Sweden, the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Bosnia

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and Herzegovina, the Netherlands, and other countries participated in the workshop. He published “Law Enforcement and Intelligence Gathering in Muslim and Immigrant Communities after 9/11,” in the *New York University Review of Law and Social Change* in 2010.

**Professor Charles C. Jalloh** presented a paper on “The International Criminal Court and Africa: Collision Course or Cooperation?” at the Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Department of Justice, in Ottawa, Canada, on October 15, 2009, and, on the same day, served as a commentator for the R. St. John McDonald Young Scholars Award at the Conference of Canadian Council on International Law in Ottawa, Canada. He was a panelist for the Human Rights Center and the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy at the University at Buffalo Law School on February 17, 2010, titled “Special Court for Sierra Leone: Achieving Justice?” Jalloh was the featured speaker for a symposium on “Retribution, Reconciliation, Reparation: Perspectives on Justice for Darfur” at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law on April 5. On April 15, he presented his published research on “The Role of the International Criminal Court in Africa” to U.S. government policymakers from various federal departments at a joint Department of State/Central Intelligence Agency Conference on Anticipating and Countering Atrocities in Africa. He spoke as part of a panel on “Africa and International Justice: Participant or Target” at a conference in The Hague in the Netherlands on April 26, 2010. On June 19, 2010, Jalloh chaired a meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the legality and practicality of the November 2009 African Union proposal for an amendment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. He published “Regionalizing International Criminal Law?” in the *International Criminal Law Review* in 2009; and “Universal Jurisdiction, Universal Prescription? A Preliminary Assessment of the African Union Perspective on Universal Jurisdiction” in the *Criminal Law Forum* in 2010.

**Professor Michael Madison** gave the keynote address, “Pittsburgh: Past, Present, and Future of an American City,” at the Morgen/Tomorrow: International Urban Planning Congress in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in October 2009. He spoke on “Constructing Commons in the Cultural Environment,” at the Oxford Intellectual Property Seminar Series for St. Peter’s College at the University of Oxford in England in May 2010. Madison served as a visiting professor at the George Washington University Law School Summer Intellectual Property Program at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition, and Tax Law during the 2010 summer.

**Professor Janice Mueller** served as an instructor in International Intellectual Property Law at the Baylor University School of Law Summer Program in Guadalajara, Mexico, from August 1–15, 2009. She chaired the 11th Annual Meeting of the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) to the Central Advisory Service for Intellectual Property (CAS-IP) of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in Rome, Italy, on December 12 and 13, 2009.

**Professor Peter B. Oh** presented the collective results of his empirical studies, “Corporate Disregard in the U.S. and the U.K.”; at New Views of Corporate Separateness, an international conference held at Vanderbilt University Law School on November 6, 2009.

**Linda Tashbook**, Pitt Law’s international, foreign, and comparative law librarian, and Marko Zivanov (LLM ’08, JD ’10) published the only complete and current guide to Serbian legal research, annotating all public and private Internet-accessible sources of Serbia’s codes, legislation, regulations, instructions, explanations, case reports, and forms.

**Professor Rhonda Wasserman** attended a meeting of the Members’ Consultative Group of the American Law Institute for the Restatement (Third) of the United States Law of International Commercial Arbitration. She taught a three-week course during the 2010 summer titled Conflict of Laws in the United States: Theory and Practice at the Wuhan University School of Law in Wuhan, China. Wasserman’s article, “Transnational Class Actions and Interjurisdictional Preclusion” will be published in the *Notre Dame Law Review* in fall 2010.



Professor Rhonda Wasserman (center) with Sissi Wang (left) (Pitt visiting Scholar) and Professor Yong Gan (LLM ’09) (right) in Wuhan, China

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