



## From the Director

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Each year at the Center for Legal International Education (CILE) brings the satisfaction of seeing students excel in the classroom, the courtroom (and the moot courtroom), and throughout the world. I have had the pleasure of teaching and learning from our students in places around the globe. This past year is no exception. The following pages record the many accomplishments of our students and faculty who are involved in international and comparative work.

The biggest change at CILE this year comes with the move by Wes Rist from CILE assistant director to American Society of International Law (ASIL) director of education and research. This move in August 2012 took Wes to a newly created position in which he will have the opportunity to apply his CILE experience to help the ASIL improve its already stellar set of programs and publications. We wish him all the best in his new position as he works with the ASIL staff and the many distinguished international legal scholars

and practitioners with whom he will be engaged.

We welcome Cynthia Yializis as the new assistant director of CILE. Cynthia is a 2006 Pitt Law graduate who has practiced immigration law and served as an immigration specialist at Pitt's Office of International Services (OIS). I look forward to having Cynthia build on the excellent record created by Mark Walter and Wes Rist, our past assistant directors. She already has proved to be an excellent addition to the CILE team.

As you review the following pages, I invite you to note in particular the articles

about the Pitt-Moi partnership, a program that has generated a significant core of Pitt LLM alumni on the Moi School of Law faculty; the stories of our back-to-back Boren Fellowship recipients (Sarah Paulsworth and Lauren McChesney), something that few, if any other, law schools have accomplished; and, of course, the stories written by our students about their experiences around the globe during the past year. It has again been a privilege to be a part of the CILE experience at Pitt Law for another year. We invite all our readers to join us in that experience, in these pages and beyond.



Boren Fellows Lauren McChesney (Class of 2013) and Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013)

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## Back-to-Back Borens and a Bosch

Law students often find themselves dreaming of fellowship opportunities that will broaden their experiences and enhance their career opportunities. Typically, the list of requirements to make the cut is exhaustive. The number of slots available is small enough to be intimidating.

David L. Boren Fellowships are no different. Having one Pitt Law student receive this award is impressive. Having two Pitt Law students succeed in Boren

Fellowships in consecutive years is a major accomplishment. That is what Pitt Law students Lauren McChesney and Sarah Paulsworth did.

Not only did Pitt law students receive two Borens, but Richard Kyle (JD '11) was named a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow for the 2011–12 academic year. Kyle was chosen from among more than 600 applicants. See his first-person account on p. 2.

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Sponsored by the National Security Education Program, the Boren Fellowship is part of a major federal initiative designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills. Boren Fellowships support on-site language study and experience by U.S. graduate students in countries critical to the future security and stability of our nation.

Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013) returned for the fall 2012 semester from the Republic of Kazakhstan after completing her fellowship to support diplomatic efforts by the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees by working within a legal framework that protects refugees.

At the same time, Lauren McChesney (Class of 2013) left Pitt Law to spend the 2012-13 academic year contributing to a Peruvian NGO—Nexos Voluntarios or “NeVo”—and various development projects within Urubamba, Peru, dedicated to the development needs of Peruvian communities.

Both Paulsworth and McChesney credit Pitt Law’s interdisciplinary approach to legal education, as well as the strong

academic, emotional, and financial support that CILE provided. According to CILE Director Ronald Brand, the accomplishment of back-to-back Boren Fellowships

“confirm the importance of combining language and disciplinary training, something we have worked hard to facilitate here at Pitt Law.”

## Bosch Fellowship

By Richard Kyle (JD ’11)

I was fortunate to be awarded a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship to spend the year following graduation observing an extremely tumultuous time for the European Union. Twenty American fellows are awarded this distinguished opportunity each year, drawn from candidates who work in business administration, journalism, public policy, international relations, and law. Two work placements are researched and obtained by each fellow according to the fellow’s area of expertise. Language training is provided for fellows in Berlin during the summer prior to the first work placement, as the working language will be German. No prior German language experience is required. Three seminars interspersed through the year expose fellows to facets of German local and national government, as well as European Institutions in Belgium and France. The intensive seminars provided a comprehensive introduction to the unique regional diversity that defines and shapes German federalism.

For my first work stage, I found a placement in the Office of International and

European Economic and Currency Issues in the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie). While at the ministry, I worked on the legal analysis of repercussions that followed sovereign defaults in past decades in anticipation of a potential Greek default.

The private sector placement at Raupach & Wollert-Elmendorff in Düsseldorf this spring provided me with an extended glimpse into the legal profession in Germany. The firm was kind enough to integrate me into general corporate and merger and acquisition litigation and labor law matters over the four months of my stay. Most invaluable was the opportunity to converse, work, and produce results for clients in German over these four months. I cannot imagine a better opportunity for professional immersion and I hope that Pitt Law students and alumni will consider applying in the future. The deadline for the year’s application is October 15 and I would encourage anyone with a strong interest in Germany or Europe to apply.

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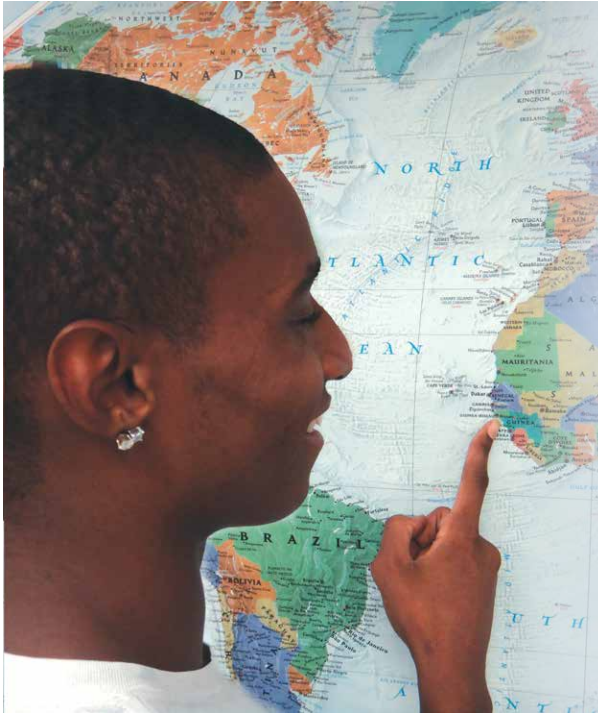


Richard Kyle (JD ’11), bottom row, third from right, with the 2012–13 Bosch Fellows





## CILE BY THE NUMBERS In the past three years:



### Our students

**65** of our JD students have done internships in **28** foreign countries.

**74** of our JD students have studied abroad in **13** foreign countries.

CILE has hosted **13** visiting professors from **8** foreign countries, providing courses including European Union Law, Criminal Aspects of the European Court of Human Rights, State Building and the Law: Kosovo Experience, Comparative Conflicts of Laws in Contractual and Non-Contractual Obligations, International Commercial Arbitration, International Commercial Law, Private Law Advocacy, EU Law: European Private International Law, EU Common Market Rules for U.S. Business, and EU Law: Intellectual Property Regimes in Europe.

Our LLM and U.S. Law & Language programs have enrolled **55** students from **26** countries.

Our SJD program has enrolled students from China, Kosovo, and Saudi Arabia.

We are perhaps the only law school in the nation to offer courses in foreign languages for lawyers, with Arabic, Chinese, French, German, and Spanish for Lawyers courses.

### CILE Financial Support

CILE has provided **\$96,650** in direct support to students for study and internships abroad.

CILE has facilitated the awarding of **\$48,000** to students for Nordenberg Fellowships for internships abroad.

CILE has worked with the Area Studies Programs in the University Center for International Studies to assist **12** law students in obtaining Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships that have resulted in more than **\$590,000** of scholarship support for law students.

CILE has provided more than **\$65,000** in funding to support student teams participating each year in the Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria.



### For the Profession

**26** Pitt Law professors have participated in more than **60** presentations and programs in 36 foreign countries.

Pitt Law professors have spoken on international topics in at least **37** U.S. law schools. Pitt Law professors have provided consultation and advice on international legal matters to the Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State, to the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), to the Center for Constitutional Rights, and to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

CILE has hosted **17** conferences, lectures, and events on international topics.

CILE has hosted **3** annual McLean Lectures on World Law.

CILE has offered **14** events on international legal issues for CLE credit.



## Having an Impact: The Pitt-Moi Partnership

In the fall of 1995, Pitt Law established its Center for International Legal Education and Moi University in Kenya was preparing to establish its Faculty of Law. As the result of discussions initiated by then Pitt Law Dean Peter Shane as part of the ABA African Law Initiative, Professor John Burkoff traveled to Eldoret, Kenya, to work with the Moi University faculty and administrative staff tasked with opening Moi University's law school. The relationship that developed included plans to bring Moi's top law graduates to Pitt Law for the LLM Program for Foreign Law Graduates.

The first graduating class of the Moi University Faculty of Law finished in the summer of 2000 and the student selected for the Pitt Law program, Victor Mosoti,

joined the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2001 that fall. Funded in part by an Alcoa scholarship, and housing provided by former Pitt Law Professor Carl Cooper, Mosoti was the first of eight Moi University students to enroll in the Pitt Law LLM program. Of the seven that have graduated, four have returned to teach at Moi: Vincent Mutai (2003), Maurice Oduor (2004), Linda Khaemba (2005), and Annah Konuche (2008). Two of the nonteaching graduates, Victor Mosoti (2001) and Evelyn Kamau (2002), work in the international legal field at the World Bank and the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, respectively. The most recent graduate, Sigee Koech, is an associate at Hamilton Harrison & Mathews Advocates in Nairobi, Kenya. The eighth

member of this exchange, Robert Miano Maina, has arrived in Pittsburgh to be a member of the LLM Class of 2013.

The Pitt-Moi partnership demonstrates the focus of the Pitt Law LLM program on preparing students to return to their home countries ready to make a difference. It also sets the standard for a continuing CILE-alumni relationship that extends the educational process, personal and professional relationships, and academic cooperation far beyond a student's graduation and Pittsburgh summer internship. Through continued support and cooperation, CILE has had a positive impact on the development of the Moi University School of Law, as well as on the careers of its graduates.

## Pitt Law: The One-Year Gift that Keeps On Giving

By Maurice Oduor (LLM '04)

At Pitt Law, I was amazed by the array of cultures in the LLM group. There were students from Ukraine, Mongolia, Germany, Italy, Korea, China, Pakistan, Japan, Kenya, Serbia, and more. In spite of all the varied backgrounds, when we sat down as a class, our different values and perspectives seemed to melt away, allowing us to become a unit with a common denominator—curious scholars and academics driven by an eagerness and zeal to observe, read, learn, and, most of all, share our individual experiences. It quickly became clear that I was in for one great year!

The English for Lawyers Program (now U.S. Law & Language) primed us for what was to come—the atmosphere, the camaraderie in academics at Pitt Law, and the nooks and crannies of life at Pitt and in the city. The LLM program itself was unique in many respects. What stood out immediately for me was the fact that the Pitt LLM is highly customizable. Some students focused on human rights-oriented courses, while others focused on business or commerce or adopted a cross-disciplined path.

What was not lost was the unity of the LLM class. We blended again in the LLM

Colloquium—a class that allowed students to meet every week to share and learn from one another under faculty guidance. I cannot forget the seminal article assigned by Professor Curran about a dialogue between a common law lawyer and a civil law lawyer about the O.J. Simpson Trial. Reviewing that in class was an eye opener in two ways. First, it was apparent that synergies existed between the different legal cultures that can be harnessed for a common approach to legal problems. Second, it was clear from the very intense debate that followed that our legal traditions also affect our outlook on life. A common law lawyer imbued in the adversarial nature of legal contestation will be likely more inclined to judicial edicts as a final determiner of issues. A civil law lawyer will appreciate the authority of the judge, but will likely frown upon the concept of precedent. While each of us took a position informed by our own legal culture, the conversation provided a chance for us to appreciate the peculiarities that informed different legal systems and accept that there were lessons to be learned all over.

The comparative nature of the Pitt LLM also instilled an important appreciation of differences in the pedagogical approaches to imputing legal knowledge. It allowed

me to see how a strategy that placed me at the center of the learning process and gave me the responsibility for discovering facts and principles was not only exciting, but also more fulfilling and effective than a lecture-based pedagogical process.

My classroom experience at Pitt turned out to be critical in my work as a faculty member at the Moi University School of Law (Moi). In my first year class, Social Foundations of Law, I can now effectively use hypothetical cases to draw students into a discussion to consider the many facets of substantive law, legal pedagogy, personal viewpoints, philosophical outlooks, and even public opinion in deciding a case. Once the initial shock has worn off, it becomes clear to the students that law and legal study is fairly complex and multidimensional, and that the determination of a legal dispute goes beyond fitting a legal problem into a legal rule. It is a process that involves the delicate balancing of competing values and interests in the community. When we are done with a case, students appreciate the value of a self-directed learning process and the skills that are imparted by it—introspection, valuation, and even self-appraisal. The foundation I received at Pitt Law





has shaped my pedagogical style, which centers on the principles of critical review, intense probing, and problem-solving.

One of the key pillars of Moi has been moot court competitions, and my experience at Pitt Law has helped shape that process. I remember the first time we argued a case before Professors Brostoff and Sinsheimer in the English For Lawyers program, as well as being a juror in a trial moot for JD students. This has carried over

to my work at Moi, where we have had great success in moots such as the African Human Rights Moot Court; the African Trade Moot; the Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court, organized by Oxford University; the International Humanitarian Law Moot Court; the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court; and the Kenya Model United Nations.

The Moi-Pitt collaboration has been of immense satisfaction for me personally and

professionally. My experience as an LLM student was unparalleled. My prayer is that other students will be able to enjoy it, and that both Moi and Pitt will continue nurturing the collaboration so that it grows and develops further. This continued relationship will ensure that the one-year a Moi student spends at Pitt Law will be a gift that will continue to give because the potential is great.

## Pitt Law Opportunities at Moi University

By Patrick Yingling (JD '12)

The faculty members at Moi University Law School in Eldoret, Kenya, speak of the University of Pittsburgh with great esteem and they often motivate students by mentioning the Pitt-Moi connection. When I approached Professor Ronald Brand in the Fall of 2010 regarding the possibility of teaching in Africa, Pitt had yet to fully reciprocate the relationship with Moi. Professor Brand suggested that I be open to teaching for a semester at Moi and persuaded me that it would be an appropriate and beneficial experience.

After Dean Henry Lugulu of Moi University accepted my application to join the faculty as a visiting lecturer, Vincent Mutai, a Moi University Lecturer and Pitt Law LLM graduate, helped me make plans for the upcoming semester. In early September 2011, I arrived at Moi University, where I was warmly welcomed by Dean Lugulu, Vincent Mutai, and three other Lecturers who had received LLM degrees at Pitt Law: Maurice Oduor, Linda Khaemba, and Anna Konuche. Vincent graciously allowed me to use his office as my own, and I soon began teaching Legal Research, Methods & Writing to the first-year class—a group that consisted of approximately 650 students. The vast number of students was no doubt intimidating, but I quickly found that the majority of them were respectful and alert in class, which was essential to the experience.

Co-lecturing with me was Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, who was (and still is) a candidate for Senate in Kenya and a prominent commentator on many Kenyan political issues. Due to Kip's busy campaign schedule, I took on a great deal

of the teaching responsibilities, which I was happy to do. Kip's campaign and conversations with me allowed me to gain a unique understanding of campaign finance issues in Kenya, a topic on which I recently authored an article that is slated to be published in the *Duquesne Law Review* in 2013.

In Kenya, as in many other countries, students begin legal studies immediately after high school. Therefore, instead of focusing on legal writing, it was essential to first provide a proper foundation in the law. We discussed theories of natural and positive law, the doctrine of *stare decisis*,

primary vs. secondary sources of law, and finally, proper methods of legal writing. My Kenyan colleagues also requested that I visit their classes and speak on the American legal system, which I was very pleased to do.

When the teaching came to a conclusion, I wrote a final exam and spent my last three weeks in Kenya grading the 650 exams, all of which were handwritten. I hope the students enjoyed the experience; I definitely did. And, I hope the Pitt-Moi relationship continues to exist and grow for the benefit of both institutions.



Linda Khaemba (LLM '05), Anna Konuche (LLM '08), Freda Kinya Githiru, Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, and Patrick Yingling (JD '11) enjoy lunch at the Moi University Guest House.



## From Pitt Law to the ICTR

By Evelyn Kamau (LLM '02)

My Pitt Law LLM degree has greatly advanced my career path. During my undergraduate studies at Moi University I developed an interest in international law, especially as it relates to human rights and criminal law. Pursuing Pitt's LLM degree helped me to focus on those areas. Upon graduation, CILE helped me secure placement with the Centre for Constitutional Rights (CCR) in New York, where I managed to work on human rights issues. I

have never looked back since. I subsequently worked on police reform and advocacy issues with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) in India and then joined the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Tanzania, prosecuting suspects of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

My time at Pitt Law also impacted the manner in which I make public presentations. An aspect of the way lectures were presented at Pitt—encouraging active par-

ticipation by the students—is something I have replicated in workshops and training seminars in which I have presented papers or served as a resource person. It has made the presentations that much more lively while ensuring that the messages are clearly communicated and understood.

Looking back, I can see the impact the LLM program had in my career, especially by giving me a credible stepping stone into the arena of international law.



## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

### Opportunities, Conferences, and Accomplishments in International Criminal Law

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Many U.S. law students have an interest in international criminal law, but it can be very difficult for a U.S. citizen to get practical experience in the field. Nonetheless, the past year saw Pitt Law students taking

advantage of unique opportunities to gain concrete skill sets in international criminal law by working directly for international criminal tribunals. In addition, students in Pittsburgh benefitted from the presence

of distinguished participants in a global conference on the Special Court of Sierra Leone, arranged by Professor Charles Jalloh.

## Why You Should Leave Law School for a Semester

By Haris Hussain (Class of 2013)

During the spring 2012 semester, I interned for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) located in Arusha, Tanzania. While working in the chambers, I had the opportunity to help with two specific cases. I worked on the Nzabonimana case for most of my time in Arusha. Callixte Nzabonimana had been a minister in the Rwandan Government during the genocide during which approximately one million Rwandans were killed, mostly ethnic Tutsis. The Nzabonimana case had progressed to

the final judgment drafting phase. With the tribunal set to close in the near future, there are currently no new trials set to begin.

While working on the Nzabonimana matter, I proofread parts of the final judgment and had the chance to conduct research regarding international criminal law issues such as joint criminal enterprise. In addition to the more traditional roles assigned to legal interns, I sat in on judicial deliberations relating to a host of issues that needed to be addressed while drafting. We were given insight into the innermost judicial processes at the tribunal. Judges

at the ICTR are undersecretaries of the United Nations. I worked with judges from Madagascar, Russia, and Uganda. After attending several rounds of deliberations regarding disclosure issues, I actually aided in drafting a final decision on motions submitted by the parties with an associate legal officer from Uganda.

Working with people from so many countries was thrilling. On our team alone, we had Ugandans, Australians, Israelis, Americans, and a slew of other lawyers from all over the world. We all had one common denominator: the law.



Comparing legal experiences was another fascinating aspect of the experience. Members of my cohort would engage in discussions comparing and contrasting legal education and how the legal profession is perceived in our respective countries.

I also had the chance to travel all across East Africa. From camping in the Serengeti to boating along the beaches of the Indian Ocean, I saw quite a bit of Tanzania. I was greeted warmly by the Tanzanian people—all of whom were eager to teach me some Swahili and would delightfully say “Obama” when I mentioned the fact that I am from America. Cultural experiences, beautiful scenery, and beautiful people make up East Africa. I was truly privileged to live and work in such a setting. I traveled up to Kenya and over to Rwanda as well. Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, is a beautiful city perched atop endless hills. However, it was a bit startling to see the neighborhoods and buildings that became infamous after the 1994 genocide. With witness transcripts fresh in my mind, it was difficult to fathom the atrocities that had taken place in areas like Kimihurura, a neighborhood near the airport where Nzabonimana resided in 1994. When I visited the solemn genocide memorial in Kigali, it stood as a stark reminder of

what happened more than 18 years ago. Another monument to the genocide is the Hotel Milles Collines (the history of which was the source of the movie *Hotel Rwanda*), now restored as a posh hotel catering to expatriates—a far cry from what happened there less than two decades ago.

My summer was truly unforgettable. I was fortunate enough to meet and interact with lawyers from across the globe while interning in one of the premier institutions involved in pioneering jurisprudence in the field of international criminal law. On a lighter note, I learned a little Swahili and get to say that I lived in East Africa for an extended period of time.

This would have been virtually impossible without the help of the Center for International Legal Education. My past experiences

through CILE built me up to an amazing internship at the ICTR. This fall, I will be interning in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Washington, D.C. I will be working closely with protection officers in order to ensure that the rights of asylum seekers and stateless and persecuted persons are ensured, specifically in the Caribbean region.



Haris Hussain (Class of 2013), left, in Arusha with Rose Singleton, Monash University

## Sierra Leone Conference Gathers World's Experts in International Criminal Law

Associate Professor Charles Jalloh convened a unique conference on April 19–21, 2012, titled “Assessing the Contributions and Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to Africa and International Criminal Justice.” The conference featured speakers and presenters from around the world, including former members of the special court’s senior staff from the prosecution, defense, and judiciary; academics; personnel from the United Nations, other international crim-

inal tribunals, major international human rights organizations, and the International Bar Association; and The Honorable Stephen J. Rapp, U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues and former special court chief prosecutor. JD students served as photographers, greeters, and support staff for the conference participants, while also attending the panels and lectures and gaining the opportunity to speak to leading experts in the field of international criminal law. Amy DiBella (JD ’10), who had

been a legal intern at the International Criminal Court, presented a paper on “Witnessing History: Protective Measures at the SCSL.” Joining CILE as cosponsors of the conference were the American Society of International Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pitt’s Ford Institute for Human Security, and the University Center for International Studies, through a Hewlett Major Impact Grant. (See photo on page 26.)





# Pitt Law Students and Graduates Set Sights on U.S. Government Positions

One of the most common career paths for those interested in international opportunities is employment by the U.S. government. The internship and placement process for federal employment, however, is notoriously difficult, with long lead times

for applications and numerous applicants for every opening. Over the past year, Pitt Law students and graduates have excelled at finding inroads into federal work with an international focus. Students gained opportunities as interns in overseas offices of

U.S. embassies, semester-long internships at U.S. government agencies, and several graduates began careers as foreign service officers in the U.S. Department of State.

## Finding Your Flag

By Amelia Mathias (JD '11)

“Wherever you go,” Professor Brand told me, “I just hope there’s a Vis Moot team.” I had finally learned that I was joining the Foreign Service, after an acceptance process of fourteen months. There had been interviews, essays, and a test...and then more tests, and lots and lots of waiting. At the end of it, I had signed up to be sent anywhere in the entire world, with a smile on my face, for two whole years. Honestly, I couldn’t have been more excited.

I went to law school to become a diplomat, not a lawyer—a rather counterintuitive plan, really. I hoped the combination of CILE’s international programs and the analytical skills I would learn in class would make me a competitive candidate. I spent time overseas, from Qatar to Kosovo. My professors, while occasionally puzzled by my insistence that I was not going to be a lawyer, were supportive and helpful through the long process.

I started my orientation class in January. When you join the Foreign Service, there is an initial training period, and then a special “Flag Day” ceremony where you find out your home and your job for the next two years of your life. You sit with your classmates in nervous rows, while your family sits behind you and prays you aren’t going to a war zone. Flags of countries you didn’t know existed until three weeks earlier flash across a giant screen, and one of your new colleagues walks to the front of the room to accept a small flag, a handshake, and the start of a career. When it was my turn, there was a flash across the screen of orange and green, and in a blur I was walking to the podium to take the flag of Oman. By the time you read this, I’ll be in Muscat, working in the political and economic section of the United States embassy.

And yes, Professor Brand, as you know, Oman has a Vis team!



Amelia Mathias (JD '11) receives her flag.

## Please Don’t Rush

By Nicholas Krakoff (Class of 2014)

After flying more than 20 hours, with layovers in New York, Dubai, and Bangkok, I arrived at the sleepy airport in Vientiane, the capital city of the South East Asian country of Laos. Never having previously visited Asia, I did not know what to expect as I disembarked from the aircraft to begin my 11-week internship at the American Embassy in Laos PDR.

Although Lao PDR stands for “People’s Democratic Republic,” people often joke

that it really stands for “please don’t rush,” a slogan that generally embodies the ethos of Lao culture. For a capital of nearly one million people, Vientiane is a very relaxed and laid back city. In Vientiane’s downtown, one can wander aimlessly down the narrow streets lined with old French colonial buildings or visit one of the city’s innumerable Buddhist temples located on nearly every street. The meandering Mekong flows to the south of the city and each night a mar-

ket takes place along the palm lined road that borders the river. While Vientiane has started to change and develop—expansive Chinese and Vietnamese construction projects have started to proliferate throughout the city—it still retains a certain charm that made it a great place to live for the summer.

As an intern, I worked in the political and economic section of the U.S. Embassy. Since the United States has a relatively





small diplomatic presence in Laos, with only three political and economic officers working in the Embassy, I was given many significant duties and responsibilities as an intern. I drafted cables (the main documents used by embassies for reporting back to the Department of State) and sent official embassy documents to various government officials and business leaders.

Laos is a country without a well-established culture of the rule of law. Although the government of Laos has enacted many well intentioned laws, those laws are rarely implemented or enforced. Over the past 10 years, the government has granted large concessions of land to foreign agricultural

and mining companies. Unfortunately, the rights of the inhabitants of the land have largely been ignored. As a law student, I am particularly interested in Lao land use issues, and one of the major projects of my internship involved researching and reporting on relevant land laws as well as land rights violations that have occurred. While the embassy's involvement on land use issues is still nascent, at some point in the near future the embassy's initial forays on the subject may develop into a project that will assist the government of Laos in reforming their laws and improving their implementation.

While Laos is a small landlocked country, its strategic importance has grown due to its location on China's periphery. In early

July, Hillary Clinton became the first secretary of state to visit Laos since 1955, suggesting an increased significance to Lao-American relations. Even though I was an intern, I was given the role of site officer for the secretary's visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As site officer, I had to map out the secretary's route and plan her visit to the ministry to the minute. Although the secretary only visited Laos for four hours, her whirlwind tour of Vientiane was one of the highlights of my summer internship at the embassy. The opportunity to live in a developing Asian country for a summer, and to experience the formulation and execution of American foreign policy, was indeed a wonderful experience.



## BEYOND THE DEGREE: Credentials that Set Pitt Law Students Apart

### From New Zealand to Pittsburgh: My Global Legal Experience

By Holly Forsberg (JD '12)

The Pitt Immigration Law Clinic (ILC) offers a great opportunity for students interested in international legal issues to gain practical experience through extensive legal writing and trial advocacy work. While it is said that many lawyers will never step into a courtroom during their career, I was given the chance to successfully litigate an asylum case in front of an immigration judge before I even received my diploma.

During the weekly class meeting time, the ILC students provide background information on their clients and their cases, so that everyone in the class becomes knowledgeable about other countries around the world and the myriad of reasons why an individual may be seeking asylum in the United States. Professor Sheila Velez-Martinez always fosters meaningful class discussions on access to justice and the particular

difficulties faced by those working their way through the U.S. immigration system. Working directly with the immigration system provides the ILC students with an education that simply could not be accomplished through a traditional classroom environment.

I had the unique opportunity to combine experience gained during an international internship with my ILC work. During my 2L summer, I served as an intern for the state department at the U.S. Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand. My work was focused on a human rights portfolio and included assisting in drafting New Zealand's country narrative for the state department's Trafficking in Persons Report. Although I had a first-hand look at the creation of the report through my internship, the ILC gave me the opportunity to see the real-world application of these reports. Regularly relying upon the state department's Human

Rights Report, Trafficking-in-Persons Report, and International Religious Freedom Report in briefs submitted to the court, it was eye opening to see how much of a very real and tangible impact that these academic reports can have on the decisions of an immigration judge. Through my work with the ILC, the reports became more than words on a page; they were important pieces of evidence that helped me advocate for my asylum clients.

The combination of my summer internship and my ILC experiences exposed me to how policy and advocacy converge in legal practice. By combining practical lawyering skills with an international focus, Pitt's ILC offers a fantastic opportunity to students interested in a more globally focused legal education.



# Law, Languages, and Learning in Kazakhstan on a Boren Fellowship

by Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013)

Over the past year I was very fortunate to have several amazing academic and professional experiences. These experiences were made possible by the support and advice provided by professors and staff at Pitt Law, especially the Center for International Legal Education (CILE), and the University of Pittsburgh's Russian and East European Studies Center (REES).

From June 2011 through May 2012, I was a National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellow. I worked closely with CILE to craft a competitive application and formulate a rigorous, individualized academic program that eventually assisted me in becoming a successful Boren applicant. I took specialized courses like Russian and Uzbek Legal Systems and Public International Law Advocacy, and pursued language and culture courses outside the law school. All of this was done at the encouragement of Pitt Law.

Within the framework of my Boren Fellowship, I undertook intensive Kazakh language study at the University of Indiana's Summer Workshop for Slavic, East European, and Central Asian languages (SWSEEL) during the summer of 2011. At the end of August, I departed for Kazakhstan, where I spent the 2011–12 academic year studying the Kazakh and Russian languages while undertaking a number of internships.

One of my internships was with the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA). At EFCA, I assisted the organization in managing and implementing the "Equal Before the Law" Project. I reviewed grant applications, helped program staff with internal paperwork related to grants, and worked with several law schools in Kazakhstan to implement legal education reform projects.

During this time, I developed a particularly strong professional relationship with the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economic and Strategic Research (KIMEP), a renowned university in Kazakhstan that provides students



Kneeling at far left, Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013) attended the KIMEP Legal Clinic opening.

with a western-style education in English. Although the university was unable to collaborate directly with EFCA, I worked with KIMEP to open a student legal clinic. The clinic opened this past May, and is now serving clients in Almaty under the supervision of KIMEP law school faculty members.

My other internship was with the Protection Unit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Almaty. For me, this opportunity was a lesson in networking because it came about after I gave my business card to a UNHCR staff member at a UN event in October. As an intern at the UNHCR office in Almaty, I assisted the Protection Unit in comparative analysis and in drafting recommendations on Kazakhstan's Law of Refugees and other legislation relevant to UNHCR Persons of Concern. I also helped write reports and correspondence with UN and Kazakh governmental entities, completed the UNHCR Protection Induction Program, and attended a one-day training by the Canadian Border Security Agency on the detection of imposters.

My Boren Fellowship was augmented by generous grants from both CILE and REES. I am very grateful to both CILE and REES for their financial support, as their grants enabled me to travel within Kazakhstan in connection with my work and studies and to meet the day-to-day costs associated with my life in Almaty.

At the end of May, I returned to the

United States and started an internship at Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) headquarters in New York City. I applied for this internship online while in Kazakhstan and conducted my interview by phone outside my Kazakh friend's wedding! Interning with AIUSA was an awesome experience. The people there are so supportive and talented. AIUSA's staff is made up of many of the top experts on human rights issues and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with them. During my internship I carried out legal research and prepared briefs and legal memos on a wide range of topics from the armament and munitions supplies of violent non-state actors to employment issues and the Supreme Court's recent decision on the Affordable Care Act. The best part of my internship was seeing my research applied to AIUSA initiatives that will hopefully be the impetus for positive change. Although my internship was unpaid, I received a PLISF grant that allowed me to fully enjoy and benefit from this experience while making financial ends meet.

This past year has been truly amazing and at every moment I have felt immense support from Pitt Law, especially CILE, and REES. I feel so blessed to have had all of these experiences and I truly believe that they will enable me to achieve my professional goal of working on legal issues for the U.S. government.



## Croissants for Breakfast

By Caitlin Norton-Howe (Class of 2013)

I remember writing my law school application essays and expounding on my then-vague aspiration to do “something in international law.” Having lived abroad for some time as a child and majored in French literature in college, I knew that I wanted to find a way to combine my love of French with my interests in the law.

Last year, I had the incredible opportunity to take Professor Vivian Curran’s seminar on International Arbitration, which was taught entirely in French—a rarity for an American law school. In lieu of the traditional seminar paper, our class chose to participate in a mock international arbitration competition hosted by a premier French university, Sciences Po, and a major international law firm, Clifford Chance. The competition was a thrilling experience, and it got me to thinking: what better way to test my hypothesis about wanting to do “international law” than working in a law firm abroad? That question and

the support of the Center for International Legal Education are how I came to spend my summer working at the Paris office of Bryan Cave LLP, a nearly 2000-attorney firm headquartered in St. Louis.

From my first day, I was plunged into matters across the firm’s practice areas and produced work in both French and English. The general language of conversation of the office was French, so gathering for lunch in the conference room everyday gave me ample opportunity to practice my conversational French as well. My colleagues were warm and welcoming, and I had the great pleasure of working with Joseph Smallhoover (JD ’80), the managing partner of the Paris office.

While at Bryan Cave, I truly felt as though I was practicing “international law.” I researched issues of French contract and agency law to aid in the defense of a multi-million Euro lawsuit in French Polynesia; advised on French tax issues in the context of an international acquisition, drafted

a power of attorney for a cross-border corporate refinancing; and authored a comprehensive memo detailing recent changes in French export control regulations on military and defense products. What often goes unnoticed, and what I had never considered before working abroad, is the little stuff, like going to the Palace of Justice to pick up the mail at the *toque* (a type of legal PO Box), doing research at the Library of the Paris Bar, and learning how to use a variety of French legal research databases. One of the biggest “little” hurdles? Typing on a French keyboard—AZERTY instead of the familiar QWERTY—which made for some interesting typos.

I learned what it means to practice international law, and my hypothesis did indeed prove correct: I want to practice internationally. And in case you were wondering? Yes, I did have a croissant every morning for breakfast.

## A Summer Health and Human Rights Law in Nicaragua

by Kimberly Bennett (Class of 2015)

I spent the summer of 2012 in León, Nicaragua, working for an NGO called La Isla Foundation (LIF). LIF works to find the cause and cure to a disease called Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). For the past decade, the sugarcane industry in western Nicaragua has increased production to take advantage of historically high sugar prices and to meet international demand for sustainable biofuels in the form of ethanol. This has had a negative impact on field workers who must meet the increased demand. One of the most tragic consequences of this increased pressure is a marked increase in the prevalence of CKD among field workers, most notably the manual cane cutters, in the sugarcane plantations.

Though global in scope, the heart of the epidemic lies in the coastal lowlands of western Nicaragua in the municipality of Chichigalpa, the home of National

Sugar Estates Limited (NSEL). With inadequate access to treatment, and few government initiatives exploring interventions, mortality rates for CKD in this region are alarmingly high. Worker communities in Chichigalpa demonstrate a CKD prevalence of 68% among men; nearly all of them cane cutters with almost 1 in 3 suffering from end stage renal failure. Given the economic and public health realities in Nicaragua, this means that nearly 33% of the men living in these communities are terminally ill.

LIF’s mission became legal in scope when it realized that the disease rate was higher for workers specifically working for NSEL. I spent my summer helping compile all of the relevant labor laws, including both local and international labor regulations. After this desk research was completed, we began thinking about a protocol for action. Part of this protocol involved conducting a study to show that worker’s rights are being violated.

My job taught me a lot about working for an NGO, including the difficulties small NGOs may face due to lack of funding. I learned important skills that cannot be acquired in the classroom. For example, I learned how to write a grant to ask for funding. Being in Nicaragua taught me the difficulties one may encounter when working in another culture with a high poverty rate. It is much more difficult to do work by email when the people with whom you work do not have access to Internet. It is also much more difficult to search for land titles or other legal documents when natural disasters and poverty have rendered those documents non-existent. My experience abroad also taught me how difficult a life working in international law may be. I enjoyed every moment I spent at LIF and in Nicaragua, and I would not trade my experience for that of anyone else.





## A Summer of Law and Public Health

By Megan Crouch (Class of 2013)

This past summer I worked as a legal intern at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C. Not only was I able to enjoy working in the heart of Washington, but my internship allowed me to connect with a diverse group of employees from all over Latin America. My work involved health legislation for the English-speaking Caribbean countries. I was assigned to create a model legislative brief on diet and exercise since these countries are fighting to eliminate the obesity epidemic across the region. I researched food labeling laws, food and

beverage regulations in schools, food advertising laws, and a recent proposal for taxes on “sugary beverages.” I reviewed these laws in the United States, as well as in Latin America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain. Both challenging and intriguing, I learned a lot about the Caribbean culture and healthy eating.

At PAHO, I had the opportunity to attend multiple presentations relating to public health. My favorite presentation was related to HIV/AIDs and the ethical concerns of using Antiretroviral Therapy for prevention of transmission. In D.C., I was able to attend

presentations and lectures all over the city. One thing I enjoyed about working at PAHO was the Spanish classes. The classes were small, allowing me one-on-one time with the teacher.

My favorite part of working at PAHO was meeting other interns. They came from all over Latin America, as well as countries like Germany, Canada, and Zimbabwe. Most were native Spanish speakers so I was able to practice my Spanish and help them with their English. I made some amazing friends whom I hope to keep in touch with for the rest of my life.



## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

## International Law Society Surges with Student Events

The International Law Society (ILS) continued its strong support of events at Pitt Law with a host of quality programming that featured some new additions in the 2011-12 academic year. On November 7-8, 2011, the ILS hosted its annual Student Symposium, featuring presentations by students who had participated in overseas internships, study abroad, and directed international research. Other events included a “Speed Friending” event on September 15, 2011, Oktoberfest on October 27, 2011, and travel to the International Law Weekend

in New York on October 20-22, 2011. ILS also hosted the inaugural event of “The American Lawyer and International Law,” which featured nearly two dozen practicing lawyers from government, private practice, and non-traditional careers speaking about the use of international law in their day-to-day jobs. The event received high praise from many of the senior legal professionals that presented. It was co-sponsored by CILE, the Career Services Office, and the Development Office at Pitt Law.

### International Law Society 2012-13

- Co-presidents:** Nikolay G. Markov and Michael Micsky
- Vice President:** Keith Herting
- Treasurer:** Caleb Pittman
- Co-secretaries:** Tara Kohl and Kate Langford

## Libya Panel Brings Together Experts on Humanitarian Intervention

On September 29, 2011, CILE hosted a panel featuring Pitt Law Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi and Associate Professor Charles Jalloh, moderated by CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist, to address developments in Libya. The discussion, “Libya: Where do we go from here?”, drew on Prof. Hamoudi’s work on rebuilding post-conflict governmental systems in Iraq and Prof. Jalloh’s experiences with post-conflict justice systems in Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

## Professor Curran Arranges Timely Panel on Foreign Law in U.S. Courts

On November 10, 2011, Professor Vivian Curran moderated a panel on “Foreign and Comparative Law in the U.S. and French Courts.” The featured panelists were Judge William Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and Judge Oliver Duthellet de Lamothe of France’s Supreme Court of Public Law.



## Niagara Moot Court Team Excels

Pitt Law students again participated in and performed well at the three different international moot competitions. The Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team made the cut to the final 64 teams from more than 270 for the fourth year in a row and enjoyed working with other teams in the Pitt consortium in Vienna. The Jessup International Law Moot team performed well against the teams that eventually went on to represent the Mid-Atlantic Region at the International Rounds. This year's Niagara International Law Moot team, comprised entirely of 2L students, scored in the preliminary rounds, ultimately losing in the quarter finals by a single point. The team's applicant memorial won second best written memorial and the team's respondent oralists, Gregory Graham and Alicia Roberts, took first and second place Best Oralist awards, respectively, and the Best Respondent Team Argument award.



Above: Niagara Coach Wes Rist (middle) with team members (L-R) Matt Smith (Class of 2013), Patrick Carew (Class of 2013), Alicia Roberts (Class of 2013), and Gregory Graham (Class of 2013)

Below: Some of the Pitt Law consortium teams at the Vis Moot competition in Vienna







## Law Students Support and Attend Conflict Minerals Student Conference

On November 19, 2011, CILE and the International Law Society partnered with Global Solutions Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh STAND chapter to host “Conflict Free Pittsburgh,” a student

conference on the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the role the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act will play in preventing the use of conflict minerals. CILE

Assistant Director Wes Rist spoke on several topics, including “Rape as a Tool of War” and “U.S. Foreign Policy, International Law, and the Regulation of Congo’s Minerals.”

## William F. Schulz III Speaks at Fundraiser for Schulz Scholars Fund

In 2011, four Pitt Law students were selected as the inaugural William F. Schulz Jr. Scholars, funded by contributions in honor of the former Pitt Law professor for which the fellowships are named. On September 20, 2011, Dr. William F. Schulz III spoke to a standing room only crowd of over 160 at the University Club on “Do Human Rights Have a Future?” Dr. Schulz is the former Executive Director of Amnesty International USA. He, Rose Mary Schulz, and friends enjoyed dinner after the lecture, where three of the Schulz Scholars shared observations on their internship experiences in Malawi and South Africa. For the 2012 summer, Kimberly Bennett and Nicholas Krakoff were selected to be William F. Schulz Jr. scholars for human rights internships in Nicaragua and Laos, respectively.

Rose Mary Schulz’s death in August 2012 was a significant loss to CILE and the entire international community at the University of Pittsburgh.



Megan Crouch (Class of 2013), Sarah Beaver (Class of 2013), William F. Schulz III, Rose Mary Schulz, and Patrick Lemon (Class of 2013)

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## Rule of Law Lecture Features LLM Students

Members of the 2012 LLM class continued the tradition of educating JD students about current rule of law challenges around the world with a pair of lectures on February 2 and March 13, 2012. The discussions included information on Azerbaijan, China, Kosovo, Mexico, Palestine, Serbia, and Ukraine.

## Pitt Law Professors Comment on Supreme Court Hearings

On February 28, 2012, the same day the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum* and *Mohamad v. Rajoub* cases, Professors Vivian Curran and Jules Lobel were joined by Dan Kovalik, Associate Senior General Counsel at the United Steelworkers, to address “Corporations and Human Rights Violations.” The panel focused on the history and impact of the Alien Tort Claims Act and the implications of the cases on the ACTA’s future use to hold corporations accountable for human rights violations overseas.

## Honorary Consul Speaks about Prosecution of Human Rights Abuses

Bog Goff, founding director of Restore International, an NGO working to improve access to justice in Uganda, spoke to students on February 20, 2012, about his experiences as a member of the team that drafted the Ugandan constitution. Goff, who is the honorary consul from Uganda to the United States, addressed the need for domestic prosecution of human rights violations in transition countries.



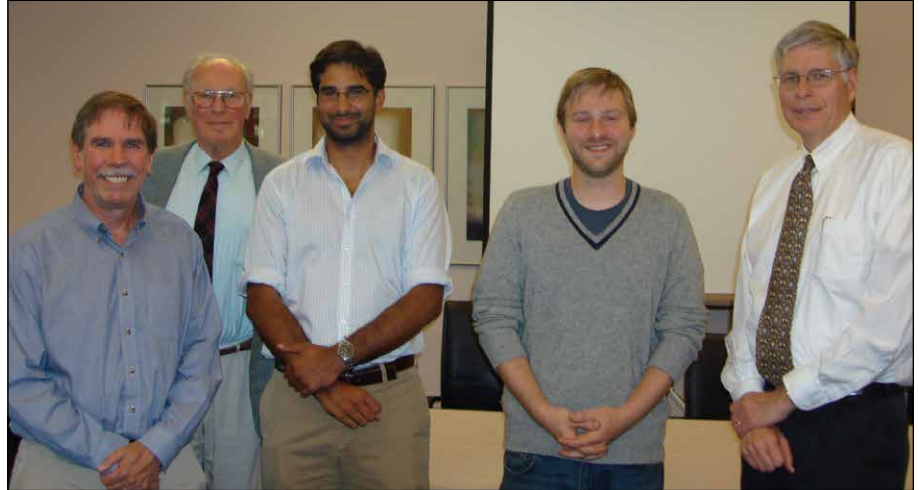


## Alumni Lectures Feature Variety of International Careers

2012 was a banner year for CILE alumni lectures at Pitt Law. On September 15, 2011, Ravi Reddy (JD '06) and Brandon Gardner (JD '06) shared practical advice for students on how they ended up in their current careers as a Legal Officer with the UN Mission in Timor-Leste and member of the Kosovo Human Rights Review Panel respectively. On November 3, 2011, Renee Martin-Nagle (JD '84), current visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C., and former general counsel for Airbus USA, shared her perspectives on both international careers in an informal discussion with students, and in a lecture on "The Looming Global Water Crisis." Gunesh Bakgalova (LLM '09) returned to Pittsburgh from Turkmenistan to share a lecture on November 17, 2011, addressing "Development and the EU in Central Asia: An Insider's Perspective." Mark Walter (JD '98), senior associate

at Nathan Associates, an international development firm, and former CILE assistant director, spoke with students about

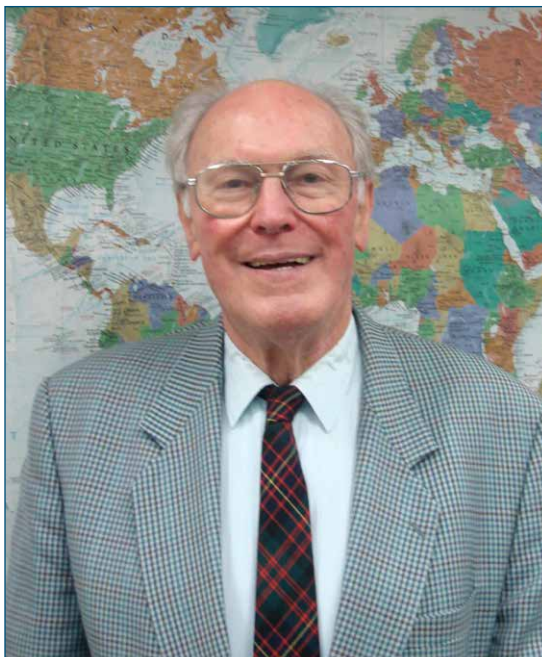
"Opportunities for Legal Professionals in International Development" on February 3, 2012.



Professor Harry Flechtner, Visiting Professor Bernhard Schloh, Ravi Reddy (JD '06), Brandon Gardner (JD '06), and Professor Brand

## Jean Monnet Lectures Address Current Challenges in the EU

Two 2011-12 Pitt Law Visiting Professors were sponsored by CILE's Jean Monnet European Union Module grant from the European Union. On October 18, 2011, Professor Bernhard Schloh, a retired Member of the Legal Service of the Council of Ministers of the European Union, and former Professor at the Free University of Brussels, spoke to more than 50 students, faculty members, and local legal professionals on "The Present Situation of the European Union: Legal and Political Reflections." On January 31, 2012, Professor Davor Babic, of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law, and member of the Croatian EU accession team, spoke on "Civil Jurisdiction of European Courts over U.S. Parties" to more than 60 faculty, students, and local legal professionals.



Visiting Professor Bernhard Schloh

## U.S. Steel Lecture Focuses on Euro Crisis

Kurt Riechenberg, U.S. Steel Visiting Professor at Pitt Law and senior legal secretary to Judge Silva de Lapuerta at the European Court of Justice, gave the inaugural U.S. Steel Lecture on March 15, 2012. He spoke on "The Euro Crisis: Some Lessons for the European Union," presenting the legal, historical, and political foundations and implications of the ongoing Euro crisis.

## Pitt Law Professors Visit Cuba

Professors Vivian Curran and Jules Lobel traveled to Cuba in January to teach introductory courses on American law. Professor Lobel lectured on constitutional law and Professor Curran gave an overview of common law methodology in tort, contract, and criminal law. Classes were taught over a four-day period at the University of Havana, with an audience consisting of law professors, judges, legal practitioners, journalists, and individuals from the Foreign Ministry.



## Pitt Law Students Receive FLAS Fellowships Again

Pitt Law students once again received a number of Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for the 2012-13 academic year. The FLAS Fellowships, funded through the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI program and administered by the area studies centers of Pitt's University Center for International Studies, provide tuition and travel expenses for summer language study, and full tuition and a monthly stipend for academic year awards. Over the past three years, Pitt Law students have received over \$590,000 in FLAS funding.

## Venezuelan Embassy Selects Pitt Law for Talk on Economic Integration

CILE, the Pitt Law Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and the Venezuelan Embassy partnered to host a talk by Vladimir Lòpez Rìos, senior researcher at the Venezuelan Central Bank, and Mr. Dan Kovalik, associate senior general counsel for United Steelworkers. The December 6, 2011 lecture addressed "Bolivarianism, Economic Integration, and Regional Cooperation."

## Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Recipients 2012-13

Academic Year Awards:

**Trevor Krost** (Class of 2014) - Russian (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Nikolay Markov** (Class of 2014) - Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Ngofeen Mpotubwele** (Class of 2013) - GSC Swahili (Global Studies Center)

**Sarah Paulsworth** (Class of 2013) - Turkish (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Caleb Pittman** (Class of 2014) - Quechua (Center for Latin American Studies)

## German Diplomat Addresses International Law Careers

On February 10, 2012, Ellen Goelz, head of the legal and consular section at the consulate general's office of the Federal Republic of Germany, spoke to Pitt Law students while in Pittsburgh representing a German national being held in a Pennsylvania prison. Goelz talked about the intersection of international and domestic law in everyday practice. David Murdoch, CILE advisory board member and honorary German consul for Pittsburgh, arranged the visit.



## LLM CLASS OF 2013

**Christina Alam (Ukraine)** received her bachelor's degree in international law with honors from Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2011. She was a participant in the 2010 Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna, Austria, and worked as an attorney at the firm of Sergii Koziak and Partners in Kyiv, Ukraine. Alam is the recipient of a scholarship from the Viktor Pinchuk Foundation and a Franklin West housing fellowship.

**Alhanoof Aldebasi (Saudi Arabia)** received her bachelor's degree in law from King Saud University School of Law in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in 2009, where she was the first female graduate from the law program. She was a legal intern at the Al-Assaf law firm in Riyadh, and volunteered with the Pittsburgh-based NGO Global Links. Aldebasi is the recipient of a scholarship from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Ministry.

**Tariq Aljarba (Saudi Arabia)** received his bachelor's degree in Islamic law from Bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in 2001 and graduated from the Bin Saud Islamic University's Higher Judiciary Institute with a specialization in Criminal Sciences in 2005. He was a teacher with the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education from 2001-04, and was an investigator with the Bureau of Investigation and Prosecution in Riyadh from 2004-10. Aljarba is the recipient of a scholarship from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Ministry.

**Lina Barauskaite (Lithuania)** received her bachelor's and master's degrees in law from Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania, in 2007, and her postgraduate LLM diploma in European Union competition law from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium, in 2008. She was a trainee lawyer at the European Union Commission Directorate General for Competition from

2008-09, a trainee lawyer at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP from 2009-10, and is currently an associate at LAWIN Lideika, Petrauskas, Valiunas and Partners. Barauskaite is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship administered by the Institute of International Education.

**Qiwei Chen (China)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Shanghai Normal University in Shanghai, China, in 2012 and studied criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania on an exchange program. She was a legal intern at AllBright law offices in Shanghai and the Shanghai Civil Affairs Bureau, and was project director of the Caring for Autism program directed by the Shanghai Red Cross office in China.

**Enny Cudny (Venezuela)** received her law diploma from Santa María University in Caracas, Venezuela, in 2004 and did paralegal studies at Broadview University





in Salt Lake City, Utah. She worked as a legal assistant for Genesis Telecom CA in Caracas from 2004–06. Cudny worked as a volunteer for the Street Law Legal Clinic at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, from 2010–11.

**Mahmoud Elsaman (Egypt)** received his bachelor's degree in law from the Cairo University School of Law in Cairo, Egypt, in 2011. He was a junior associate lawyer at Ibrachy & Dermakar law firm in Giza, Egypt. Elsaman is the recipient of a Middle Eastern Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

**Ibrahim Fares (Palestine)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Al al-Bayt University in Mafrqa, Jordan, in 2006 and his master's degree in law from Birzeit University in Ramallah, Palestine, in 2009. He was an attorney with ITTQAN Consulting Services from 2010–12 and was an attorney with Al Husseini and Husseini law offices from 2008–10. Fares is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

**Daniela Mahan (Chile)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Adolfo Ibáñez University in Viña del Mar, Chile, in 2010. She was a legal intern in the Adoption and Protection of Rights division of the National Minors' Service in Valparaíso, Chile, from 2010–11 and a lawyer at Uribe, Hübner & Canales in Santiago, Chile, from 2011–12. Mahan is the recipient of a Becas Chile Fellowship, awarded by the Chilean Ministry of Education.

**Robert Miano Maina (Kenya)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Moi University School of Law in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2009, and his postgraduate diploma in law from the University of Kenya School of Law in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2010. He is a certified public secretary/corporate secretary and chartered accountant, and was a legal consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Nairobi, Kenya, and Johannesburg, South Africa, from 2009–12. Maina is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies and a Heinz Fellowship awarded by the Global Studies Center.

**Faisal Moubaydeen (Jordan)** received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan, in 2012. He was a participant in the 2012 Vis



Members of the Class of 2013 enjoy Western Pennsylvania.

Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna, Austria, and the Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition in Qatar.

**Moien Odeh (Palestine)** received his bachelor's degree in law and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, in 2008. He worked as a legal intern for the Dr. Eli Gilbai law offices in Tel Aviv, Israel, from 2008–09 and continued to do consulting work for them from 2009–12. Odeh was a lawyer at the Jerusalem Legal Aid Center from 2009–12 and taught commercial law at Anwar Al-Quds Law School in Jerusalem, Israel, from 2011–12. He is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

**Diella Rugova (Kosovo)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law in Prishtina, Kosovo, in 2012. She was a participant in the 2012 Vis Moot Arbitration competition in Vienna, Austria, and was the founder and president of the University of Prishtina Women's Law Faculty Student Association. Rugova was an intern at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative from 2009–10, and a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton on development law from 2010–12. She is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for

International Studies and a Franklin West housing fellowship.

**Ruben Sindahl (Denmark)** received his bachelor's degree in law and his master's degree in law from the University of Copenhagen in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2007 and 2010, respectively. He was a legal intern at the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority from 2008–10 and was Head of Section there from 2010–12.

**Olga Synoverska (Ukraine)** received her bachelor's degree in law with honors in 2011 and her postgraduate degree in law, with honors, in 2012 from National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv, Ukraine. She was a participant in the 2011 and 2012 Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot competitions in Vienna, Austria. Synoverska served as a legal intern at OMP Law Offices in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2012. She is the recipient of a scholarship from the Viktor Pinchuk Foundation and a CILE/ALCOA Scholarship.

**Shui Wang (China)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Jinan University in Guangzhou, China, in 2005 and her master's degree in International Competition Law and Policy from the University of East Anglia in Norfolk, United Kingdom, in 2007. She was a legal consultant at Beijing Bobangjiayuan Ltd, in Beijing, China, from 2007–09.





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2011–12 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded funds exceeding \$65,000 to the following students for a variety of activities:

**Sarah Beaver (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 internship at the Pan-American Health Organization in Washington, D.C.

**Kimberly Bennett (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 internship at the La Isla Foundation in León, Nicaragua

**Amelia Brett (Class of 2013), Eryn Correa (Class of 2013), Brian Fraile (Class of 2013), and Andrew Vogeler (JD '12):** participation in the 2012 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria

**Marie Brown (Class of 2013):** summer internship at the Immigration Court in Tacoma, Washington

**Melinda Cooper (Class of 2013):** 2011-12 LLM study at the Utrecht University School of Law in Utrecht, the Netherlands; spring 2012 semester internship with the Office of the Defense Counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia in the Hague, the Netherlands; and summer and fall 2012 internship at the Public International Law Practice Group in The Hague, the Netherlands

**Megan Crouch (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 internship at the Pan-American Health Organization in Washington, D.C.

**Greg Dann (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 study abroad at Southwestern University School of Law Summer Law Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Brian Fraile (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 internship at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium

**Daniel Gesspass (Class of 2013):** spring 2012 study abroad at the University of Iowa London Law Consortium Program in London, United Kingdom

**Gregory Graham (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 internship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, and internship with Zurić i Partneri, in Zagreb, Croatia

**Douglass Hubert (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 study abroad at Fordham University Law School Summer Institute in International Law at Sungkyunkwan University College of Law in Seoul, Korea

**Haris Hussain (Class of 2013):** spring and summer 2012 internship at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania

**Nicholas Krakoff (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 internship at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane, Laos

**Andrew Lawrence (Class of 2013):** spring 2012 study abroad at the University of Iowa London Law Consortium Program in London, United Kingdom

**Caitlin Norton-Howe (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 internship at the Bryan Cave Law Offices in Paris, France

**Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013):** fall and spring 2011-12 internship as Kazakhstan Legal Clinic Project Coordinator for the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Sunu Pillai (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 study abroad at the Bucerius Summer Program in International Business Law in Hamburg, Germany

**Krysta Smith (Class of 2014):** summer 2012 study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb & Zadar, Croatia

**Daniel Taglioli (Class of 2013):** summer 2012 study abroad at the John Marshall Law School China Intellectual Property Summer Program in Beijing, China

**Yuriy Vilner (Class of 2013):** 2011-13 LLM study at Católica Global School of Law in Lisbon, Portugal, and summer 2012 internship at CARDIGOS law offices in Lisbon, Portugal

## Other Student Activities

**John L. (JL) Asher (Class of 2013)** spent the spring 2012 semester at the Pace Law School London Law Program in London, United Kingdom; interned during summer 2012 at the Landmark Chambers in London, United Kingdom; and studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2012 summer program in Zagreb & Zadar, Croatia.

**Robert Beswick (Class of 2013)** studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2012 summer program in Zagreb & Zadar, Croatia.

**Lauren Bier (Class of 2013)** studied at the Tulane University School of Law Center for International Human Rights and International Criminal Law 2012 summer program in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

**Patrick Carew (Class of 2013), Gregory Graham (Class of 2013), Alicia Roberts (Class of 2013), and Matthew Smith (Class of 2013)** participated in the 2012 Niagara International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.

**Megan Crouch (Class of 2013), Torrey Hullum (JD '12), Charles Isaacs (Class of 2013), Max Parmelee (JD '12), and Kelsey Romeo-Stuppy (JD '12)** participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.

**Evan Denlinger (Class of 2014)** studied at the Christian Institute 2012 summer program in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom.

**Brian Kallus (Class of 2013)** studied at the Tulane University School of Law Center for International Human Rights and International Criminal Law 2012 summer program in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

**Nikolay Markov (Class of 2014)** received a 2012-13 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian.



**Ngofeen Mpotubwele (Class of 2013)** received a 2012-13 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center to study Swahili.

**Sarah Paulsworth (Class of 2013)** interned at Amnesty International USA in New York, NY during the summer 2012, and received a 2012-13 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Turkish.

**Caleb Pittman (Class of 2014)** received a 2012-13 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies to study Quechua.

## LLM CLASS OF 2012



The LLM Class of 2012 celebrates a successful year.



The Class of 2012 attends a Pirates baseball game.



The 2012 LLM class visits the Supreme Court.

## LLM Students Pursue Wealth of Experience with Summer Internships

Each year, CILE assists its LLM graduates in finding summer internships that will allow practical experience in the American legal system before they return to their home countries. This year featured a variety of experiences with leading law firms, corporations, judges, and human rights organizations in the Pittsburgh region.

<b>Iryna Dasevich</b>	Goldstein & Associates
<b>Abeer Hashayka</b>	Global Solutions Pittsburgh
<b>Andrii Krill</b>	Deloitte Tax LLP
<b>Ivan Milosevic</b>	Cohen & Grigsby
<b>Cristian Minor</b>	Bayer Material Sciences LLC
<b>Leyla Safarova</b>	Meyer, Unkovic & Scott
<b>Anna Udartsova</b>	LANXESS Corporation
<b>Dmytro Vorobey</b>	PPG Industries, Inc.
<b>Long Zuo</b>	Office of Pro Se Services, Family Law Division, Allegheny County Courts
<b>Dora Zgrabljic</b>	Judge Lisa Lenihan, Chief Magistrate Judge, US District Court of Western PA



**Ivan Abrams (JD '75)** was appointed Country Director for the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative programs in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

**Jo Anne Schwendinger (JD '83)** was featured in the March 2012 Asian Briefings of the Association of Corporate Counsel newsletter. The interview covered her position as Regional General Counsel Asia-Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa for Deere & Company and the importance of the professional relationships she has built out of Deere's Singapore office. It can be found online at [www.acc.com/legalresources/publications/accdocket/upload/AB1.pdf](http://www.acc.com/legalresources/publications/accdocket/upload/AB1.pdf).

**John Kropf (JD/MPIA '88)** joined the General Counsel's Office of Reed Elsevier in January 2012. He also wrote the "Guide to U.S. Government Practice on Global Sharing of Personal Information" in 2012, published by the American Bar Association.

**George D. Novak (JD '88)** accepted a position as the Assistant Vice President of Civil Aviation at the Aerospace Industries Association in Washington D.C.

**Amanda Beamon (Reed) (LLM '98)** accepted a position as General Counsel for Heinz Latin America and Rest of World in Miami, Florida.

**Corin Stone (JD '98)** and her husband Christopher celebrated the birth of their first child, Aiden Eric Stone Thuma on October 10, 2011.

**Francesco Mazzotta (LLM '00)** was appointed by West Publishing to the team responsible for updating the *International Contract Manual* volumes authored by Professor Albert Kritzer.

**Athanasios Mihalakas (JD '01)** accepted a position as a tenure track Assistant Professor of International Business & Trade at SUNY Brockport in Rochester, NY.

**Evelyn Kamau (LLM '02)** received a Commonwealth Commission Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in international human rights law at the University of Oxford.

**Milena (Multinovic) Djordjevic (LLM '02)** received her PhD degree from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, in June 2012.

**Monica (Stubanas) Stump (JD '02)** transferred to the Southern District of Illinois as the Assistant United States Attorney in the Violent Crimes Section of the Criminal Division in June 2012.

**Michelle (Saylor) Beckers (JD '03)** accepted a position as Corporate Counsel for Rimini Street, Inc. working on its East Coast and global operations out of Miami, Florida.

**Glenys Spence (JD '03)** published her article on "Colonial Relics: Unearthing the Lingering Tyranny of Colonial Discourse in U.S.-Caribbean Immigration Law and Policy" in the *St. Johns University School of Law Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development*. She also served as a judge for the Vis East Moot in March 2012 and was recently promoted to the position of Director of the Academic Success Center at Phoenix School of Law in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Maurice Oduor (LLM '04)** coached the Moi University School of Law African Human Rights Moot Court team at the

October 2011 competition. The team won the Best Respondent Memorial award and placed second in the overall competition.

**Lucia Ostoni (LLM '04)** and her husband Stefano welcomed their daughter, Giulia, on August 7, 2011.

**D. Wes Rist (JD '05)** gave a presentation on "Appealing Interlocutory Decisions at the SCSL: A Contribution to International Criminal Procedure?" at the panel "Critical Perspectives on Special Court for Sierra Leone Trials" at the "Assessing the Contributions and Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to Africa and International Criminal Justice" Conference on April 19-21, 2012, at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He also accepted the position of Director of Education and Research at the American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C., in August 2012.

**Ines Litzengerger (LLM '06)** received her Postgraduate diploma (with merit) in European Union Competition Law from King's College London School of Law in the United Kingdom. She also published the case note "Trade War in the Skies: *Air Transport Association of America and others v. Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change*" in the International Bar Association's May 2012 *Business Law International Journal*.

**Virginia (Ginny) Nagy (JD '06)** accepted a position as U.S. Government Liaison to the United Nations for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund at the Office of Global Health Affairs in February 2012.

**Luljeta Plakolli (LLM '06)** was appointed Kosovo reporter for the Reporting Committee on International Arbitration Case Law and authored "Arbitrability of Patent Law Disputes: the Notion of *Ordre Public*."

**Jennifer Rellis (JD '06)** joined the Arlington Asylum Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in November 2011 as an Asylum Officer. She was posted to the Refugee Affairs Division to make refugee status determinations



Stefano, Lucia (LLM '04), and their baby girl, Giulia





Program Administrator Gina Huggins and Assistant Director Cynthia Yializis

in Ethiopia among displaced Eritrean, Somali, Congolese, and Sudanese individuals for a three month placement in April to June 2012.

**Cynthia Yializis (JD '06)** accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

**Thomas Beline (JD '07)** joined Cassidy Levy Kent (USA) LLP in Washington, D.C., as an Associate in 2012.

**Djordje Krivokapic (LLM '07)** was selected as a Visiting Researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University for summer 2012.

**Lisl Brunner (JD '08)** was appointed to the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in January 2012 at her current employer, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. She published the article "Uruguay Foundering on the Path to Accountability? The Aftermath of the Gelman decision of the Inter-American Court" in the American Society of International Law's

International Criminal Law Interest Group's newsletter, *Accountability*, in the summer 2011 issue.

**Claudia Garman (JD '08)** and her husband Sam welcomed their first child, Klaus Julian Garman, on June 26, 2012.

**Annah Konuche (LLM '08)** was married to Christopher Kims on November 11, 2011.

**Lieu Dang (LLM '08)** and his wife Nguyen Minh Thu welcomed their second son, Dang Nguyen Kha, on July 19, 2011. Lieu was also promoted to the position of Special Counsel at Baker & McKenzie Vietnam, focusing on M&A and EMI (energy, mining, and infrastructure).



Annah Konuche (LLM '08) and her new husband Christopher Kims

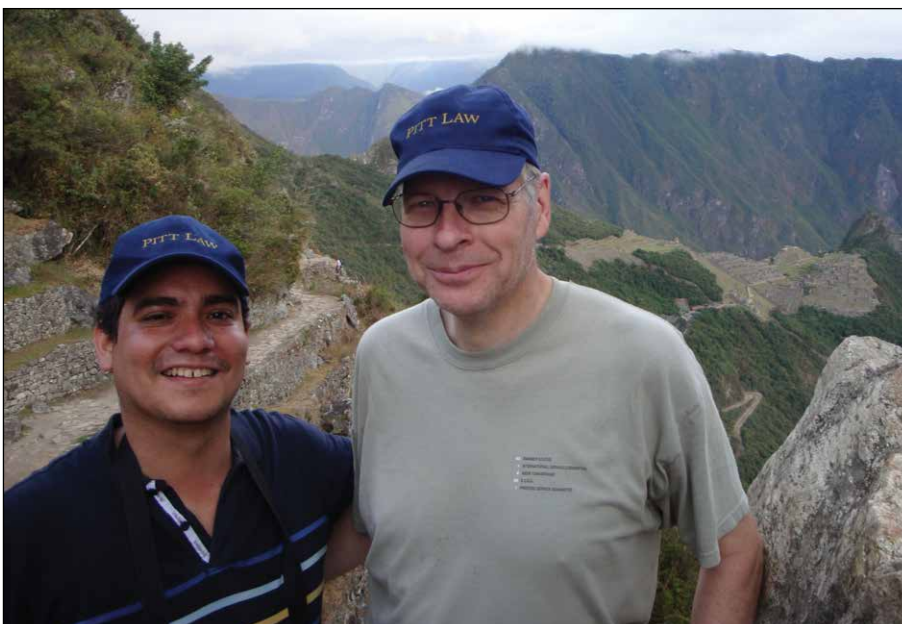
**Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn (JD '08)** is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and is stationed in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**Derek Illar (JD '09)** published "Unraveling Jurisdictional Issues on the World Wide Web" in 2011 in the *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*.

**Ellina Aleynikova (LLM '10)** was accepted into the JD program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She will start her studies in the fall 2012 semester.

**Amy DiBella (JD '10)** presented a paper on "Witnessing History: Protective Measures at

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Adolfo Céspedes (LLM '01) with Professor Brand above Machu Picchu in June 2008

## CILE Loses Two Alumni

CILE grieved the loss of two special Pitt Law graduates this past year. On April, 7, 2012, Adolfo Céspedes Zavaleta (LLM '01) was killed in an automobile accident in Peru.

On June 1, 2012, Erica Lane-Tamuza (JD '07) passed away in The Hague, the Netherlands. Adolfo and Erica were both active members of the CILE community, with promising futures. They will be missed.



the SCSL” at the panel “Critical Perspectives on Special Court for Sierra Leone Trials” at the “Assessing the Contributions and Legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to Africa and International Criminal Justice” Conference on April 19-21, 2012 at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

**Cristina Mariottini (LLM '11)** accepted a position as Senior Researcher at the Max Planck Institute of International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law, the newest Max Planck Institute, in Luxembourg, in fall 2012.

**Amelia Mathias (JD '11)** is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and is stationed in Muscat, Oman.

**Clara Pujol (LLM '11)** accepted a position as an Associate at Wiener Soto

Caparrós in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the Transactional Practice Group in 2011.

**M. Patrick Yingling (JD '11)** traveled to Eldoret, Kenya, in the fall of 2011 to teach over 650 first year law students as a visiting lecturer at Moi University School of Law. He authored an article based on his time in Kenya titled “Conventional and Unconventional Corruption,” for the *Duquesne Law Review*. Yingling presented his article at the Creighton University Public International Law and Foreign Affairs Conference, the New Perspectives in Comparative Law Conference (George Washington University Law School), and the International Public Management Network Innovations in Public Management for Combating Corruption Conference (Honolulu, Hawaii). In January 2012, he

joined Reed Smith LLP as an associate and in August 2012 began a one-year clerkship for Judge D. Michael Fisher on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Yingling posted a commentary piece with *JURIST* titled “President Obama’s Stance on LGBT Rights a Beacon for Kenya.”

**Yajuan Lu (JD '12)** was selected as one of three recipients of the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship. She will spend 12-16 months in Washington, D.C., working in both the public and private sectors of health policy development.

**Fatima Waziri (S.JD '12)** is a Research Fellow at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Abuja, Nigeria.

**Kate Young (JD '12)** was married on August 4, 2012, to Robert Dewberry.



## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Jessie Allen** presented a lecture on “The Theatre of International Justice” on May 10, 2012, at “The Changing Face of Justice: Access to the Inter-American System of Human Rights” conference at the ninth annual South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law in San José, Costa Rica.

**Professor Kevin Ashley**, along with Professor Ronald Brand, Matthias Grabmair (LLM '05), and Christina Mariottini (LLM '11), participated as an Expert Observer at the 25th Session of Working Group III of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in New York City from May 21–25, 2012. The Working Group considered a draft set of procedural rules for global online dispute resolution (ODR). Professor Ashley and CILE were invited by the UNCITRAL Secretariat to provide an expert delegation to assist UNCITRAL Member States in determining how best to deal with the need for online dispute resolution in high volume, low value cross border transactions. One of the five working papers (Working Paper 115) was prepared by CILE for the UNCITRAL Secretariat.

**Professor Elena Baylis** participated in the Institute for International Law and Public Policy Roundtable at Temple Law School on Friday, September 23, 2011. She presented her paper, “Justice Junkies on the Move,” at the American Society of International Law’s inaugural Research Forum on November 5, 2011, and again at the 2011 Faculty Colloquium on International Law and Theory, held by the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute at Washington University School of Law on November 17-18, 2011. The paper presents the first set of findings from Professor Baylis’ recent empirical research study of internationals working in post-conflict justice. On March 31, 2012, she was an invited speaker at the ASIL’s Annual Meeting, joining a roundtable discussing Nico Krisch’s book, “Beyond Constitutionalism,” which won the American Society of International Law’s Certificate of Merit for Preeminent Contribution to Scholarship.

**Professor Ronald Brand** traveled with Pitt Law 3L students, Sarah Miley, Kimberly Stains, and Kaitlin Young, to Amman, Jordan, from October 6-13, 2011, to train students from the University of Jordan

and Baghdad University Schools of Law in preparation for participation in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition. He moderated and spoke on a panel on “Private International Law in Action” at the International Law Weekend, sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association on October 21, 2011. Brand’s talk focused on recent developments in jurisdiction law in both the EU and the United States. Brand also took part in the ABILA annual meeting as a member of its Executive Committee.

On October 13, 2011, Professor Brand received the Leonard J. Theberge Award for Private International Law at the meeting of the American Bar Association Section on International Law in Dublin, Ireland. The award honors persons who have made distinguished, long-standing contributions to the development of private international law. In November of 2011, Professor Brand received the degree of Doctor Juris Honoris Causa by the University of Augsburg Faculty of Law in Germany. On February 10, 2012, Professor Brand spoke on “Improving the World of Electronic Commerce:





Synthesizing Online Dispute Resolution, Consumer Protection, Private International Law, and International Arbitration,” at the Loyola Chicago University Law School conference on “U.S. Impact On International Commercial Arbitration: Positive or Negative?”

From February 27 - March 1, 2012, Professor Brand, along with 3Ls Sarah Miley, Kimberly Stains, and Kaitlin Young, provided oral argument training and helped administer the Second Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot in Muscat, Oman. The event was organized in coordination with the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR). Katerina Ossenova, JD '08, coordinated the pre-moot on behalf of CLDP. Vis Moot teams from seven Middle East law schools participated in the training and argued in the Pre-Moot. The work done by the students and Professor Brand was featured on March 26, 2012, in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* law and business section.

On April 20, 2012, the Federal Judicial Center published and posted Professor Brand's International Litigation Guide on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments. This is the first of a series of litigation guides for federal judges anticipated to include coverage of jurisdiction over foreign parties, declining jurisdiction, service of process abroad, discovery abroad, parallel proceedings, international arbitration, international human rights litigation, and proof of foreign law. On May 17, 2012, Professor Brand gave a presentation on U.S. Legal Education and Pitt Law Programs with Law Schools in the Middle East to a group of education professionals from Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the UAE, and Yemen at the offices of GlobalPittsburgh. On the same day he spoke on “International Law, Diplomacy, and National Politics: Reflections on the Negotiation and Implementation of the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements” to a combined meeting of the Honorable Amy Reynolds Hay Chapter and the W. Edward Sell Chapter of The American Inns of Court.

On May 31, 2012, Professor Brand participated as an invited expert in the first

online symposium sponsored by Letters Blogatory - the Blog of International Judicial Assistance. Comments were structured around the Columbia Law Review article by Professors Christopher A. Whytock and Cassandra Burke Robertson, Forum Non Conveniens and the Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, to which Professor Brand published an invited response in the Columbia Law Review Sidebar, “Access-to-Justice Analysis on a Due Process Platform.” Professor Brand's article, “Recognition Jurisdiction and the Hague Choice of Court Convention,” was published in the book, “Liber Amicorum Kresimir Sajko,” edited by Hrvoje Sikiri, Vilim Bouek, and Davor Babi.

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**Professor Douglas Branson** participated in the East Asian Law & Society conference held at Yonsie University in Seoul, South Korea in the fall of 2011. On September 30, he delivered a talk entitled “Dialogues and Dialectics in Asian Corporate Governance.” On October 1, Professor Branson served as moderator and as a discussant for the plenary session of the conference. Scholars from the University of Washington, Korea University, University of Wisconsin, and Gakushuin University (Japan) presented papers. Discussants from the University



Professor Kevin Ashley, Matthias Grabmair (LLM '05), Christina Marriottini (LLM '11) and Professor Brand at the United Nations





of Sydney, Donisa University (Japan), and the American Bar Foundation delivered commentary.

In February of 2012, Professor Branson gave a series of presentations and speeches at various universities in Australia and New Zealand. These included talks at the law faculty at Australian National University in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory; the Corporate Law Teachers' Association (CLTA) Annual Meeting in Queensland; Bond University, Gold Coast, Queensland; and the School of Business, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. At Canberra and at the CLTA meeting, Professor Branson's subject was "Initiatives to Place Women on Corporate Boards of Directors." He acted as the keynote speaker at the CLTA meeting, which was attended by over 300 law teachers from Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Singapore, Korea, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa. His keynote speech was followed by a panel discussion. He also convened and spoke at a second panel discussion on "Globalization and Corporate Law Teaching." In New Zealand, Professor Branson also acted as keynote speaker, providing an introduction to a half day program. His address was followed by an address by the Human Rights Commissioner for New Zealand, the Honorable Judy McGregor, by speakers from Deakin University and the University of Wollongong in Australia, and by speakers from several New Zealand universities (Massey University and the University of Auckland).

**Professor Teresa Brostoff**, along with Professors Nancy Burkoff, and Ann Sinsheimer, presented their work at a panel on "Legal Research and Writing for Non-US Lawyers: What Resources Do Law Schools Need to Provide?" on Saturday, January 7, 2012. On March 12, 2012, Professors Brostoff and Sinsheimer presented together at The Seventh Annual Global Legal Skills Conference in San José, Costa Rica. Professors Brostoff and Sinsheimer spoke to an audience of students and faculty on Statutory Analysis in the Common Law. They were each awarded Hewlett International Grants to support their presentations at and participation in the Seventh Annual Global Legal Skills Conference in San José, Costa Rica. Brostoff

and Sinsheimer spoke at The 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. The conference was held in Palm Springs, CA. They spoke on a panel with Julie Spanbauer from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Their presentation was entitled, "Enrich Your Life and the Lives of Others: Be a Fulbright Specialist."

**Professor John Burkoff** taught a short course in U.S. Criminal Law at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain. He also taught a five hour short course, "Introduction to U.S. Criminal Justice," for Turkish law students and lawyers the following week at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Professor Nancy Burkoff** gave a presentation on "Teaching U.S. Legal Writing to Civilians in LLM Programs" at the 2012 American Association of Law Schools. The panel was co-sponsored by the Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers and the Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research. In March, Professor Burkoff was an invited lecturer on common law legal reasoning and research at the University of Navarra, in Pamplona, Spain, in the Law School's Anglo-American Law Program. From May 14-18, 2012, Professor Burkoff spoke as an invited lecturer on U.S. legal reasoning and research in the Bahcesehir University Program in American Law, in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Professor Vivian Curran** participated in the interdisciplinary conference "The Idea of France/L'Idée de la France." Professor Curran was one of the organizers of the conference and co-recipient of a University Center for International Studies GAP grant. On November 10, she organized and moderated a panel on foreign and comparative law in U.S. and French courts. The panelists were Judges William Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit and Olivier Dutheillet de Lamothe of France's Supreme Court of Public Law. On November 11, Professor Curran chaired a panel on "Law and Frenchness." Professor Curran also gave the introductory remarks to Judge Dutheillet de Lamothe's Keynote address, "Montesquieu est-il encore vivant?" ("Is Montesquieu Still Alive?").

Professor Curran joined with a team of French and American scholars in an effort

to translate the "Vocabulaire Juridique Gérard Cornu" into English in January 2012. The "Vocabulaire Juridique" is a French legal dictionary, and in France it serves as the rough equivalent to America's venerable "Black's Law Dictionary." In February, she wrote a guest column for *Jurist* on the recent French law criminalizing denial of the Turkish genocide of Armenians, titled "Balancing Freedom of Expression and Human Rights in France." Professor Curran argues that the law must be viewed in the context of French lois mémorielles, the complex history of France and EU law, noting that the French Constitutional Court will have to carefully balance dedication both to human rights and to freedom of expression.

From January 3-6, 2012, Professor Curran discussed common-law methodology and gave an introduction to U.S. tort and contract law at the University of Havana Law Faculty in Cuba, under the auspices of the Inter-American Center for Legal Education. On February 28, Professor Curran spoke as part of a panel with Professor Jules Lobel and Attorney Dan Kovalik on the subject of "Corporations and Human Rights Violations" at Pitt Law. The event was hosted by Pitt Law student groups affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild and the American Constitution Society, and by the Center for International Legal Education. On March 5, 2012, she spoke on the Alien Tort Statute and corporate liability at a faculty workshop at the University of California at Davis School of Law. She spoke on the same subject the next day at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. Professor Curran presented at Georgetown University Law Center at a March 27, 2012 conference entitled "Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute" and spoke as a member of a panel, "Can Corporations Be Held Liable Under the Alien Tort Statute?" On April 12, she gave a presentation in Paris at the Collège de France on the Alien Tort Statute from the perspective of territoriality ("L'Alien Tort Statute à l'aune de la territorialité").

Professor Curran filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court for the reargument of *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum*. In the brief, Professor Curran is joined by:



Justice Olivier Dutheil de Lamothe of France's Supreme Court of Public Law and Honorary Member of the Constitutional Council; Prof. George Bermann of Columbia Law School; Prof. Amalia Kessler of Stanford Law School; Prof. Helene Ruiz-Fabri, Dean of the Sorbonne (Paris I) Law School; Prof. Mireille Delmas-Marti, Prof. emerita, College de France; Prof. Christian Joerges, of the Univ. of Bremen Faculty of Law and former long-time Professor at the European University Institute; and Antoine Garapon, Secretary General of l'Institut des hautes etudes sur la justice, who is a former judge as well as scholar and public figure in France. Among the sources cited in the brief is the important comparative law work on class action law suits by Professor Rhonda Wasserman, published in her recent Notre Dame Law Review article. Professor Curran's brief was discussed and quoted on the widely cited Conflict of Laws.net blog. According to the post, "A group of U.S. French and German comparative law scholars have filed an amicus brief in Kiobel under the lead of Professor Vivian Grosswald Curran."

**Professor Harry Flechtner** and two Pitt Law alums - Professor Milena Djordjevic, LL.M. 2002, a member of the University of Belgrade (Serbia) Faculty of Law, and Francesco Mazzotta, LL.M. 2000, J.D. 2005, a law clerk for Federal District Judge Joy Flowers Conti - participated in a conference entitled "Global Challenges of International Sales Law" on November 12 and 13, 2011, at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The conference attracted participants from around the world, including many EU member countries, the Balkans, Argentina, South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Israel, New Zealand, Australia, Lithuania, Japan, the People's Republic of China, and Canada, as well as representatives of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"). At the conference, Professor Flechtner presented a paper on conformity of goods and notice of lack of conformity under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods ("CISG"). He also delivered a keynote address honoring the recently-deceased Professor John O. Honnold of the University of Pennsylvania and former Secretary of UNCITRAL.

On May 11 and 12, 2012, Professor Flechtner participated in a conference entitled "The CISG vs. Regional Sales Law Unification" at the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Max-Planck Institute and the University of Hamburg. On May 11, Professor Flechtner presented a paper entitled "The U.S. Experience with the UCC and the CISG: Positive Aspects and Some Insights for the Proposed CESL?" On May 12, Professor Flechtner chaired sessions which focused on regional sales law unification efforts in Africa (the "OHADA" Sales Law) and the European experience with the CISG. The conference papers will appear in a book to be released by the Max-Planck Institute.

Flechtner participated in a conference held May 25-26, 2012, in Istanbul, Turkey, sponsored by Istanbul Bilgi University. The conference was entitled "The New International Sales Law of Turkey: CISG". The occasion of the conference was Turkey's ratification on July 7, 2010 (effective August 1, 2011) of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG"). Professor Flechtner presented his paper for the conference on May 25; his topic was "Conformity of Goods (CISG Article 35)." In the spring of 2012, Professor Flechtner was a Visiting Professor at the University of Salzburg (Austria) having been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. The grant, part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, was jointly awarded by the Austrian-American Education Commission and the University of Salzburg.

**Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi** has been named a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Institute of Iraqi Studies at Boston University. The Institute is part of Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences. Senior Fellows of the Institute are "established scholars whose work contributes significantly to understanding Iraq." The Institute's mission is "to enable, foster and encourage inter-disciplinary scholarship on contemporary Iraq, including but not limited to religious institutions and practices, politics, society, history and culture, as well Iraq's regional and international relations." On November 14, 2011, Professor Hamoudi gave a talk at Drexel Law School.

The subject of Professor Hamoudi's talk was the role of the shari'a in the Iraqi legal and constitutional system.

On December 3, 2011, Professor Hamoudi presented a talk at Aston University in Birmingham, England, at a conference on analytical and empirical approaches to Islamic finance. The title of the talk was "Islamic Bank Regulation and Muslim Belonging in North America." On January 7, 2012, Professor Hamoudi presented his work at the panel on "Comparative Law and the Evolution of Global Norms of Good Governance," at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the largest yearly conference for law professors. He discussed the role of Islamic law in the rising democracies of the Middle East at a symposium on "Constitutionalism in Emerging and Dynamic Democracies" held at Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon, on February 16, 2012. Professor Hamoudi presented a two-hour talk on the basics of shari'a law on February 27 in Pittsburgh. The presentation was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Council and the Agency for Jewish Learning.

Professor Hamoudi presented his work at Maryland Law's Constitutional Schmooze, which took place on February 24-25, 2012. Professor Hamoudi's paper, "Identifying the Canon from the Anticanon," was part of two days of papers and discussion on the existence of a global constitutional canon. Known more formally as the Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, the Constitutional Law Schmooze continues a tradition started nearly 20 years ago to provide constitutional scholars with an opportunity for informal dialogue on interesting and provocative topics. On March 29, 2012, Professor Haider Hamoudi gave the keynote luncheon address at a conference held at the West Point Center for the Rule of Law. The conference was entitled "Islam and the Rule of Law." Professor Hamoudi's keynote address concerned the role of the shari'a in the nascent democracies of the Arab Spring. At the same conference, Professor Hamoudi also participated in a panel discussion entitled "Is Islam Radical?" His remarks focused on the definition of the term "jihad" in contemporary parlance.



and in historical perspective. On March 30, he participated in an interdisciplinary conference at the University of Pittsburgh, focusing on the Arab Spring. The conference, entitled “Seasons of the Arab Spring,” was sponsored by the Global Studies Center and the Faculty Research and Scholarship Program. Professor Hamoudi discussed the legal reforms taking place in the wake of the Arab Spring.

On February 16, 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit decided the case of *Evertt v. Arkel*, which dealt with the liability of a military contractor for faulty work in Iraq that resulted in the electrocution of an American soldier. The Fifth Circuit’s opinion involved a question of the applicability of Iraqi law, and in her dissent, Chief Judge Edith Jones cited the opinion of “Iraqi law expert, Haider Ala Hamoudi” on the question of what law applied to the case.

**Professor and Associate Dean Anthony Infanti** presented his paper, entitled “International Equity and Human Development,” in June 2011 at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association in San Francisco, California, in September 2011 at the “Critical Perspectives on Tax Policy” Conference at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia, and on October 5, 2011, at the faculty workshop series at St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Assistant Professor Charles C. Jalloh** was one of six people tapped to serve on the 2012 Helton Fellowship Program Selection Committee in January 2012. Funded partly by members of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), the prestigious Helton Fellowships fund law students and young professionals from the U.S. and around the world “to pursue field work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and related areas.” The award honors the life of Arthur Helton, who was killed in the August 2003 bombing of the United Nations Mission in Iraq, which also led to the death of over 20 others, including then UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Sergio de Mello. Professor Jalloh is also currently elected co-chair of ASIL’s International Criminal Law Interest Group.



Professor Charles Jalloh and Ambassador Stephen Rapp, center, with participants in the Conference on the Special Court for Sierra Leone (see page 7)

In January 2012, Professor Jalloh became a monthly columnist for *Jurist*. His first column, “A Date With Justice: Mugesera’s Inevitable Deportation from Canada,” predicted the deportation from Canada of alleged Rwandan genocidaire, Léon Mugesera, who is now facing trial in his native country. Additionally, he published a comment on the unprecedented International Criminal Court judgment denying the government of Kenya’s challenge to the admissibility of cases involving six Kenyan leaders in the *American Journal of International Law* (AJIL), January 2012, Volume 106, Number 1 at pp. 118-125. The distinguished *AJIL*, which has been published since 1907, is ranked the number one peer-reviewed international law journal in the U.S. and around the world.

In February, 2012, Professor Jalloh published “Charles Taylor and the Delayed Special Court for Sierra Leone Judgment” in his monthly *Jurist* column. He urged the Sierra Leone Tribunal to announce a firm date for delivery of the long awaited judgment in the trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor. *The Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor* is the last of that ad hoc court’s nine cases, and one of the most important trials in international criminal law. On April 26, Jalloh was interviewed on Radio France International, one of the

most popular international radio stations broadcasting to West Africa, in anticipation of the verdict. Taylor was found guilty on an eleven count indictment for planning and aiding and abetting war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law during the Sierra Leone conflict. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison on May 30, 2012.

Professor Jalloh presented a paper, “Africa and the International Criminal Court,” on March 29, 2012 at the 106th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in Washington, D.C. The ASIL conference is the largest annual gathering of international law professors and lawyers in the United States. Between April 19-21, 2012, Professor Jalloh successfully convened and hosted an unprecedented high-level expert conference, the first to assess the contributions and legacy of the United Nations-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone to Africa and International Criminal Justice. Seventy-five persons from four continents participated in what was widely deemed a highly successful conference. Stephen J. Rapp, President Obama’s Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes and former Chief Prosecutor of the Sierra Leone Tribunal, gave the keynote speech. The conference, which brought





together a stellar array of international criminal law scholars and practitioners, was funded by the Office of the Dean, Center for International Legal Education, Ford Institute for Human Security, University Center for International Studies (Hewlett Major Impact Grant), Africa Law Institute and the Africa and International Criminal Law Interest Groups of the ASIL. The main output of the conference will be a book, edited by Professor Jalloh, for publication by Cambridge University Press. It is forthcoming at the end of 2012.

Upon the nomination by the International Bar Association (IBA), Professor Jalloh has been appointed to the Advisory Panel to the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Under Rule 44(D) of the ICTY Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the ICTY President and Registrar of the Tribunal consults the panel on issues relating to the assignment of defense counsel, including settlement of disputes regarding the remuneration of counsel. Jalloh will serve for two years, starting on the date of his confirmation on April 25, 2012. The United Nations created the ICTY in 1993, making it the first ad hoc international penal court to be established under the Security Council's power to ensure the maintenance of international peace and security. The IBA, founded in 1947, is the world's leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations, and law societies.

**Professor Jules Lobel** has been elected President of the Center for Constitutional Rights. The Center is an organization headquartered in New York City that defends human rights and constitutional rights both domestically and internationally. The organization has litigated some of the most important cases of the past fifteen years, arguing for the upholding of rights under the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. From January 3-6, 2012, Professor Lobel taught U.S. constitutional law, and spoke about some of the human rights cases he has argued at the University of Havana Law Faculty in Cuba, under the auspices of the Inter-American Center for Legal Education. On February 28, Professor Lobel spoke as part of a panel with Professor Vivian

Curran and Attorney Dan Kovalik on the subject of "Corporations and Human Rights Violations" at Pitt Law. The event was sponsored by Pitt Law student groups affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild and the American Constitution Society, and by CILE.

**Professor Michael Madison** spoke at the 2012 Georgia Journal of Intellectual Property Law Conference at the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, Georgia on March 2. The theme of the conference was "Back to the Future: Global Perspectives on the Future of IP Law in the Next Decade." The title of his paper and presentation, to be published in the host Journal, was "The End of the Work as We Know It." Professor Madison published "Law and Borders, Revisited," a short review of a new scholarly paper by Professor Marketa Trimble of the University of Nevada Las Vegas, which is titled "The Future of Cybertravel: Legal Implications of the Evasion of Geolocation." The review is available at <http://cyber.jotwell.com/law-and-borders-revisited/>.

**Professor Peter Oh** discussed his new paper "The Structure of Firms" at the first annual Three School Colloquium at Duquesne Law on Friday, April 13, 2012. The gathering, planned and hosted by Duquesne's Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship Jane Campbell Moriarty, gave participants from Pitt, Duquesne, and West Virginia University a chance to meet and enjoy an afternoon of top-notch scholarship along with lunch. One scholar from each law school gave a presentation.

**Professor Dr. Ann Sinsheimer**, along with Professors Nancy Burkoff, and Theresa Brostoff, presented their work at a panel on "Legal Research and Writing for Non-US Lawyers: What Resources Do Law Schools Need to Provide?" on Saturday, January 7, 2012. On March 12, Professors Sinsheimer and Brostoff presented together at The Seventh Annual Global Legal Skills Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, speaking to an audience of students and faculty on Statutory Analysis in the Common Law. They were each awarded Hewlett International Grants to support their presentations at and participation in the Seventh Annual Global Legal

Skills Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica. Brostoff and Sinsheimer spoke at The 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute on Wednesday, May 30. The conference was held in Palm Springs, CA. They spoke on a panel with Julie Spanbauer from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Their presentation was entitled, "Enrich Your Life and the Lives of Others: Be a Fulbright Specialist." Professor Sinsheimer successfully defended her thesis, entitled, "The Meaning of 'International Student' Post-9/11: A Rhetorical Analysis of How Organizational Change Altered Perceptions of International Students in the United States" to receive her PhD in Rhetoric from the Department of English at Carnegie Mellon University.

**International Law Librarian Linda Tashbook** published three research guides on NYU's Globalex site: International Nuclear Law, Serbian Law, and United Nations Law. She consulted on two South Sudan law library projects for the International Development Law Organization and she chaired the publicity and membership committee for the Foreign Comparative International Law Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

**Visiting Clinical Professor Sheila Vélez Martínez** moderated the panel on "International Protection of Expression" on May 11, 2012, at "The Changing Face of Justice: Access to the Inter-American System of Human Rights" conference at the ninth annual South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law in San José, Costa Rica.

**Professor Rhonda Wasserman** participated in a symposium entitled "Our Courts and the World: Transnational Litigation and Civil Procedure," held at Southwestern Law School on February 5, 2012. The title of her talk was "Transnational Class Actions and Interjurisdictional Preclusion." The symposium was sponsored by the Southwestern Journal of International Law and co-sponsored by the American Society of International Law, the Junior International Law Scholars Association, the International Law section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the International Law Section of the State Bar of California.



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