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#### **Employment**

#### American University, Washington College of Law: 1989-Present

 $Professor\ of\ Law-1995-Present$ 

Associate Professor of Law – 1989-1994

Founder and Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, 1990 - Present

Director, Clinical Program, 1999-2003

Director, Summer Law Program in Chile, 1995 and 1996

Member, Board of Directors, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Faculty, Summer Human Rights Academy, 2002 – 2005

Faculty, Hague Summer Law Program, 2007 – 2009

# American Society of International Law, Tillar House Sabbatical Fellow: Spring 2010 Washington, DC

# University of Utrecht, Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance: Fall 2009

Visiting Professor of Law, Netherlands School of Human Rights Research, Utrecht, Netherlands

# Oxford University and George Washington University Law Schools: 2002 - 2004

Human Rights Advocacy course, Summer Joint Program in International Human Rights Law

# Legal Advisor to the Consulate of the Republic of Colombia, Washington, D.C.: 1998

Provided legal advice regarding Colombian detainees in U.S. prisons or immigration process

#### Pontifícia Universidad Católica del Perú, Facultad de Derecho, Lima Perú: 1998

Visiting Professor in International Human Rights Law (in Spanish), Masters in Law Program

## Daito Bunka University, Faculty of Law, Tokyo, Japan: October 1995

Visiting Professor on Human Rights in the United States

#### City University of New York (CUNY) Law School at Queens College: 1985-1989

Associate Professor of Law

Fulbright Scholar, Republic of Colombia: June-August 1987

University of the Andes School of Law, Bogotá, and University of Cartagena School of Law

National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Washington, D.C.: 1980-1985 Director, Defender Division

Office of the State Appellate Defender of Illinois, Elgin and Springfield, Illinois: 1972-1980

#### Peace Corps, Panamá and Puerto Rico: 1966-1969

Training Instructor/Language Teacher - Arecibo, Puerto Rico, 1969 Volunteer - Republic of Panamá, 1966-1969

#### **Education**

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois, J.D., January 1972. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, B.A., June 1965.

#### **Selected Publications**

#### **Books and Monographs**

Co-Editor & Contributor, Defense in International Criminal Proceedings: Cases, Materials and Commentary, with Michael Bohlander and Roman Boed (2006) [winner, Egon Guttman Textbook Award, 2008]

Co-editor, International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law: Treaties, Cases & Analysis, with Francisco Forrest Martin, Stephen J. Schnably, Jonathan S. Simon and Mark V. Tushnet (2006)

PROMOTING JUSTICE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO STRATEGIC HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERING (International Human Rights Law Group, 2001) (with Jennifer Rasmussen)

IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS THROUGH EXPANDED STRATEGIES AND INNOVATIVE COLLABORATIONS: REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDIGENT DEFENSE, FEBRUARY 1999, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance (March 2000) (Principal Author)

THE RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL COMPANION TO CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE (Kluwer Law International 1999) (co-editor, with Francisco Forrest Martin)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND PRACTICE: CASES, TREATIES AND MATERIALS (2 vols., Kluwer Law International, 1997) (Co-Editor).

#### **Articles, Book Chapters and Other**

Beyond Legal Imperialism: U.S. Clinical Legal Education and the New Law and Development,

in The Global Clinical Movement: Educating Lawyers for Social Justice (forthcoming 2010)

A Long Strange Trip: Guantanamo and the Scarcity of International Law, in THE GUANTANAMO BAR SPEAKS (Mark Denbeaux ed.) (2009)

Western Europe: Last Holdout in the Worldwide Acceptance of Clinical Legal Education, 10 German Law Review 359 (2009)

The Right to Universal, Equal and Non-Discriminatory Suffrage As a Norm of Customary International Law: Protecting the Prisoner's Right to Vote, in Criminal Disenfranchisement in An International Perspective 109 (Alec C. Ewald & Brandon Rottinghaus, eds., 2009)

Supporting or Thwarting the Revolution? The Inter-American Human Rights System and Criminal Procedure Reform in Latin America, 14 Southwestern Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas 287 (2008)

"Emaciated" Defense or a Trend to Independence and Equality of Arms in Internationalized Criminal Tribunals? 15, No. 2, Human Rights Brief 6 (2008)

Spanish Supreme Court Affirms Conviction of Argentine Former Naval Officer for Crimes Against Humanity, ASIL Insights, at http://www.asil.org/insights/2008/01/insights080130.html, Jan. 30, 2008

A Child in War: Detaining Omar Khadr Violates Our Moral and Legal Principles, Legal Times, April 2, 2007

Military Commissions in Guantánamo Bay: Giving Full and Fair Trial a Bad Name, 10 Gonzaga Journal of International Law 63 (2006-2007)

War Stories: A Reflection on Defending an Alleged Enemy Combatant Detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in Derechos Humanos, Relaciones Internacionales y Globalización 163 (Joaquín González Ibáñez ed.) (2006)

War Stories: A Reflection on Defending an Alleged Enemy Combatant Detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 8 Yearbook of New Zealand Jurisprudence 193 (2005)

Defending the Detainees at Guantánamo Bay, 12(3) Human Rights Brief 1 (2005)

*Training for Justice: The Global Reach of Clinical Legal Education*, 22 <u>Penn. State International</u> Law Review 421 (2004)

Growth of the Access to Justice Movement in Latin America: The Chilean Example, Justice Initiatives (Newsletter of the Open Society Justice Initiative) February 2004

Can the U.S. Courts Learn from Failed Terrorist Trials by Military Commission in Turkey and Peru? 11 Human Rights Brief 11 (2003)

Argentine Military Officers Face Trial in Spanish Courts, ASIL Insights, December 2003

International Law Issues in Death Penalty Defense, 31 Hofstra Law Review 1195 (2003)

The Influence of International Law and Practice on the Death Penalty in the United States, in America's Experiment with Capital Punishment 147 (James R. Acker et al. eds., 2d ed. 2003)

Detainees at Guantanamo Bay: The Inter-American Human Rights Commission Responds to a "Legal Black Hole", 10 Human Rights Brief 2 (2003)

The Inter-American Human Rights System: Activities from Late 2000 through October 2002, 18 American University International Law Review 651, and ACLU INTERNATIONAL CIVIL LIBERTIES REPORT (abbreviated version) (2003) (with Jan Perlin)

In Memorium: Howard Eisenberg, 86 Marquette Law Review 259 (2002)

The United States Position on the Death Penalty in the Inter-American Human Rights System, 42 Santa Clara Law Review 1159 (2002)

Issues in the Assignment of Defense Counsel in Domestic and International War Crimes Tribunals: The Need for a Structural Approach, 2 International Criminal Law Review 145 (2002)

Three Law School Clinics in Chile, 1970-2000: Innovation, Resistance and Conformity in the Global South, 8 Clinical Law Review 801 (2002)

#### **Book Reviews**

Book Review, DINAH SHELTON, REGIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, Human Rights Quarterly (forthcoming 2010)

Book Review, Mark A. Drumbl. Atrocity, Punishment, and International Law. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, (2008), 33 <u>Peace & Change</u> 602 (Oct. 2008)

Many Guantánamos: A Reflection on the Work of Human Rights Clinics (Reviewing Brandt Goldstein, Storming the Court (2005)), 13, No. 3 <u>Human Rights Brief</u> 46 (2006)

Book Review, Naomi Roht-Arriaza, the Pinochet Effect: Transnational Justice in the Age of Human Rights (2005), 28 <u>Human Rights Quarterly</u> 528 (2006)

Book Review, Geert-Jan G.J. Knoops, Defenses in Contemporary International Criminal Law, 96 American Journal of International Law 29 (2002)

#### **Selected Presentations**

Luncheon Presentation, *The Role of International Law Experts in US Litigation – A Case Study On Customary Law in a Texas Girls' Reformatory*, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), November 2009

Workshop Series, *Issues in Clinical Teaching*, for Professors, Supervisors and Students of the Utrecht Law School Clinical Program on Conflict, Human Rights and International Justice, Utrecht University Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Fall 2009

Workshop on Clinical Legal Education for Spanish Law Professors, Carlos III University Faculty of Law, Madrid, Spain, October, 2009

Panelist, Lessons on Substantive Justice from International Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Conference on Conceptualizing Substantive Justice, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, April 18, 2009

Distinguished Lecture Series, *Closing Guantanamo: The Lawyer for Detainees as Hero, Fool, or Prophet*, University of Arizona School of Law, Tucson, April 2, 2009, available by podcast at: http://mediasite.law.arizona.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=cd862bbba0d54beda557b34215960f9f

Luncheon Speaker, *Closing Guantanamo: Reflections from a Lawyer for Detainees*, University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine, March 27, 2009

Distinguished Lecture, *Guantanamo: Reflections from a Lawyer for Detainees*, School for Policy & International Affairs, University of Maine, Orono, March 26, 2009

Guest Lecture, Guantanamo: the Lawyer as Loser or Hero and the "Translation" of International Law in Judicial and Public Advocacy, Inns of Court, Orono, Maine, March 26, 2009

Speaker, A Case Study: The United States in the Inter-American Human Rights System, 1971-2009, University of Miami Inter-American Law Review Symposium, Miami, FL, March 7, 2009

Moderator, Panel of International Experts, *Are Adequate Frameworks in Place at the Domestic Level?* International Conference on the Prevention of Torture and other Ill-Treatment, Washington College of Law, February 23, 2009

Consulting visit on clinical legal education, with lecture and all-day workshop, *Extending the Reach of Clinical Methods: The Use of Negotiation and Other Simulations by Law School Classroom Teachers*, State University of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova, December 1-5, 2008

Lecture, Waging Lawfare Over Guantanamo: Violent Euphemism and the Nation's Narrative,

Catholic University Law School Faculty Luncheon Speaker Series, Washington, DC, November 20, 2008

Panel speaker, *Waging Lawfare: Violent Euphemism and the Nation's Narrative*, Conference on How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law II: The Language of Violence and Torture, Washington College of Law, November 7, 2008

Lecture, Human Rights in Time of War, OASIS Center for Older Adults, Bethesda, MD, Oct. 1, 2008

Lecture, *Promoting Justice: A Practitioner's Perspective*, American Bar Association, World Justice Project: Access to Justice Meeting, Washington, DC, Sept. 29, 2008

Lecture, Guantanamo and the Nation's Narrative: From Enemy Combatants to Lawfare, The Clarke Forum, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Sept. 25, 2008

Moderator, panel on *Conceptual Implications of Terrorist Detentions Since 9-11*, Conference: Looking Past Guantanamo: Are New Concepts Needed for Terrorist-Related Detentions?, Washington College of Law, Sept. 19, 2008

Panel, *Pinochet, Guantanamo and International Justice*, Busboys and Poets, Amnesty International, Washington, DC, July 17, 2008

Lecture, Waging Lawfare: The Nation's Narrative and Revolutionary Euphemism, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands, June 6, 2008

Lecture, What Next at Guantanamo? Recent trends in the use of international law by the U.S. Supreme Court, Utrecht University Faculty of Law, Utrecht, Netherlands, June 4, 2008

Speaker, *Using the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights and Other International Remedies for Police Abuse*, Above the Law: ACLU Conference on Police Brutality, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2, 2008

Moderator, *International Approaches to Teaching Human Rights Law*, Conference on the Role of Law Schools in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights, Washington College of Law, April 22, 2008

Closing Remarks, Experts' Working Group Meeting on the Evolving Inter-American Human Rights System, Columbia University Law School, Human Rights Institute, New York, April 8, 2008

Keynote Speaker, *Profile of a Successful Clinic: Experience from the US and other Countries*, Workshop on Clinical Legal Education, State University of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova, March 14, 2008

Panelist, Origins, Design and Goals of the International Human Rights Clinic at American

University, Human Rights Clinicians Conference, Columbia University, March 1, 2008

Panelist, *The Death Penalty and International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court*, First Year Commons, American University, February 19, 2008

Presenter, *Using Simulation in a Large International Law Course*, International Faculty, American University, February 15, 2008

Speaker, *Torture as U.S. Policy*, Catholic University and Torture Abolition and Survivors' Coalition, February 13, 2008

Panelist, Symposium: Abandoning the Inquisitor: Latin America's Criminal Procedure Revolution, Southwestern University Law School, Los Angeles, California, January 25, 2008

Panelist, *America Does Torture: Remember the Constitution? Congress Doesn't*, Torture Abolition and Survivors' Support Coalition, American University, December 4, 2007

Guest, *Torture in the Middle East: Legal and Practical Aspects*, Alhurra Television (Arabic-language channel), November 28, 2007

Panelist, *Restoring Habeas: Al Odah and Boumediene in the U.S. Supreme Court*, National Lawyer's Guild, Washington College of Law, November 27, 2007

Moderator, panel discussion on *Torture Around the World*, held in conjunction with the "Abu Ghraib" paintings exhibit of Fernando Botero, Katzen Center for the Arts, American University, November 15, 2007

Lunch Presentation, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Inalienable Rights or New Concepts?*, Washington College of Law, October 16, 2007

Meeting Facilitator, *Helping the World's Endangered Children: Great Decisions, Foreign Policy Association*, OASIS Center, Bethesda, MD, October 15, 2007

Speaker and Facilitator, *Clinical Legal Education in Mexico from Theory to Practice in Law School*, Several Universities and Open Society Justice Initiative, Mexico City, October 2007

Lecture, What's New at Guantanamo? Situation: "Pending", Amnesty International UVA Chapter, Sept. 12, 2007

Lecture, *Criminal Responsibility of Children in Armed Conflict for War Crimes: U.S. Policy and Practice from Drummer Boys to Guantanamo Bay*, Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series, T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, Netherlands, June 7, 2007

Moderator, The Practice of Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The New Frontiers of International Practice,

WCL International Legal Studies Program 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, March 27, 2007

Speaker, A Multifaceted Approach to International Human Rights Defense, Conference on Legal Approaches to Securing International Human Rights, New England School of Law, Boston, Mass., March 21, 2007

Moderator, *Lawyering for Reparations: Inter-American Perspectives*, Conference on Reparations in the Inter-American System: A Comparative Approach, Washington College of Law, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Coordinator, *Seminar on Teaching Innovations: Clinical Legal Education*, Faculty of the Carlos III University, Ávila, Spain, December 16-17, 2006

Organizer, Workshop on Clinical Legal Education: Possibilities for the Future, Utrecht University, Faculty of Law, International Office, Utrecht, Netherlands, December 11, 2006

Lectures, *Guantanamo Bay and International Law*, Masters and Doctoral program students, Utrecht University, Faculty of Law, Utrecht, Netherlands, December 12-13, 2006

Panelist, *The Omar Khadr Case*, Guantanamo Teach-In, Washington College of Law, October 5, 2006

Panelist, *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld: Implications for Military Commissions. A Practitioner's Perspective*, Washington College of Law, September 27, 2006

The legal situation of the Guantanamo detainees, the Supreme Court decision on Hamdan v. Rumsfeld and its implications for the future, broadcast presentation for www.radionizkor.org, September 25, 2006

Speaker, *Torture, Rendition and the Law*, Amnesty International, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 2006

#### **Litigation and Advocacy**

*K.C. et al. v. Townsend et al.* Civil No. 6:09-CV-012-C, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Expert witness on customary international law for the ACLU in litigation challenging conditions of confinement for juvenile girls housed in the Ron Jackson Correctional Facility in Brownwood, Texas.

Gherebi v. Bush and Al Zaher v. Bush, two detainees, from Libya and Azerbaijan respectively, seeking review by habeas corpus in federal court as to the basis for their detention as enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Hayden v. Pataki, 00 Civ. 8586 (LMM), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New

York. Expert witness for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and for the plaintiff, Joseph Hayden, on the existence of a customary international right to universal, equal and non-discriminatory suffrage. Mr. Hayden lost his right to vote in the state of New York during incarceration and parole for a felony conviction.

*United States v. Khadr.* U.S. Military Commission, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, November 2005 to June 2006, when charges were dismissed. Served as detailed defense counsel representing Omar Khadr, Canadian citizen charged with alleged war crimes in Afghanistan.

O.K. et al. v. Bush et al., Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, July 2004 to June 2007. Co-counsel in federal habeas corpus proceedings for Omar Khadr, a Canadian citizen detained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as an enemy combatant after his capture at age 15.

*Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005). Counsel of record and author of Amicus Curiae brief for the European Union, the Council of Europe and other countries (48 in all), cited in majority opinion on the issue of "the overwhelming weight of international opinion" against the execution of children under the age of 18 at the time of their alleged crimes.

#### **Awards and Honors**

Egon Guttman Textbook Award for Defense in International Criminal Proceedings, Co-edited with Michael Bohlander and Roman Boed (2006), by the Washington College of Law Committee on Scholarship, February 2008

"Coalition Partner of the Year" Award from the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition to the International Human Rights Law Clinic, Dec. 5, 2007

Co-recipient, Southern Center for Human Rights 2007 Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award, to lawyers representing detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, November 1, 2007

Award to the International Human Rights Law Clinic for *pro bono* service, from the World Organization for Human Rights, USA, March 2007

Honorary Visiting Professor, Universidad de San Martín de Porres, Lima, Peru, August 26, 2005

Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar Award, for *Assigned Defense Counsel in Domestic and International War Crimes Tribunals: The Need for a Structural Approach*, 2 International Criminal Law Review 145 (2002), by the Washington College of Law Committee on Scholarship, April 2004

#### **Grants, Consulting and Human Rights Missions**

Speaker and Expert Consultant, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Workshop on Promoting

Sustainable Reform of Higher Legal Education in the Caucuses, Third Annual Project Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, March 18-20, 2009

Open Society Justice Initiative, Workshop on Clinical Legal Education Initiatives in Lebanon, Budapest, Hungary, January 2008

Consultant to the Open Society Justice Initiative, Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, October 4-5, 2007

Consultant to the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Working Group on Implementation of the ICCPR Index, September 21, 2007

PILI Workshop for Programs and Experts, Promoting Sustainable Reform in Higher Legal Education, First Project Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, May 2007

Invited Expert, Experts' Meeting on Terrorism and Human Rights, Amnesty International USA, New York University, February 2007

Invited testimony on Children in Armed Conflict and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the Panel of Eminent Jurists on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, sponsored by the International Commission of Jurists, Washington, DC, September 2006.

Consultant to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Race and Criminal Justice Reform Initiative on the application of international human rights law in selected domestic criminal justice issues, 2005-2006

Invited Expert, Working Group Review of Draft Legal Education Reform Index, American Bar Association CEELI, Washington, DC, Feb. 28, 2006

Expert Reader, English Working Group, Arab Human Development Report 2005, *The Rise of Women in the Arab World (Discussion Draft)*, UNDP Offices, New York City, December 2005

Extensive consultation, over past three decades, on development and evaluation of clinical legal education or government-funded legal aid in more than 20 countries in Central and South America, Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa.

#### **Admitted to Practice:**

United States Supreme Court, 1975 Illinois State Bar, 1972 (inactive) District of Columbia Bar, 1990 United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1973 United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1999 United States Courts of Appeal: 7th Circuit, 1974 11th Circuit, 1985 4th Circuit, 1989 D.C. Circuit, 1989 5th Circuit, 1993 for the Armed Forces, 1995

#### **Boards, Memberships and Community Service**

#### American Bar Association:

- Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law, Delegate from the Section of Criminal Justice, 1991-1994
- Criminal Justice Section: Chair, Editorial Board, Criminal Justice magazine 1987- 1989, member and officer of Section Council and various committees; Project Advisory Board, The State of Criminal Justice 1998.

American Society of International Law

Contributing Editor, International Legal Materials

Amnesty International USA, Member and co-chair, Lawyers' Support Network, 1995-96

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education and Poverty Law Section

Center for Competitive Democracy, Member, Board of Advisors

Centro de Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente (CEDHA), Córdoba, Argentina, Member, Board of Advisors

Clinical Legal Education Association

Derechos/Human Rights, Web Site, Member, Board of Directors

ENSAAF, Inc. (end impunity in India), Member, Board of Directors, since 2005

Human Rights Quarterly, Member, Editorial Review Board

Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law, Board of Editors

International Criminal Law Review, Editorial Board

Revista Educación y Derecho (Review of Law and Education), University of Barcelona, Spain, Member, International Advisory Committee

Rights International, Center for International Human Rights Law, Member, Board of Litigation Directors

Society of American Law Teachers

World Organization for Human Rights, USA, Member, Board of Directors, since 2006

• President, Board of Directors: December 2007 - Present

#### Languages

Bilingual fluency in spoken Spanish, and nearly bilingual in writing.