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The Vital Signs of Human Rights Today



About a decade ago, many were ready to pronounce the death of human rights law. According to some scholars, we were entering a post-human rights era, nearing human rights law's twilight, and witnessing its end times. Yet, human rights law proved stubbornly resilient. Today, human rights and its terminology are on the tips of the tongues of many around the world and for the first time since the Nuremberg trials, the world seems to be closely monitoring the actions of courts entrusted with enforcing human rights. Human rights just won't die.

Still, I think a legitimate question lingers. Is human rights law up for the task ahead? Its instruments and doctrine were largely codified in the wake of World War II, designed to prevent the horrors of that time from reoccurring. At least measured by the absence of transnational aggression, the compromise of that era held for a time. Wars were cold, and markets free (at least on their face).

With this in mind, we look to the AALS's 2025 Annual Meeting as a time to take stock and prepare for what's to come. As we do so, a central conundrum emerges. If human rights law is to remain relevant, the times demand it to adjust, and this will require a level of boundary-defying imagination that is often difficult for lawyers to muster. Still we must fight to create spaces for what Robin Kelley calls "freedom dreaming" and Adom Getachew calls "worldmaking," but we also cannot be complacent to the horrors unfolding in real time. A critical challenge thus emerges: How do we harness what exists to work better for the most dehumanized without giving up aspirations for world-making?

Through our Section's programming at the AALS Annual Meeting, we aimed to create spaces for the difficult conversations that will push us to address this question. Our main program, *Litigation in the International Court of Justice under the Genocide Convention*, will focus on the current cases before the ICJ involving Myanmar, Ukraine, and Gaza, addressing not just the important legal questions raised by them, but also how they might have a tangible impact on international affairs. Our second panel *Critical Perspectives on International Criminal Law* is meant to bring critical approaches to the fore and features leading scholars who are pushing the field of international criminal law to confront its internal contradictions and inequity. These panels by their nature prod us to confront dilemmas that are as contentious as they are urgent. We do so holding the fervent belief that we are well positioned to have these conversations in spaces of academic freedom and grounded in expertise.

We also are excited to celebrate the New Voices in International Human Rights and International Law, while also honoring the legacy winner of our Section's Nelson Mandela Award, Claudio Grossman.

We look forward to being in community together in San Francisco!

2025 Annual Meeting “Courage in Action”

January 8-10
San Francisco, CA #AALS2025

AALS Programming Sponsored by the Section on International Human Rights

Please check the online program for the most up to date schedule and locations of panels

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

12:50 - 2:20pm “Border Externalization, Asylum and the Rights of Others: European and U.S. Perspectives.” Co-Sponsor: International Human Rights

This panel aims to analyze practices of border externalization and migration management in Europe and the U.S. that hollow out the right to seek asylum; threaten protections against refoulement, torture, and other human rights violations; and undermine the international system of refugee protection imagined by the 1951 Convention. Giving attention to the ongoing policies at the U.S. southern border and the southern and eastern borders of Europe, panelists will inquire into the mobilizations by lawyers and civil society to challenge such policies in domestic and international courts and on the ground or on the seas.

Speakers: Eleanor Acer (Human Rights First), Sabrineh Ardalan (Harvard), Bill O. Hing (University of San Francisco), & Paul Linden-Retek (Buffalo).

Moderator: Jaya E. Ramji-Nogales (Temple)

2:40 - 4:10 pm “New Voices in Human Rights Law & International Law,” Co-Sponsor: International Law

This Program features papers and works-in-progress on human rights law and international law by faculty members who have never presented a human rights or international law paper at the AALS and/or who explore these topics from alternative perspectives or disciplines. Preference was given to junior scholars in selection of papers.

Speakers from a Call for Papers: Tiffany D. Atkins (Kentucky), Anne-Marie Carstens (Baltimore), Joseph Isanga (Idaho), Monica v. Iyer (Georgia State), Kelsey Jost-Creegan (Columbia), & Ryan Thoreson (Cincinnati).

Moderators/Discussants: Catherine B. Duryea (St. John’s) & Sahar Aziz (Rutgers).

Thursday, January 9, 2025

11:40 - 12:30 pm Nelson Mandela Award Ceremony honoring Claudio Grossman

Moderator: Zach Kaufman (Florida)

Friday, January 10, 2025

9:50 - 11:20am “Litigation in the International Court of Justice under the Genocide Convention”

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has experienced a rise in litigation addressing armed conflicts, including Myanmar, Ukraine, and Gaza. The panel will address the impact of these ICJ cases, including on standing requirements, the use of provisional measures, interpretation of genocide, and role of international law in addressing humanitarian crises.

Speakers: Matthew Charity (CUNY), Jonathan Hafetz (Seton Hall), Rebecca Hamilton (American), Chimène I. Keitner (Davis), & Rachel E. Lopez (Temple).

Moderator: Alexandra (Xander) Meise (Northeastern).

4:30 - 6:00pm “Critical Perspectives on International Criminal Law”

The Explosive growth of International Criminal Law (ICL) has changed the world. This panel brings critical approaches to the fore and features leading scholars who are pushing the field to confront its internal contradictions and inequality.

Speakers: Raquel E. Aldana (Davis), Randle C. DeFalco (Widener), Rachel E. Lopez (Temple), Saira Mohamed (Berkeley), Omar Shehabi (Yale), Matiangai Sirleaf (Maryland).

Moderator: Franklin D. Rosenblatt (Mississippi College School of Law).

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:30 - 6:00pm “Climate Change Activism & International Litigation,” Co-Sponsor: International Human Rights

Speakers from a Call for Papers: Thomas M. Antkowiak (Seattle), Giovanna E Gismondi (George Washington), Alejandra Gonza (Global Rights Advocacy), Jacqueline P. Hand (Detroit Mercy), Cymie R. Payne (Rutgers), Paul Rink (Pace), & Barbara Stark (Hofstra).

Moderator: Charlotte Ku (Texas A&M).

Nelson Mandela Award

Claudio Grossman



We are pleased to announce that Professor Claudio Grossman has won the Nelson Mandela Award for 2024-2025. Professor Grossman was nominated by Professor David Hunter (Chair - Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law) and Prof. Eduardo Bertoni (Director - Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law). Grossman's extensive contributions to Human Rights, International law, and Legal Education made him a distinguished candidate. He is currently the Dean Emeritus Professor of Law and Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International Law and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL), and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advancing human rights and legal education. He has had a lifelong career dedicated to advocating for human rights globally, demonstrated through several notable accomplishments and ongoing roles. He served as the Chairperson of the United Nations Committee Against Torture and was a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, where he held the positions of President and the First Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Populations from 1993 to 2001. His contributions to legal education and scholarly work is profound.

Claudio graciously received this news, stating: "I am both honored and humbled by this award that carries the name of a figure of such significance as Nelson Mandela. Let me express my gratitude to the section and to you for this award, that more than a recognition to me I consider it a recognition of numerous individuals that have pursued important values of human dignity without any other recognition than a life worth living - often at a very high personal cost."

Please join us at a ceremony at 11:40am on Thursday, January 9 to honor Professor Claudio Grossman.

Events

D'Alemberte & Palmer Lecture in International Human Rights: A Conversation with Former Ireland President Mary Robinson

The D'Alemberte & Palmer Lecture in International Human Rights, made possible by the generous gift of Patsy Palmer, will feature Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and one of the world's most respected advocates for climate justice and human rights. The lecture, set for February 12, will be held both virtually and in person at FSU Law School.

President Robinson, former President of Ireland and Chair of The Elders, has dedicated her life to advancing human rights and environmental sustainability. As the UN's former Special Envoy on Climate Change, she has been a leading voice in urging global action to combat the climate crisis, particularly in its impact on the world's most vulnerable populations. A champion for climate justice, Robinson's TED Talk received a standing ovation, and her book *Climate Justice* has been widely praised for its urgent and hopeful call for collective action.

In her lecture, President Robinson will share her insights on the intersection of climate change and human rights, drawing from her decades of experience as a transformative leader. Her remarkable career includes serving as Ireland's first woman president, as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and as a founding member of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders formed by Nelson Mandela.



Recent Scholarship Highlights

Newsletter editor's note: due to the high volume of submissions (a good thing) it is possible that one or more submissions did not make it in (a bad thing). The absence is probably a mistake and not an editorial decision. Some submissions edited for length. Thank you for your understanding. - Frank Rosenblatt.

Zohra Ahmed (Boston U.), has published "The Price of Consent," 49 Yale Journal of International Law 208 (2024).

Raquel E. Aldana (UC Davis), is a member of the AALS panel. She has two recent publications. "Adjudicating Credibility and the Role of Mental Health Forensic Assessments in Immigration Adjudication" in the American Journal of Law and Medicine. "[Lessons from Colombia's response to Venezuelan forced displacement](#)," 87 Alb. L. Rev. 1 (2024) (Aldana, Raquel E. and Cruz, Efrain and Morello Peña, Sandra and Peterson, Kari).

Diane Marie Amann (Georgia), serves on the Bring Kids Back UA Task Force, established by the Office of the President of Ukraine and co-chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, Director of the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute, and Andriy Yermak, Head of the Ukraine President's Office. She has recently published in three journals. "Child-Taking" in the Michigan Journal of International Law: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4610553. "A Nuremberg Woman and the Hague Academy" in the European Journal of International Law: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ejil/cha046>. "What Figures Lurk on Madame Elyse's Path? Reflections on Philippe Sands' *The Last Colony*" in the Temple International & Comparative Law Journal: <https://sites.temple.edu/ticlj/editions/>.

Michael Bazylar (Chapman), will publish the first legal text on the War in Ukraine which will be published as an open-source e-book by Carolina Academic Press in January 2025. Robert C. Blitt (Tennessee), has recently made three publications. "Agent of Russian Interests Abroad: Assessing the Moscow Patriarchate's Activity in the Balkans and Beyond" in the Gonzaga Journal of International Law. "Justifying Aggression: Russia's 2020 Constitutional Amendments and the War on Ukraine" in the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. "Book Review: Jane Henderson, *The Constitution of the Russian Federation: A Contextual Analysis*" (Hart Publishing, 2d ed. 2022), 72(1) AM. J. COMP. L. 235 (2024).

Rebecca Bratspies (CUNY), has published several articles. *Building the World We Want in an Era of Climate Anxiety*, 27 Chapman L Rev 1 (2024). *Community-Based Research Can Be a Tool in the Fight Against Structural Racism*, 41 Wisc. Int'l L. J. 613 (2024). *Environmental Justice in New York City*, EM Magazine (Sept. 2024). *Living the Good Life in the Anthropocene*, 54 ELR 10857 (Oct. 2024) (with multiple authors). *Climate Justice Begins At Home*, ___ New York Journal International Law. ___ (2024). *Public Problems and Private Landowners: Lessons From New York City's Groundbreaking Climate Mobilization Act*, 15 George Washington J. Energy & Env'tl L. 83 (2024).

Kristen Carpenter (Colorado), has published four articles. *Indigenous Peoples and International Human Rights* (2d ed. forthcoming 2025) (joining S. James Anaya as co-author). *Indigenous Peoples and Religious Freedoms: A Global Perspective*, in Oxford Handbook Of Indigenous Peoples And International Law (forthcoming 2025). *Diplomatically Engaging the United States: A Perspective on Indigenous Peoples' Law & Policy*, UCLA L. Rev. (forthcoming 2025). *The International Decade of Indigenous Languages: Evaluating National Action Plans in Light of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Language Documentation & Conservation (2024) (with A. Tsykarev and A. Cowell).

Amy J. Choen (Temple) and Mathilde Cohen (U Conn), published "The "Second Amendment of Food': Some Reflections on American Liberalism," Fordham Urban Law Journal 313 (2024) (special issue on food policy). In brief, the article explores the tensions in the idea of a right to food elaborated in an international human rights context and then rearticulated as a personal liberty in the United States.

Nancy Combs (William & Mary), has recently made five publications. *Redressing Judicial Misbehavior: An Integrated Approach to Judicial Immunity*, 58 U.C. Davis L. Rev. ___ (forthcoming 2025). *Fairness Writ Large or Writ Small in International Criminal Justice*, Florida Int'l U. L. Rev. ___ (forthcoming 2025) (invited symposium). *Judicial Immunity and its Limits: The Anglo-American Approach*, in *Transitional Justice and the Criminal Responsibility of Judges* (Jaime Couso Salas et al. eds. (forthcoming 2025)). *Aggressor Status and its Impact on International Criminal Law Case Selection*, 35 Pace Int'l L. Rev. 101 (2024) (Invited contributions). *SSRN. Holding Aggressors Responsible for International Crimes: Implementing the Unequal Enforcement Doctrine*, 57 U.C. Davis L. Rev. 2383 (2024). *SSRN. Dissent and Legitimacy in International Criminal Law*, 57 Wake Forest L. Rev. 1061 (2023). *SSRN*.

Jorge Contesse (Rutgers), has published four articles this year. *Inter-States Disputes Under the Inter-American Human Rights System*, 13 Int'l Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 74 (2024). *International Law Scholarship in Latin America*, 64 Va. J. Int'l L. 373 (2024). *Chagos and "The Intelligence of a Future Day"*, 38 Temple Int'l & Comp. L. J. 149 (2024). *Implementation of Human Rights Judgments in Latin America*, in *Time and International Adjudication* (Andrea Gattini & Marco Dimetto eds., 2024).

Cody Corliss (West Virginia), has a forthcoming paper which will be published in January. *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel*, 2025 Utah L. Rev. ___ (2025). https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4847740.

Recent Scholarship Highlights Cont'd

Erin Daly (Widener), This year, the Dignity Rights Clinic at Widener University Delaware Law School published *Dignity in the Criminal Legal System: A Guide for Advocacy and Reform*, available for free download at <https://delawarelaw.widener.edu/dignityclinic>. She also published the following: I also published the following: "Common but differentiated constitutionalisms: Does 'environmental constitutionalism' offer realistic policy options for improving UN environmental law and governance? US and Latin American perspectives," with Maria Antonia Tigre and Natalia Urzola, in *Constitutionalism, Transnational Governance: Failures and Policy Responses*, eds. Armin Steinbach, Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann (Brill/Nijhoff, World Trade Institute Series, 2024). *Contribución a la Solicitud de opinión consultiva sobre Emergencia Climática y Derechos Humanos presentada ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos por la República de Colombia y la República de Chile, "La indivisibilidad e interdependencia de los derechos humanos: una perspectiva clave para la justicia climática,"* Submitted to the Inter-American Court on Human Rights, December 18, 2023, with Soledad García Muñoz; Reprinted as "La indivisibilidad e interdependencia de los derechos humanos: una perspectiva clave para la justicia climática," in *ideas verdes: análisis político*, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, No. 2. March 2024.

Caroline Davidson (Willamette), has a recent and soon to be published articles. *Gender-Based Crimes and the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace*, forthcoming Duke J. Comp. & Int'l L. (2025) and *Femicide as Gender Persecution*, 46 Harv. J. L & Gender 326 (2023).

Benjamin Davis (Toledo), will soon be publishing: Benjamin G. Davis, *Searching for the Spirit*, chapter in the Antiracist Leadership Volume, Building an Antiracist Law School, Legal Academy, and Legal Profession book series. Within the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution over the Fall and Winter he was busy getting the Section to oppose the horrific Standard 206 diversity revisions proposed in September by the ABA Council on Legal Education and Admission as well as helping prepare its position on the recently somewhat improved revised revisions. Weekly podcasts with Thinktech Hawaii on the AMERICAN ISSUES TAKE ONE show at youtube.com/thinktechhawaii. Includes « Undocumented brother » commentary reading my letter in support of immigrants - whether legal or undocumented - to my Senators, Congressman, Mayor, Charlottesville paper and the Washington Post available at youtu.be/KfCWcolqgWE.

Connie de la Vega (USF), has recently published: *Introductory Note to Case of Digna Ochoa & Family Members v. Mex.* (Intra. Am. Ct. of H,R, 2024) published by The Authors, Cambridge Press on behalf of American Society of International Law (2024).

George Edwards (Indiana), Four Law Review Tribute Articles Published in Honor of Professor George E. Edwards on the Occasion of his Appointment as Emeritus Professor of Law and His Retirement from Indiana University McKinney School of Law (2024)

1. Tributes to Professor George E. Edwards, Published in the *Indiana International & Comparative Law Review*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 155 - 225 (Four Articles totaling 71 pages) (2024) (<https://journals.indianapolis.iu.edu/index.php/iiclr/article/view/28414/25639>)

i. Abstract, Tributes to Professor George E. Edwards, *Indiana Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 155 - 156 (2024).

ii. Editors, *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review*, Tribute to Professor George E. Edwards Upon His Retirement from the Faculty of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, *Indiana Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 157 - 170 (2024).

iii. Minot, George, *The Impact of the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL): A Continuation of the Legacy of Professor George E. Edwards*, the C.M. Gray Professor of International Law Emeritus of Indiana University McKinney School of Law, *Indiana Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 171 - 192 (2024).

iv. Keyzer, Patrick & Gledhill, Kris, *The Originality of Professor George E. Edwards: How a United Nations Shadow Report Inspired By a Law Professor Helped Protect the Rights of Migrants Detained By Australia on Christmas Island*, *Indiana Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 193 - 205 (2024).

v. Editors, *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review*, *Celebration and Recognition of the Program in International Human Rights Law's 26th Anniversary, the 20th Anniversary of the Guantanamo Project, and Professor George E. Edwards' Retirement from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law*, *Indiana Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, pp 206 - 225 (2024).

Recent Scholarship Highlights Cont'd

George Edwards (cont'd): Published: Edwards, George, Food in The Pacific Islands – The Quest for International Human Rights Law Protections, Essay in Eat Pacific: The Pacific Island Food Revolution Cookbook, by Robert Oliver (in book by award-winning chef, judge and TV host Robert Oliver, including recipes from Fiji, Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, the Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tahiti, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea, taken from the popular TV series Pacific Island Food Revolution, and opining that local food cultures hold the key to better diets, economic sustainability, and combating non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and obesity. (Book shortlisted for the Best Celebrity Chef Cookbook in the World 2024, by the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards) (2024).

Nominations for Awards

- Nominated for the Unsung Heroes of Democracy Award of the American Bar Association (Task Force for American Democracy) (2024)
- Nominated for the 2025 Clyde Ferguson Award of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Minority Groups (2024)

Karen Engle (Texas), contributed four publications this year. Abolitionist Human Rights: Queering LGBT Human Rights Advocacy and Law, in *Queer Encounters with International Law: Lives, Communities, Subjectivities* 60–83 (Tamsin Phillipa Paige and Claerwen O'Hara, eds.)(Routledge 2024). Forum Shopping, Feminism, and Fights over Defining a Conflict, *London Review of International Law* 5–8 (July 2024) (with Fionnuala Ní Aoláin). "Private" Diplomacy and Nuclear Disarmament: Revisiting the Cold War Activism of Women for a Meaningful Summit," 74 (supp 1) *University of Toronto Law Journal* 43–68 (2024). Introduction to the Symposium on International Laws Public and Private, 118 *AJIL Unbound* 1–6 (2024)(with Fleur Johns and Annelise Riles; introduction to symposium in memory of Karen Knop).

Tamar Ezer (Miami), has published an article along with Elizabeth Brundige, Aya Fujimura-Fanselow, Ryan Thoreson, *Integrating Human Rights in Domestic Clinical Practice*, 30 *Clinical Law Review* 345 (2024).

Paolo Farah (West Virginia), has several publications this year. *Urgenda vs. Juliana: Lessons for Future Climate Change Litigation Cases*, 84 *U. Pitt. L. Rev.* 547 (2023). *Climate Justice in the Anthropocene and Its Relationship with Science and Technology: The Importance of Ethics of Responsibility*, 55 *Conn. L. Rev.* 819 (2023) *When John Locke Meets Lao Tzu: The Relationship between Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge and the Implications for Food Security*, 33 *Duke Env'tl. L. & Pol'y F.* 297 (2024). *Science, Technology, Society and Law*, in Justo Corti Varela & Paolo Davide Farah (eds.), *SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Routledge Publishing, Transnational Law and Governance Series, 2024). *The Intersections Among Science, Technology, Policy and Law: In Between Truth and Justice*, in Justo Corti Varela & Paolo Davide Farah (eds.), *SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Routledge Publishing, Transnational Law and Governance Series, 2024). *The Interlinkages Science-Technology-Law. Information and Communication Society, Knowledge-Based Economy and the Rule of Law*, in Justo Corti Varela & Paolo Davide Farah (eds.), *SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Routledge Publishing, Transnational Law and Governance Series, 2024). *Energy Justice, Just Transition and International Environmental Law*, in *ASIL Proc. (Just Energy Transition: Legal Challenges Associated with Coal Phase Out)* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2024). *Creating Synergies between International Climate Change Law and International Water Law*, *Water Int'l* (2024). Forthcoming.

Nina Farnia (Albany), received a book contract with Stanford University Press for "Imperialism: An American Story" (SUP 2026). It covers some major ICJ human rights cases and includes interviews with the attorneys on those cases. I also discuss the use of domestic courts to challenge US human rights violations around the world.

Erika George (Boston U.), latest business and human rights article builds on her book and provides a comparative overview of recent regulatory initiatives in EU and member states to mandate human rights due diligence and environmental/social impact disclosures. *Embedding and Expanding the Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights*, *Foundation Journal for Natural Resources and Energy Law* (with Douglass Cassel) (forthcoming). She will edit a special volume on human rights and AI for the *Cambridge Business and Human Rights Journal*. The call for proposals is available here: [www.cambridge.org/core/journals/...](http://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/)

Jonathan Hafetz (Seton Hall), recently published *International Criminal Law and the Role of Narrative in the War in Ukraine*, 36 *Pace Int'l L. Rev.* 363 (2024) and will publish *Emergency Powers and the Rise of Crisis Governance of the Border*, *Georgetown Immig. Law J.* (forthcoming 2025).

Recent Scholarship Highlights Cont'd

Berta Hernandez-Truyol (Florida), recently published a book, an article and chapters. *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LGBTI LAW* (Oxford University Press 2024). *Who's Afraid of Being Woke?--Critical Theory as Awakening to Erascism and Other Injustices*, 1 *JOURNAL OF CRITICAL RACE AND ETHNIC STUDIES* 19-52 (2024). *El Despertar del Derecho: Teoría Crítica del Derecho, la Cultura Latina, LGBTQI+, y Justicia Social en las Américas*, en Hugo Rojas et al, ed., *Teoría Crítica del Derecho y Justicia Social en las Américas*. United States (chapter on United States relationships with Latin America) (to be published in the *Oxford Handbook on International Law and the Americas*, 2024). *Religion: Rites vs. Rights: Resolving Tensions Between LGBT Equality and Religious Liberty*, in *Oxford Handbook of International LGBTI Law - Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) Law from an International-Comparative Perspective* (2024).

Marissa Jackson Sow (Richmond), recently published "Whiteness as Contract in the Racial Superstate" in the *UC Irvine Law Review*.

Jefferey Khan (Southern Methodist), will be a research visitor at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights in Oxford this coming Trinity and Hilary terms (January - June 2025). He has contributed to three publications this year and will have two more in the coming year. *The Legal Origins of Russian Membership in the Council of Europe and the Seeds of Russia's Expulsion*, 14 *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* 1-38 (2024) (lead article). *Russia in the Council of Europe: A Difficult Relationship*. Introduction to the Special Issue, 9 *Russian Politics* 1-10 (2024) (special issue) (co-guest editor). *TrialWatch Fairness Report, Russia v. Nariman Dzhelyal*, Clooney Foundation for Justice, May 31, 2024 (TrialWatch Expert).

Zachary Kaufman (Florida), was awarded the "2024 Human Rights Champion Award" from genocide survivor organizations for "your unwavering commitment to human rights and supporting survivors of genocide and other mass atrocity crimes."

Jocelyn Kestenbaum (Cardozo), has published five articles this year. *The Myth of Slavery Abolition*, 75 *U.C. Law S.F. Journal* 1287, 1287-1334 (formerly *Hastings L.J.*) (2024). <https://www.hastingslawjournal.org/the-myth-of-slavery-abolition/>. *All Roads Lead to Rome: Combating Impunity for Slave Trade and Slavery Crimes*, 5(1) *J. Hum. Trafficking, Enslavement & Conflict-Related Sexual Violence* 177, 177-202 (special issue, 2024). <https://www.uitgeverijparis.nl/en/tijdschriften-online/journal-of-human-trafficking-enslavement?jaar=2024&editie=2000000035>. *Aesthetics of Slavery and Slave Trade Crimes*, 37 *Temple Int'l & Comp. L. J.* 105, 105-22 (2024) (invited). <https://larc.cardozo.yu.edu/faculty-articles/929/>. *Unsettling Human Rights Pedagogy and Practice in Settler Colonial Contexts*, 31 *J. Gender, Soc. Pol. & L.* 441 (2023) (with Caroline Bishop LaPorte). <https://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/jgspl/vol31/iss3/4/>.

Maximo Langer (UCLA), authored several articles this year. *Living with impunity versus living in fear: Universal jurisdiction defendants, due process, and the use of democracies by autocracies to prosecute their opponents* (with Natalie M. Bryce and Leslie Johns), 38 *Leiden Journal of International Law* (forthcoming 2025). *Research Handbook of Plea Bargaining* (edited by Máximo Langer, Mike McConville, and Luke Marsh). Elgar Publishers (2024). *Justicia Penal y Mecanismos De Condena Sin Juicio. Estudios Sobre América Latina* (edited by Máximo Langer & Máximo Sozzo). Marcial Pons publishers, Madrid, (2023). *What is Penal Minimalism?*, 101 *Wash. U. L. Rev.* 231 (2024). *Plea Bargaining as Second-Best Criminal Adjudication and the Future of Criminal Procedure Thought in Global Perspective*, in *Research Handbook of Plea Bargaining* 552-74 (edited by Máximo Langer, Mike McConville, and Luke Marsh, Elgar Publishers, 2024). *Plea Bargaining in Latin America* (with Máximo Sozzo), in *Research Handbook of Plea Bargaining* 88-143 (edited by Máximo Langer, Mike McConville, and Luke Marsh eds., Elgar Publishers, 2024).

Lisa Laplante (New England), has published one article this year and has two upcoming articles. *Measuring Up: A Dialogical Model for Assuring a Reparative Process*, 49 *LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY* 118 (2024) (co-authored with Ana María Reyes). *Effective and Meaningful Dialogue through Company Grievance Mechanisms: Promoting Community Engagement, Sustainable Development and Conflict Prevention in BUSINESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT* (Md Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan & M Rafiqul Islam, eds, Brill| Nijhoff) (forthcoming). *Admissibility: Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR)*, *MAX PLANCK ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURAL LAW* (co-authored with Gisela de León) (forthcoming). She also was appointed as a commissioner to the Watertown Human Rights Commission and heading up the rules committee work.

Robin Laisure (St. John's), has published an article this year. "The Times They are a Changin": Lessons Imparted from the 1960s Civil Rights Movement and the Current-Day Climate Movement, in *Generational Politics in the United States* (Univ. Mich. Press, Sally Friedman & David Schultz eds., 2024). She also has an upcoming article. *Taken No More: Protecting Your Children Against Traffickers and Cults* (forthcoming Bloomsbury 2025).

Recent Scholarship Highlights Cont'd

Rachel Lopez (Temple), has several recent publications. *Is International Criminal Law Feminist?*, in Oxford Handbook on Women and International Law (with Meg deGuzman) (Dawuni, Grossman, Ramji-Nogales, & Ruiz Fabri, eds. Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2024). https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4767887. *If Lived Experience Could Speak: A Legal Method for Repairing Epistemic Violence in Law and the Legal Academy*, 109 Minn. L. Rev. 1 (2024). https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4741795. *Participatory Law Scholarship as Demosprudence* (with Kempis Songster and Gerald Torres), 110 Va. L. Rev. Online 298 (2024). (highlighting advocacy to abolish death by incarceration, commonly known as life without parole, before the United Nations). *The Heart and Heartbreak of International Law*, 38 Temple Int'l & Comp. L.J. 15 (2024). *Regarding the Other Death Penalty* (with Terrell Carter and Kempis Songster), 123 Colum. L. Rev. Forum 114 (2024), Selected by Columbia Law Review to be the subject of an Author Talk at Columbia Law School. *Aggression in Law's Clothing*, 38 Md. J. Int'l L. 57 (2024). *Human Rights Advocacy in the United States* (with Martha Davis, Risa Kaufman, & Johanna Kalb, eds., 3rd edition, West 2023).

Amelia McGowan (Arkansas), authored *The Gendered Violence of Asylum Reporting Requirements*, 56 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2024).

Isabel Medina (Loyola), authored "External and Internal Migration," 33 Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice 389-426 (2024).

Alexandra Meise (Northeastern), In addition to being appointed Women, Peace, and Security Studies Chair at the US Army War College, she co-authored this report this year: "[Global Guidance for Just Transition Policy: The extent to which the ILO Guidelines address energy transition challenges facing developing countries and a comparative analysis of their application in South Africa and Germany.](#)"

Carrie Menkel-Meadow (Irvine), published a new book with IHR content. Carrie Menkel-Meadow and Andrea Kupfer Schneider, *International Conflict Resolution Processes* (Carolina Press-available January 2025).

Martha Minow (Harvard), authored "Before and After 'Vengeance and Forgiveness,'" I. Donnayons, ed., *Leading Works in International Law* (2024).

Craig Mousin (DePaul), authored "Nonrefoulement: Responding to Asylum-seekers through the Prism of Subversive Stories: A Study of Three Trials of Innocence," in: *Furthering Interfaith Biblical Scholarship, A Festschrift in Memory of André LaCocque*, (Wipf & Stock, 2024): papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4901648. "A Migrant 4 Life Journeys to the New Tower of Babel: Christianity and Immigration" in *Abrahamic Hospitality and Its Contemporary Implications*, Ori Z. Soltes and Rachel Stern, eds., (NY: Fordham University Press, 2024). papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4769482.

Gaurav Mukherjee (Connecticut), authored three articles this year, a book, and other material. Mila Versteeg, Kevin Cope & Gaurav Mukherjee, *The New Homelessness* 113 California Law Review 104 (2025) (discussing the sociolegal legacy of *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the most recent SCOTUS case on the criminalization of homelessness). Gaurav Mukherjee, *Shaping Sovereignties: The Role of International Financial Institutions in Constitution-Making* 117 American Journal of International Law: Unbound 251 (2023) (discussing the role of international financial institutions like the World Bank and IMF on constitution-making processes). Gaurav Mukherjee & Arun Thiruvengadam, *Social Rights in India: Weak Influence of International Norms and the Predominance of Domestic Socio-Legal Factors* in (Mila Versteeg & Neha Jain, eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Human Rights Law* (forthcoming 2025) (discussing the influence of international human rights norms on the development of the law and politics of social rights in India). Book: Katie Boyle, Diana Camps, Kirstie English, Jo Ferrie, Aidan Flegg & Gaurav Mukherjee, *Access to Social Justice Effective Remedies for Social Rights* (2024) (discussing the findings from a 3-year empirical project on barriers to accessing welfare benefits in the UK, with suggestions for policy and legal reform). Gaurav Mukherjee, *Transformative Constitutionalism*, in Rainer Grote, Frauke Lachenmann, & Rüdiger Wolfrum (eds.), *MAX PLANCK ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW* (2024) (mapping the conceptual genealogy and jurisprudence of transformative constitutionalism in a comparative perspective).

Dagmar Myslinska (Creighton), authored "Law, Migration, and the Construction of Whiteness: Mobility Within the European Union" (Routledge, 2024).

Smita Narula (Elisabeth Haub), authored *Realizing the Right to Food in Maine: Insights from International Law*, 76 Maine Law Review 165 (2024) and *Beyond Reform: Food Sovereignty and the Future of Global Food Systems*, 31 Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies 141 (2024) (available online and to be posted soon on my [SSRN](#) page).

Michael Perlin (New York), authored "'Their Futures, So Full of Dread': How Barefoot's Contamination of the Death Penalty Trial Process Continues," 27 Rich. Pub. Int. L. Rev. 77 (2024) (with Prof. Talia Harmon, Maren Geiger & Moana Houde-Camirand). "I Hope the Final Judgment's Fair": Alternative Jurisprudences, Legal Decision-Making, and Justice, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychology of Legal Decision-making* 17 (Prof. Monica Miller et al, eds.) (2024).

Recent Scholarship Highlights Cont'd

Michael Perlin (New York) cont'd, also authored "I Saw Guns and Sharp Swords in the Hands of Young Children": Why Mental Health Courts for Juveniles with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum/Disorder Are Needed, 19 Northwestern J. L. & Soc'l Pol'y 228 (2024) (with Prof. Heather Ellis Cucolo & Prof. Deborah A. Dorfman). Book review of The Future of Mental Health, Disability and Criminal Law (Kay Wilson et al eds. 2024) (Routledge Press), 31 Psychiatry, Psychol. & L. 986 (2024). "I'll Give You Justice": Why the Use of Therapeutic Jurisprudence Is the Best Way to Eradicate Sanism in the Law, to be published in the Routledge Handbook of Disability, Crime, and Justice (Profs. Stephen J. Macdonald & Donna Peacock, eds.) (2024) (in press). Professor Perlin also participated in three webinars All were presented under the auspices of CONCEPT, the continuing education program at Palo Alto University, and all were co-presented with Prof. Heather Ellis Cucolo (New York Law School):

1. Sanism Separate from Other Biases (Jan. 18, 2024)
 2. Reshaping Law Enforcement Interactions with Persons with a Mental Disability: Suggestions and Solutions (May 15, 2024)
 3. Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms and the Impact on Mental Disability Law (Oct. 16, 2024).
- He also gave four presentations this year: The ADA, Criminal Procedure and Therapeutic Jurisprudence (presentation to the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL (March 20, 2024). Autism and the Criminal Law: Why Therapeutic Jurisprudence Matters (Grand Rounds presentation at University of Massachusetts Medical School program on law and psychiatry, Worcester, MA (April 18, 2024). From Crisis to Collaboration: Addressing Mental Health challenges in the Criminal Justice System (conference sponsored by Mississippi College of Law Bioethics and Health Law Center), Sept. 24, 20224 (Jackson, MS) (presented remotely). How "Folk Psychology" Has Contaminated Forensic Mental Health Law: The Powers of Heuristics and the Fraudulence of "Ordinary Common Sense" (conference of the American Society of Criminology, Nov. 13, 2024 (San Francisco, CA), and modified version to be presented to the Harvard Medical School's Program in Psychiatry and Law (remotely), Dec. 11, 2024).

Catherine Powell (Fordham), authored The Implications of Section 230 for Black Communities, 66 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 107 (2024) (with Spencer Overton) and War on Covid: Warfare and Its Discontents, 70 UCLA L. Rev. Disc. 2 (2023). As for the American Society of International Law (ASIL) event Because this year's ASIL signature topic is on Advancing Gender Justice in International Law the inaugural online event for this initiative - Gender Justice and the United States: An Examination of Past and Future - will be held on December 10, in commemoration of Human Rights Day and the culmination of the 16 Days Campaign to End Gender-Based Violence. Besides me, featured speakers include Columbia Law Professor Suzanne Goldberg (on leave while serving as senior advisor for the State Dept Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQ+ Persons) and Akila Radhakrishnan, Strategic Legal Advisor, Gender Justice, Atlantic Council (who is helping lift up the voices of Afghan women who are seeking to define gender apartheid as a new international crime, given their current experience under the Taliban). University of Miami Law School Professor Carrie Bettinger-Lopez (a human rights expert who worked in the Biden Justice Department last year) will moderate. Registration for this event is free and open to the public. Register [here](https://www.asil.org/event/gender-justice-and-united-states-examination-past-and-future) at <https://www.asil.org/event/gender-justice-and-united-states-examination-past-and-future>.

Angela Riley (UCLA), authored Tribal Law Innovations in Native Governance, _ UCLA L. Rev. _ (forthcoming 2024). Before Mine!: Indigenous Property Rights for Jagenagenon, reviewing Mine! How the Hidden Rules of Ownership Control Our Lives, by Michael Heller and James Salzman. New York: Doubleday, 136 Harv. L. Rev. 2074 (2023) Chief Justice Angela R. Riley and Professor Suzette Malveaux in Conversation at the Eleventh Annual John Paul Stevens Lecture: The Third Sovereign: Tribal Courts and Indian Country Justice, 59 Harv. Civil Rights - Civil Liberties Law Rev. 1 (2024) (with S. Malveaux). She also was reappointed, Special Advisor to the Chancellor on Native American and Indigenous Affairs.

Franklin Rosenblatt (Mississippi College School of Law) has a forthcoming article, "The Relationship Between International Criminal Tribunals and National Militaries" in California Western International Law Journal, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4994909.

David Smolin (Cumberland), Serves as a special adviser for Child Identity Protection (CHIP), a Swiss child rights NGO. He authored How and Why the Church Should Adopt a Transitional Justice Framework to Abuse in Catholic Contexts, Plenary Assembly Documentation, Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, March 2024, available at [www.tutelaminorum.org/knowledgebase/...](http://www.tutelaminorum.org/knowledgebase/) Assisted the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM). PCPM members are appointed by Pope Francis and focus on preventing and responding to sexual abuse in Catholic contexts (including clerical abuse). Introduction (65 pages), in Facing the Past: Policies and Good Practices for Responses to Illegal Intercountry Adoptions (eds. Elvira Loibl & David M. Smolin Eleven: The Hague, Netherlands 2024). Co-editor is Professor Elvira Loibl, Maastricht University Faculty of Law. David Smolin & Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Surrogacy, Intermediaries, and the Sale of Children, in Research Handbook on Surrogacy (eds. Katarina Trimmings, Sharon Shakargy & Claire Achmad; Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd 2024). Co-author Maud de Boer-Buquicchio is former UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children and previously served as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights.

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Milena Sterio (Cleveland State), authored several articles. Milena Sterio and Yvonne Dutton, Prosecuting Gender Persecution at the ICC: Definitions, Policies, and Practice, 46 Fordham International Law Journal 575 (2023). Milena Sterio and Yvonne Dutton, The War in Ukraine and the Legitimacy of the International Criminal Court, 72 American University Law Review 779 (2023). Milena Sterio, Parallel Proceedings in International and Domestic Courts on Protecting the Environment: Challenges and Opportunities, Denver Journal of International Law and Policy (2025) (forthcoming). Milena Sterio (with Michael Kelly, Dmytro Koval, Federica d'Alessandra, and Lydia Korostelova), Prosecution of Russian Corporations for War Crimes in Ukraine, Texas Journal of International Law (2025) (forthcoming).

Jonathan Stubbs (Richmond), Inspired by and with help from the late American human rights lawyer/activist Oliver W. Hill, Esq., encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/... I recently published No Clue: White American Affirmative Action Exists and Demands a Moral Revival Now! cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781946074430/... No Clue was written for a broad readership to facilitate societal as well as individual healing by providing a fact-based historical overview of law and race in the United States. In addition, the book challenges today's pervasive, mushrooming immoral revival spreading across the United States and the Earth. The immoral revival - based upon fear, greed, retribution and hate - is sabotaging human relationships: indeed our collective prospects for survival. The book argues that we need a moral revival now based on a simple norm: love your neighbor as yourself.

Ruti Teitel (New York Law School), authored three articles this year. "Humanity Law Redux and its Rule of Law," London Review of International Law, Vol 12, Issue 2, 2024, at 237. Iavor Rangelov and Ruti Teitel, "The Justice Archive: Transitional Justice and Digital Memory" London Review of Intl Law, Vol 11, Issue 1, 83-109 (March 2023). Ruti Teitel and Valeria Vegh Weis, "Transitional Justice and Human Rights," Chapter in 2023, The Cambridge History of Latin American Law in Global Perspective.

Ryan Thoreson (Cincinnati), authored two articles this year. "Dignifying Queerness", 46 Cardozo Law Review 63 (2024). "Integrating Human Rights in Domestic Clinical Practice," 30 Clinical Law Review 345 (2024).

Jonathan Todres (Georgia State), reports the following publications: Children's Rights and Children's Development: An Integrated Approach (NYU Press, January 2025) (with Ursula Kilkelly); Bringing the Right to Education into the 21st Century, 42 Berkeley J. Int'l L. 65 (2024) (with Charlotte S. Alexander); Deprivation of Liberty as a Last Resort: Understanding the Children's Rights Law Mandate for Youth Justice, 60 Stanford J. Int'l L. 1 (2024) (with Lauren Meeler); and a new edition of Children and the Law: Doctrine, Policy, and Practice (8th edition, West Academic Press, 2024) (with Douglas E. Abrams, Sacha Coupet, Susan Mangold, and Jyoti Nanda). In 2024, Jonathan was named Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law at Georgia State, and he was named Rotating Honorary Chair in Enforcement of Children's Rights at Leiden University in the Netherlands for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Cora True-Frost (Syracuse), is working on a three-year grant focused on equal access, universal design, and disability, particularly in relation to travel, which began this year. She published two articles. "Equality in the Skies: The Difference Disability Makes", OUP (forthcoming 2025) (comparative piece focused on international, US, and EU standards in air regulation). "Accommodating Equality in the Skies: The Difference Disability Makes" keynote talk at Maynooth University, Dublin, September 2024.

Christine M. Venter (Notre Dame), published a book chapter entitled "The Concept of Dignity in the Jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court" in Human Dignity, Judicial Reasoning and the Law; Scharff, Pin and Voyk Eds. Routledge 2024.

Penny Venetis (Rutgers), authored "Using State Constitutions and International Human Rights Law to Compel Law Enforcement to Test Rape Kits," 109 Cornell Law Review 101 (2024).

Timothy Waters (Indiana), authored "'But You Must Not Pronounce the Names': Testifying in Secret at a War Crimes Trial," 55 Georgetown Journal of International Law 443-71 (2024).

Edieth Wu (Thurgood Marshall), authored "The Next Gen Bar: Pressing the ABA Standards for Legal Education and Beyond," 57.3 Creighton L. Rev. 645 (2024).

Katharine Young (Boston), authored "Human Rights in the Era of Dobbs," Columbia Human Rights Law Review (forthcoming 2025); Several chapters of [The Oxford Handbook of Economic and Social Rights](#) (Malcolm Langford and Katharine G. Young, eds.) have been published online and the print edition is expected in 2025; and [The Misappropriation of Human Rights by the New Global Right: An Introduction to the Symposium](#), 21 I.CON: INT'L J. CONST. L. 205 (2023).

Seval Yildirim (Buffalo), authored "Populist Secularism." 33 Minn. J. Int'l L. 39 (2024).