



## The Honorable G. William and Ariadna Miller INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE LAW

### UPDATE – DECEMBER 2013

This is a great year for international and comparative law at Berkeley! Have a look at what we've done so far, and see what's on the calendar for Spring 2014.

### FALL SEMESTER 2013

#### OPENING DOORS FOR STUDENTS

Nearly 100 students turned out in August for the Miller Institute's welcome reception to meet our faculty and start building their Berkeley Law network.

Berkeley Law was chosen to field a team in the first-ever *Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition*. The simulation-based law of armed conflict competition requires students to advocate in a variety of professional roles. Coached by **Faculty Director Kate Jastram**, team members **Shah-meer Halepota ('14)**, **Ido Kilovaty (LLM '14)**, and **Mirella Nieto ('14)** will compete in the final rounds in Washington, DC in March 2014. Their participation is funded by the Miller Institute and the American Red Cross. Go team!

Each fall, the Miller Institute selects one student to sponsor for attendance at the Annual Meeting the following spring of the American Society of International Law in Washington, DC. It's an unparalleled opportunity to learn from and meet with the world's most eminent international law scholars and practitioners. This year's prizewinner is **Mariel Bird ('15)**.

#### FACULTY NEWS AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

**Professors Andrew Guzman and Katerina Linos** presented their work on "Human Rights Backsliding" at lecture held on September 30. The article will appear in the *California Law Review*.

**Professor Katerina Linos's** new book, *Democratic Foundations of Policy Diffusion*, was the subject of a symposium on *Opinio Juris*, in which nine prominent international law professors commented on various aspects of the book. Her essay, "Modeling Domestic Politics in International Law Scholarship" with JSD student Jerome Hsiang is forthcoming in the *Chicago Journal of International Law*.

**Faculty Director Kate Jastram** spoke on climate change, forced migration and national security at a Vermont Law symposium on "Rising Temps and Emerging Threats: The Intersection of Climate Change and National Security in the 21st Century." Her paper will appear in the *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*.

**Professor Saira Mohamed** was awarded a fellowship with the Townsend Center for the Humanities for her research on deviance in international criminal law. The Fellowship seeks to further the research of the recipients and to enable faculty and graduate students within the humanities to interact with colleagues in other disciplines. She was one of four assistant professors throughout the campus who was awarded the fellowship for 2013-2014.

**Professor Katerina Linos** received a seed grant for a new research project on European Union Treaties.

#### **BRINGING TOGETHER SCHOLARS AND POLICYMAKERS**

**Professor Saira Mohamed** chaired a works-in-progress workshop of the American Society of International Law's Human Rights Interest Group.

**Professor Katerina Linos** was on the organizing committee of the annual American Society of International Law Research Forum.

**Faculty Director Kate Jastram** convened a roundtable on the Use of Force and Security Cooperation with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the participation of military and civilian government lawyers and academics from Australia, Canada, Israel, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**Miller Senior Fellow Jamie O'Connell** led a panel discussion on "Chevron in Richmond: Cooperation and Conflict Around the Bay Area's Largest Oil Refinery" with **John Gioia ('82)**, Board of Supervisors, Contra Costa County, and California Air Resources Board, and **Antonia Juhasz**, Editor, *The True Cost of Chevron: An Alternative Annual Report* and Author, *Black Tide: The Devastating Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill*.

#### **HOSTING DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS**

Accomplished practitioners of international law hosted or co-sponsored by the Miller Institute this fall included:

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) **Commissioner General Filippo Grandi** on "Palestine Refugees and the Quest for Peace Amidst Times of Conflict"

**Ambassador Dennis Ross** on "Prospects for Peace: An Assessment"

*Co-sponsored with Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israeli Law, Economy, and Society, Institute of Governmental Studies, Institute of International Studies, Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program, Olive Tree Initiative, and Berkeley Hillel*

Former President of the Dominican Republic Supreme Court, **Dr. Jorge Subero Isa**, on "Political Movements as a Driving Force of Judicial Reform in the Dominican Republic"

*Co-sponsored with the International Advanced Degree Programs*

#### **SPRING SEMESTER 2014**

##### **January 17-20 2014 – International Humanitarian Law Student Workshop**

We've selected 45 students from law schools across the U.S. to participate in an intensive short course on the law of armed conflict. In addition to Miller Faculty Director Kate Jastram, speakers include legal advisers from the International Committee of the Red Cross, and military lawyers from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Centre and School. One of the Workshop faculty members is Major Patrick Walsh, U.S. Army National Guard (Berkeley Law '98).

*Co-sponsored with the International Committee of the Red Cross*

**January 27, 2014 – Makua Mutua Dean, SUNY Buffalo Law School**

“Will the ICC Survive Kenya?”

*Co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Law and Society and the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice*

**January 29, 2014 – Robert Wagstaff, D.Phil Oxford**

“Terror Detentions and the Rule of Law: US and UK Perspectives”

*Co-sponsored with Berkeley Journal of International Law*

**January 31, 2014 – Junior International Law Scholars Association (JILSA) Annual Meeting**

JILSA is an informal network composed mostly of junior scholars at American law schools. This year’s invitation-only event is organized by Professor Saira Mohamed.

**February 18, 2014 – Zainab Bangura, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict**

In Conversation with **Laurel Fletcher, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic.**

**Spring 2014 (date TBD) – Stefan A. Riesenfeld Symposium**

Every Spring *BJIL* hosts the Riesenfeld Symposium and presents the keynote speaker with the Riesenfeld Memorial Award, which is traditionally given to a distinguished scholar or practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the field of international law.

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**March 12-15, 2014 – Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition** (Washington DC)  
**Shahmeer Halepota ('14), Ido Kilovaty (LLM '14), and Mirella Nieto ('14)** will represent Berkeley Law at the first annual Clara Barton IHL Competition, with support from the Miller Institute and the American Red Cross.

**April 4, 2014 – *Graduating students please note!* Application deadline for the Certificate of Specialization in International Law.**

**April 7-12, 2014 – American Society of International Law/International Law Association Annual Meeting** (Washington DC)

**Maribel Bird ('15)** is this year’s Miller Institute ASIL Annual Meeting prizewinner. With the support of the Miller Institute, she will be attending the year’s most important conference on international law. Many other Berkeley Law faculty and alumni will also be there.

**May 2014 (date TBD) – International Law Certificate of Specialization Award Ceremony**

Please join us in recognizing the extraordinary achievements of the Berkeley Law students as recipients of the Certificate of Specialization in International Law.