

## Women and International Law Program

### 2005-2006 Resources in Gender and the Law

As the only law school started by women, American University's Washington College of Law (WCL) has a long-standing tradition of respect for the contributions of women to the law and legal education. In recognition of how gender issues cut across many of the traditional boundaries that separate legal disciplines, WCL offers many opportunities in women's legal studies. Highlighted below are some of the programs, faculty, and staff that make WCL a unique institution for the study of gender and the law.

### Programs

#### **Women & the Law Program**

The Women and the Law Program was established in 1984 to renew WCL's commitment to ensuring equality and full participation in the community for both men and women through curriculum, advocacy, externship opportunities, research and public awareness. The program's long-term goals are broad and ambitious:

- to contribute to research and advocacy concerning women and the law;
- to further awareness of the way that the law affects women's lives and women's positions within the institutions of the legal system;
- to address the experiences of women within the WCL community; and
- to change legal education to incorporate fully the experiences of women into all aspects of the law school.

The program's founder and director, Professor Ann Shalleck, is a noted authority and frequently speaks and writes on gender and the law.

#### **Women & International Law Program**

The Women & International Law Program (WILP) supports the work of legal scholars, women's rights advocates and law students around the world seeking to integrate fully women's human rights into legal education, practice and doctrine. Through workshops, trainings and educational programs, WILP collaborates with women's rights advocates and scholars around the world to reform the law, legal education, and legal institutions to further women's rights, and fosters analysis of the relationship of gender to the operation of law and legal institutions.

WILP is currently collaborating on gender and legal education initiatives in India and Latin American. WILP also works with WCL students to enhance their studies of gender and the law, sponsors gender-related programming at the law school, and works closely with students in the International Legal Studies Program specialization in Gender & the Law, one of the only such programs in the world. The WILP website includes a number of resources for students, including information about programming, the LL.M. specialization in Gender and the Law, and internships/externships, as well as an events calendar. Visit the website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/>. For more information about WILP, contact April Fehling at [afehling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:afehling@wcl.american.edu).

### **The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law was founded in 1990 to provide a clearinghouse for the wide scope of activity at WCL concentrated on human rights and humanitarian law. The Center works with students, faculty and the international legal community to provide scholarship and support for human rights initiatives around the world. The Center is dedicated to creating opportunities for students, practitioners and activists through training, complementary education, outreach, workshops & conferences, and research & publication. Hadar Harris, Executive Director, has extensive experience promoting women's human rights internationally. For more information, contact the Center at (202) 274-4180 or [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu), or visit the Center's website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/>.

### **The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

The Academy is an intensive three-week education program providing specialized training courses to scholars and activists on international human rights law. The Academy offers a broad spectrum of courses spanning the field of human rights law, taught by world renowned experts in the field. Open to both law students and practicing attorneys who are interested in human rights issues, participants may receive either law school credit or a certificate of attendance. Those who are not legal experts in human rights may also participate in the Academy to expand their understanding of this complex field. Each year the Academy offers a course devoted to women's rights, *Women and International Human Rights Law*, which in 2005 was taught by Rebecca Cook, Professor and Faculty Chair in International Human Rights at the University of Toronto.

In 2005, more than 150 practitioners and students from all over the world attended the Academy. In 2006, the Academy will again offer an attractive and exciting program of new courses and faculty as well as extracurricular activities and on-site visits. For information on the 2006 Academy, please contact [hracademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu) or visit the website at [www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy).

### **War Crimes Research Office**

The core mandate of the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is to promote the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law through the provision of legal research assistance to international criminal courts and tribunals. The WCRO was initially established in 1995 to provide the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR) with legal research and analysis in the areas of humanitarian and international criminal law. In 2005, the WCRO provided assistance to the International Criminal Court, Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor. WCRO staff have also been involved in preparatory work relating to the establishment of a court with jurisdiction over those most responsible for Khmer Rouge-era atrocities in Cambodia. Through its contributions, the WCRO aims to ensure that evolving jurisprudence responds to the realities of an increasingly globalized world. This means, among other things, ensuring that emerging law reflects the gender-specific nature of certain crimes – a concept not uppermost in the minds of the drafters of the treaties that initially codified the laws of war. For example, the WCRO made extensive contributions in the prosecution of the *Kunarac, Kovac and Vukovic* ("Foca") case decided by the ICTY, which recognized for the first time in history that certain crimes of sexual assault constitute the crime against humanity of enslavement. Please see the WCRO website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes/>.

## **Student Groups**

### **Women's Law Association**

The Women's Law Association (WLA) is a student-run organization that provides a diverse feminist forum for WCL students. WLA is concerned with the legal, social, cultural, educational, and political issues facing women on both the domestic and international levels and within the law school community. WLA programs include activities such as panel discussions with professors, attorneys, government officials, and members of the NGO community, networking and volunteering opportunities, and mentoring programs for students. If you would like more information about WLA or would like to join the WLA listserve, please email [womenslaw-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:womenslaw-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

### **Lambda Law Society**

The Lambda Law Society is a student-run political, educational, and social organization that serves as a forum for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students and their supporters to raise awareness of the issues facing this community and encourage professional development. It is dedicated to providing information on gay-related legal issues, eliminating stereotypes about homosexuals, and fostering a positive image of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people throughout the law school community. Lambda is also affiliated with the Washington, DC attorney organization, GAYLAW. Programs include speakers involved in current legal issues, films, panel discussions, and social events. Membership is open to all, regardless of sexual orientation. For more information, email Lambda at [lambda@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lambda@wcl.american.edu).

### **Law Students for Choice**

Law Students for Choice is a student-run organization that is committed to educating, organizing, and supporting pro-choice law students to ensure that a new generation of lawyers will be prepared to successfully defend and expand reproductive rights. Our group raises awareness of reproductive rights, provides a framework for student activism, and links students to pro-choice leaders and organizations. LSFC's programs include speakers and panel discussions on such pressing, relevant topics as abortion in the military, abstinence-only education, and access to reproductive health services for immigrant and minority populations. As a local chapter of the national LSFC organization, we also take part in national and regional conferences on reproductive rights law in an effort to create new opportunities to learn from top legal scholars and litigators in reproductive rights. If you would like more information about LSFC or would like to join the LSFC listserve, please email [aulawforchoice-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:aulawforchoice-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### **Health Law and Justice Project**

The Health Law and Justice Project (HLJP) is a student-run organization that seeks to promote health from a rights-based approach. HLJP seeks to encourage professional development, explore career opportunities, expand the health law curriculum, and most of all raise awareness of the right to health. HLJP accomplishes these goals by sponsoring panel discussions with practicing attorneys and professors; organizing community service events; and hosting "downtown practitioner meetings" which give students the opportunity to meet with practicing lawyers at their places of work to discuss current issues and career development. Members are also developing the *Health Law & Justice Brief*, which will be the first law periodical focusing on health law issues from a rights-based perspective, and will bring together contributions from health law practitioners, scholars, and students from around the country and the world. If you would like more information about HLJP or would like to join the HLJP list serve, please email [healthlawjustice@gmail.com](mailto:healthlawjustice@gmail.com).

### **The Immigrants' Rights Coalition**

The Immigrants' Rights Coalition is a student-run group that is dedicated to promoting immigrants' rights at Washington College of Law, in Washington D.C., through national and international forums. The group strives to follow anti-sexist, anti-racist, and anti-heterosexist policies to allow full participation from a broad spectrum of society. The group loosely follows a four part model of participation in immigrant groups, service and activism in the community, academic excellence, and professional development. This year we will be sponsoring, in cooperation with other groups, an English-Spanish language exchange, community service events, numerous panels, and several conferences. The nexus of gender and immigration is currently an exciting area of the law and anyone interested in gender issues should check out this group. If you would like more information or would like to join the listserve, please contact Kristen Johnson at [Kristen@craigsirk.com](mailto:Kristen@craigsirk.com).

## **Publications**

### **The American University *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law***

The Journal was founded in 1992 to provide a forum for those interested in gender issues and feminist legal studies. In 1998, the Journal expanded its mission to include social policy as well as gender issues. Our current approach reflects our intent to fill a void in legal scholarship by providing an opportunity for academic discussion that is otherwise overlooked by traditional journals. By focusing on gender and

social policy issues, we are committed to creating a dialogue among disparate social, economic, and gender groups in order to find our common humanity under the law.

The *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* publishes papers addressing social and political equality under the law. Gender plays a unique role in the formation of social policy, as well as the administration and development of the law. We hope that our holistic approach to legal analysis will promote the empowerment of all individuals in society and strengthen the role of progressive perspectives in mainstream legal scholarship. For more information, contact [genderlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:genderlaw@wcl.american.edu), or visit their website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/journals/genderlaw/>.

### **The Human Rights Brief**

The *Human Rights Brief*, a publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law, and provides concise legal analysis of current human rights issues. Established in 1994, the brief maintains a strong commitment to supporting human rights practitioners and strengthening the community of human rights advocates around the world. Currently, the Brief reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. It is published three times a year and welcomes submissions from practitioners, students, and academics. Articles with a gender-based perspective are especially encouraged from both J.D. and LL.M. students. For submission guidelines and past issues, please see the Brief website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>. Current issues of the Brief are also available in the Washington College of Law lobby and at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

## **Academic Offerings**

### **LL.M. Specialization in Gender and the Law**

WCL established the specialization in Gender and the Law, the first LL.M. in the world to focus on gender, within the International Legal Studies Program in 1997. Students specializing in Gender and the Law can pursue a course of study that incorporates international, comparative, and domestic approaches to legal issues related to gender. The program also assists students in securing internships and independent study opportunities, organizes events and enables students to present their expertise to the WCL and Washington, D.C. communities. Students may opt to receive a certificate in Gender and the Law through the International Legal Studies Program. To qualify for the certificate, the student must complete 16 credit hours of courses on relevant subject matter and write a research paper of publishable quality on a relevant topic. A FAQ sheet detailing the certificate requirements may be obtained at the International Legal Studies Program Office. For more information about the International Legal Studies LL.M. and the specialization in gender and the law, please contact the International Legal Studies Program at [llminfo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:llminfo@wcl.american.edu).

### **LL.M. Program on Law and Government**

The LL.M. Program, which was founded in 1998, offers students an opportunity to pursue graduate legal work on U.S. public law. It is a 24-credit degree program which students can choose to pursue full-time (and complete in one year) or part-time (and complete at their own pace). The flexible LL.M. curriculum encourages students to design courses of study in the broad areas of civil and constitutional rights, business and financial regulation (including banking, trade, securities, tax, and antitrust law and policy), and administrative law and regulatory practice (including health law and policy, labor and employment law and policy, intellectual property and information policy, environmental law and policy, and immigration law and policy). For more information on opportunities with the LL.M. Program on Law and Government, please contact Maryam Ahranjani at [mahranjani@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mahranjani@wcl.american.edu).

### **S.J.D. Program**

The S.J.D. Program selects outstanding students prepared to write a doctoral-level thesis in law, who will make original contributions to legal literature, and who have a strong intellectual commitment to advanced legal study. S.J.D. applicants are expected to hold an advanced law degree (LL.M. or equivalent) from a U.S. law school accredited by the American Bar Association, or from a foreign law school with equivalent standards. In exceptional cases, the S.J.D. Committee may consider candidates who do not hold an advanced law degree, but who have an impressive publication record and significant legal teaching

experience. For more information, please see the International Legal Studies Program website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/sjdoverview.cfm>.

### **Course Offerings**

Each semester, interested J.D. and LL.M. students can choose from a variety of courses relating to issues of gender and the law. Course offerings may include such courses as: Family Law; Battered Women and the Law; Gender and the Law; Feminist Jurisprudence; Gender, Cultural Difference, and International Human Rights; International Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons; Gender, Race and Ethnicity in International Human Rights; Sex-Based Discrimination; and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. WILP has updated lists of course offerings per semester. Please contact [afehling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:afehling@wcl.american.edu) for information on current courses.

### **New Opportunity!! Gender Perspectives Across the World Seminar**

This year the Women and International Law Program will launch this new one-credit seminar to integrate experiential learning with gender analysis. The course, taught by Claire Smearman, Practitioner-in-Residence, is designed primarily for LL.M. students studying in the International Legal Studies specialization in gender and the law, but all students are eligible. The seminar integrates theories of gender and cultural difference with experiential learning, and students will develop and participate in presentations based on their experiences and research about gender issues in their home countries. In addition, site visits to local women's rights organizations and agencies planned by students will provide an opportunity to explore the world of gender advocacy and to see how legal institutions affect the lives of women. The seminar will also encourage student writing on gender and the law. Please see the online class schedule for details.

## **Experiential Learning**

### **Clinical Programs**

WCL is an international leader in the field of clinical legal education. The school runs eight clinics, including several clinical programs which focus on women's and human rights, such as Women and the Law, Domestic Violence, International Human Rights Law, Community and Economic Development Law, and the newly established Disability Rights Law Clinics. These programs give student attorneys the opportunity to represent real clients with real legal problems, to handle litigation from beginning to end, to carry out transactional work for client groups, to take full responsibility for clients' cases, and to learn lawyering skills at both a practical and theoretical level. Each clinic offers student attorneys individualized instruction in the lawyering process, and helpful and constructive feedback enables them to learn and practice law by taking significant responsibility under the guidance of clinical teachers. WCL's clinical program is looked to as a model and WCL faculty have consulted and advised on clinical legal education and reform around the world, including Turkey, Mexico, Lithuania, Israel, Ukraine, Czech Republic, and more. For more information, please see <http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/>.

### **Internship opportunities**

WCL's location in Washington, D.C. offers students the opportunity to intern with international organizations that promote women's legal rights, including such organizations as Karamah; Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights; the National Women's Law Center; Tahirih Justice Center; and the International Human Rights Law Group. Internships enable students to acquire hands-on experience, gain insight into how the law works in practice, make decisions about their own careers in the legal profession, and develop a critical understanding of the legal world. **LL.M. students:** for information on internship opportunities, contact Emily Chin, International Legal Studies Program Internship Coordinator, at [eschin@wcl.american.edu](mailto:eschin@wcl.american.edu). **J.D. students:** for information on externships, contact the Externship Office at [externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu).

WILP has a tip sheet, detailing helpful hints on finding gender-related internships and externships. This sheet can be found at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/>.

## Faculty and Resource People

The WCL faculty is noted for its scholarship and expertise in women's legal studies. In addition, law school faculty have provided training services for judges and advocates, and training and technical assistance for regional institutions, law schools, and governments throughout the world on international women's rights and gender, law and development issues. Many faculty members serve as advisors to students on independent study projects, and each full-time faculty member has at least one upper-level student research assistant through the Dean's Fellows program. Those below are only a few of the faculty, adjunct faculty and staff at WCL with expertise in gender and the law.

**Muneer Ahmad:** Muneer Ahmad is a Professor of Law at WCL. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College in 1993 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1996. He also was a law clerk for a federal district judge in Vermont. Prior to joining WCL, he was a Skadden Fellow and a staff attorney at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles. In addition, he worked with the South Asian Network, a non-profit social service agency. His work in Los Angeles focused on immigrants' rights, and in particular, the rights of immigrant workers—the majority of whom are women—exploited in the Los Angeles garment industry, as well as the impact of welfare reform on immigrant communities. Currently he is working with the Women and International Law Program to expand the teaching of gender in legal education in India. In addition, he is doing ongoing comparative research on gender, labor, and migration in the garment industries of Los Angeles and Ahmedabad, India. His areas of teaching include the International Human Rights Clinic and Immigration Law.

**Kelly Askin:** Dr. Askin occasionally teaches at WCL as an adjunct faculty member, and frequently teaches Women and International Human Rights Law at the Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She has taught and served as a visiting fellow to Harvard University and Notre Dame Law School. Dr. Askin has also served as a legal advisor to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (Trial and Appeals Chamber) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (Appeals Chamber), and as the Acting Executive Director of the War Crimes Research Office at WCL. Books include *War Crimes Against Women, Prosecution in International War Crimes Tribunals* (1997) and the 4 volume treatise on Women and International Human Rights Law (1999-2003, co-edited).

**Pamela Bridgewater:** Professor Bridgewater is a Professor of Law at WCL, where she teaches Property, Wills and Trusts, and Reproduction and the Law. She is also a lawyer and reproductive rights advocate/activist and has been involved in abortion clinic defense and the women's health movement for many years. Professor Bridgewater consults and participates in legal defense of reproductive health care clinics, service providers and activists. She has worked extensively with activists and advocates in Latin America on reproductive rights issues. Professor Bridgewater writes in the area of reproduction and the law, legal history, feminism and race in the law and queer legal theory. Her book, *Breeding a Nation: Slavery and the Pursuit of Reproductive Freedom* will be published by South End Press in Spring 2006.

**Susan Carle:** Professor Carle is a Professor of Law at WCL teaching torts, employment discrimination and legal ethics. Professor Carle has a particular interest in and has published many articles examining the history and sociology of gender, race, class and socio-economic status in the legal profession. Prior to coming to WCL, she worked for the U.S. Justice Department in the Civil Rights Division, pursuing appeals in employment discrimination and other cases, and as a lawyer for a plaintiff's side labor and employment law firm. Professor Carle has published a book called *Lawyers' Ethics and the Pursuit of Social Justice: A Critical Reader* (forthcoming 2005 NYU Press), that contains a chapter on feminist legal ethics.

**Janie Chuang:** Ms. Chuang is a Practitioner-in-Residence in the International Human Rights Clinic. She specializes in issues relating to violence against women, specifically trafficking in women, drawing on her work in these areas for the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women. Prior to joining WCL, Ms. Chuang practiced with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, representing foreign governments in international litigation/arbitration and pro bono clients in asylum and human rights cases.

**Mary Clark:** Professor Clark is a Professor of Law at WCL, teaching Property Law and a seminar on feminist jurisprudence. Prior to joining WCL as a visiting faculty member, Professor Clark was a Visiting Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale Law School, and a Supreme Court Fellow with the Federal Judicial Center. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College and Harvard Law School, she clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Montgomery, Alabama. She has published a series of articles on the history of women in the legal profession and as judges in particular. Currently, she is at work on a series of pieces concerning law's regulation of personhood attachments to land.

**Rebecca Cook:** A.B. (Barnard), M.A. (Tufts), M.P.A. (Harvard), J.D. (Georgetown), J.S.D. (Columbia), called to the Bar of Washington, D.C., is a Professor in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto; Co-Director, International Program on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto. She is the ethical and legal issues co-editor of the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*. Her publications include over one hundred and fifty books, articles and reports in the areas of international human rights, the law relating to women's health and feminist ethics. Her most recent book, co-authored with Bernard M. Dickens and Mahmoud F. Fathalla, is *Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law*.

**Christine Haight Farley:** Professor Farley is an Associate Professor of Law at WCL and teaches courses in Intellectual Property Law, U.S. Trademark Law, International and Comparative Trademark Law, and Law and the Visual Arts. She also serves as Associate Director of the Intellectual Property Law Clinic. Her writing has included work on women in legal academia, and she is interested in exploring intersections between gender issues and intellectual property. She has participated in the previous two IP/Gender conferences at WCL and is helping to plan the third, which will take place in the Fall of 2005. For more details, please check the online calendar.

**April Fehling:** As the Program Coordinator of the Women and International Law Program, Ms. Fehling works jointly with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Ms. Fehling coordinates the Gender and Legal Education in India Project and works closely with students committed to integrating the study of gender into their legal studies, particularly LL.M. students specializing in Gender and the Law in WCL's International Legal Studies Program. Prior to joining WCL, April lived in Rajasthan, India as a Fulbright Scholar, where she researched women's rural political participation. April is a former Research Assistant at the Alan Guttmacher Institute, where she provided research and coordination for international reproductive health research, and has contributed to research and writing projects for various women's rights and international development organizations in the Washington, D.C. area, including the Washington Area Women's Foundation, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and the Development Group for Alternative Policies.

**Charlene Gomes:** As Public Interest Coordinator, Charlene Gomes oversees the Office of Public Interest, coordinating the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the Public Interest/Public Service Scholars Program and other public interest programming at WCL. From 1999-2003, Ms. Gomes was Program Director for the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program and the Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa Fellowship Program at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she worked with women's rights leaders across the U.S. and in the Southern Africa Region. Publications include: *The Need for Full Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage (The Humanist Magazine, September/October 2003)*, and *Partners are Parents: Challenges Faced by Gays Denied Marriage, (The Humanist Magazine, November/December 2003)*. Charlene is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, the National Association of Law Placement Public Service Committee, and a Board Member of the Washington Council of Lawyers.

**Carolyn Grose:** Professor Grose is a Practitioner-in-Residence at the Washington College of Law, where she teaches in the Women and the Law Clinic, as well as courses on Family Law and Legal Ethics. Her scholarship interests include domestic violence, gender and sexual identity issues, reflective lawyering, and clinical pedagogy. Her most recent publication is *Judicial Deference or Bad Lawmaking: Why Massachusetts Will Not Impose Municipal Liability for Failure to Enforce Restraining Orders*, in the *Suffolk University Law Review*. She is currently working on an article about representing transgender clients, and constructing clients' stories.

**Claudio Grossman:** Dean Grossman has supported numerous gender-related initiatives at Washington College of Law, including the creation of a new LL.M specialization in Gender and the Law within the International Legal Studies Program. In addition, Dean Grossman served as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' (IACHR) first Special Rapporteur on Women's Rights (1996-2000), and authored the IACHR's first report on women's rights. He has also worked on cases involving gender issues, including Maria Eugenia Morales de Sierra (Guatemala), at the IACHR.

**Hadar Harris:** Ms. Harris is the Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She is an international human rights attorney specializing in civil and political rights, gender equality and domestic accountability and implementation of international norms. She has done significant work around assessing national compliance with CEDAW in various countries around the world. She has lived and worked in Israel, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Morocco, Botswana, Macedonia and beyond. Ms. Harris is an active participant in the joint Center-WILP Gender and Legal Education in India Project.

**Darren Hutchinson:** Professor Hutchinson, Professor of Law, teaches Constitutional Law, Equitable Remedies, and seminars in Critical Race Theory and Equal Protection Theory. He has written extensively on issues related to Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, Law and Sexuality, and social identity theory. Before joining the faculty at WCL, Professor Hutchinson was an Associate Professor at Southern Methodist University School of Law. Prior to his career in teaching, he practiced commercial litigation in New York City.

**Margaret Johnson:** Professor Johnson, a Practitioner-in-Residence and director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, began teaching at WCL in 2002. Professor Johnson also teaches Property I and II and the Sex-Based Discrimination course. Her areas of scholarship include feminist legal theory, sexual harassment law, employment discrimination law, and clinical legal education. For seven years prior to her arrival, Professor Johnson represented employees in employment discrimination litigation, with a special focus on sexual harassment law. She began her practice as a Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow serving as a staff attorney at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. At the Lawyers' Committee, she represented a class of female correctional officers in a sexual harassment case against the D.C. Department of Corrections. Thereafter, Professor Johnson continued to concentrate on sexual harassment litigation at Terris, Pravlik & Wagner and Kalijarvi, Chuzy & Newman, two plaintiff-side law firms in Washington D.C. Professor Johnson is an Advisory Board member for the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program and a Board Member for the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Candace Kovacic-Fleischer:** A Professor of Law at WCL, Professor Kovacic-Fleischer teaches sex-based discrimination, contracts, and remedies. She earned her J.D. degree from Northeastern University Law School and her B.A. from Wellesley College. She clerked for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and for U.S. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. She also practiced with a Washington, D.C. law firm. She has written numerous articles on gender discrimination issues as well as articles and books on remedies.

**Sarah H. Paoletti:** Ms. Paoletti joined the clinical faculty in 2003 as a Practitioner-in-Residence in the International Human Rights Clinic. An alumna of WCL and the International Human Rights Clinic, she returns to the program after several years as a Staff Attorney for Friends of Farmworkers, Inc., where she provided legal services to migrant workers throughout Pennsylvania, first as an Independence Foundation Fellow, and later as a Skadden Fellow. Between fellowships, Ms. Paoletti clerked for the Hon. Judge Anthony J. Scirica in the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Paoletti remains active the field of immigrant worker rights, and is often called upon to conduct trainings and rights-presentations on the applicability of labor, employment and non-discrimination laws to low-wage immigrant workers, as well as language access rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

**Corrine Parver:** The Executive Director of the law school's Health Law Project, LL.M. Program on Law and Government, and Adjunct Professor of Law, Ms. Parver received her J.D. degree from American University Washington College of Law and her B.PT. from McGill University. After practicing physical therapy for fifteen years and completing her legal education, she specialized in health care law as a law firm associate and partner, and a health care trade association president and CEO. Her areas of

specialization include: fraud and abuse prevention and compliance; general health law and policy; privacy; and medical liability. She has written and spoken widely about these issues both across the country and internationally. Her main research area at WCL involves the effect of the medical malpractice insurance crisis on women's health, particularly women of color.

**Nancy Polikoff:** Professor Polikoff teaches Family Law and specializes in the legal issues affecting lesbian and gay families. Before joining the WCL faculty in 1987, she directed domestic relations programs at the Women's Legal Defense Fund, and before that she practiced law with the Washington, D.C. Feminist Law Collective.

**Susana SáCouto:** Susana SáCouto is the Director of the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) at American University Washington College of Law, where she also teaches a seminar on "Gender, Cultural Differences and International Human Rights Law." She has also co-taught a course on "International Justice and Domestic Accountability" at WCL's summer Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Prior to joining the WCRO, Susana was the Director of Legal Services for Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE), a non-profit organization assisting survivors of domestic violence in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Susana has worked with the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and with the Center for Human Rights Legal Action in Guatemala. In addition, she is a member of the Steering Committee of the American Society of International Law's Women in International Law Interest Group and of the International Law Association (American Branch) Committee on Feminism and International Law. From 1999 to 2002, she co-chaired the Immigration and Human Rights Committee of the DC Bar's International Law Section. Particular areas of interest include domestic remedies for international gender-based crimes and pattern evidence of sexual violence as evidence of genocide.

**Macarena Saez:** Ms. Saez is the International Programs Coordinator at WCL. She supervises the J.D. dual degree programs with the University of Ottawa in Canada, the University Alfonso X El Sabio in Madrid, Spain, and the University of Paris-Nanterre in France. She also directs the Summer Law Program in Chile. The recipient of the 1997 "Presidente de la República" Scholarship (in Chile), she received her LL.M. from Yale Law School. Before coming to WCL she worked as faculty at the University of Chile Law School teaching jurisprudence and feminist legal theory. She has also taught feminist jurisprudence at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law and in the Department of Social Studies at the University of Chile. Ms. Saez has also worked for the Inter-American Development Bank and was part of the Chilean team in the negotiations of the Free Trade Agreement between Chile and Canada. Along with WILP Ms. Saez is currently working on the development of gender initiatives in Latin American Law Schools. In this regard she works closely with Red Alas, a network of Latin American legal scholars.

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