

## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Robert Dinerstein**, Professor of Law, serves as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. In September, he presented testimony before the OAS regarding the draft Inter-American Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination by Reason of Disability.

**Robert K. Goldman**, Professor of Law, Commissioner with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, presented oral arguments on the damages phase of the *Caballero Delgado y Santana* case before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica. Professor Goldman served as a monitor for the October 20th general elections in Nicaragua as a member of the official delegation of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. Later in October, he attended a meeting of experts convened by the UN Secretary General's Representative on Internally Displaced Persons in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Claudio Grossman**, Dean, began serving as President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights when it opened its 93rd Ordinary Session in September. Dean Grossman recently visited Guatemala on behalf of the Commission and met with NGOs in Santiago, Chile to discuss the Commission's stance on women's rights. In October, he was interviewed by CNN Español regarding human rights

in the Hemisphere, and he presented the keynote address at the 1996 Community Outreach Recognition and Opportunity Awards Ceremony.

**Claudia Martin**, Project Director for the Center's Digest Project, recently presented a lecture on the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection at African Human Rights Camp 1996, in Darwendale, Zimbabwe. This conference was co-organized by the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights and several African organizations to train those working with human rights NGOs in Africa.

**Nell Jessup Newton**, Professor of Law, participated in a panel discussion at the Symposium on Women, Human Rights and the Inter-American System: An Agenda for Action. Professor Newton spoke in November at the Arkansas Law School on the recent Rosebud Sioux Tribal Supreme Court decision in a case protecting the property and publicity rights of the revered Sioux leader, Crazy Horse. As chair of the Women in Legal Education Section of the American Association of Law Schools, she has organized a program on women in poverty.

**Catherine O'Malley**, Program Director for MDRI's advocacy initiatives in Latin America, presented "International Mental Disability Rights Advocacy and Strategies for Action: the Latin America Experience"

at Harvard University's Second International Conference on Health and Human Rights. She also delivered a presentation on "International Human Rights Standards and Mental Health" at the Meeting to Reevaluate the Initiative to Restructure Psychiatric Care, convened by PAHO in Panama. In addition, Ms. O'Malley participated in the Meeting of International Women Leaders for Mental Health at PAHO Headquarters in Costa Rica.

**Diane Orentlicher**, Professor of Law, is the Director of the Tribunal Research Office and over the summer worked by special appointment as the Investigator for the Office of the Prosecutor of the Yugoslavia Tribunal. This fall, she served on panels at the "International Law Weekend '96" of the American Branch of the International Law Association, and at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's conference on "War Criminals and Nazism in Latin America: Fifty Years Later." She also participated at an experts meeting on "Post-Conflict Justice: The Role of the International Community," sponsored by the Stanley Foundation.

**Rochus Pronk**, Legal Coordinator for the Tribunal Research Office, traveled to Prijedor, the Republika Srpska, Bosnia-Herzegovina, as an election observer for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In November, he

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presented a paper on "War Crimes in International Law Today" at a conference organized by the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the Library of Congress, "Nuremberg and Its Impact: 50 Years Later."

**Diego Rodriguez**, Research Director for the Center's Digest Project, gave a lecture entitled: "Global Justice: Careers and Activism in International Development" at American University in the Spring. He also conducted a visit to Nicaragua under the auspices of the International Human Rights Law Group to assess potential projects regarding access to justice in that country.

**Ira Robbins**, Professor of Law, consults regularly on death penalty litigation and has made numerous presentations on the death penalty, habeas corpus and prisoners' rights.

**Eric Rosenthal**, Executive Director of Mental Disability Rights International, led a seminar on Human Rights Oversight and Advocacy at a conference sponsored by the International Mental Health Network in Bratislava, Slovakia. He conducted a seminar on Mental Health System

Reform at the medical school in Budapest, Hungary, in collaboration with the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service and the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Mr. Rosenthal also participated on a panel entitled "International Collaboration on Mental Disability Advocacy" at the Second International Conference on Health and Human Rights at Harvard University.

**Herman Schwartz**, Professor of Law, recently organized and chaired a symposium at WCL on "Constitutional 'Refolution' in the Ex-Communist World: The Rule of Law," and has contributed to the ABA-CEELI Study of the Belarus Constitution. He served in August as a faculty member at the Salzburg Seminar on Internationalization of Human Rights, and in October presented an address at the Conference on Constitutionalism sponsored by the Institute of Public Affairs, Center for Constitutional and Legal Culture, in Warsaw, Poland. He spoke at a conference at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum entitled "War Criminals and Nazism in Latin America: Fifty Years Later," and in November participated in the Open Forum's Distinguished Lecture Series at the U.S. State Department, where

he, along with Lloyd Cutler received their Distinguished Public Service Award.

**Brian Tittmore**, Senior Research Associate with the War Crimes Tribunals Research Office, participated in a panel discussion in September, organized by the International Human Rights Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, on the ad hoc international war crimes tribunals and the establishment of a permanent international criminal court.

**Richard Wilson**, Professor of Law, has worked for MINUGUA, the UN Mission for the Verification of Human Rights in Guatemala, helping to develop and finance a new public defender program. He spoke on "Using International Human Rights Law and Machinery in Defending Borderless Crime Cases," at the Conference on Borderless Crimes and Criminal Organizations in Dublin, and in October, he taught a human rights seminar at the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association in Berlin. In November, he made a presentation at "International Law Weekend '96" sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association. ☉



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