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# GUANTÁNAMO TEACH-IN OCT. 5

Thursday, 10/5 . 11 AM – 10 PM  
AU Washington College of Law . Rm 603

## Session One: Opening Remarks

11:00am-11:45am

- *Welcome:* Mark P. Denbeaux - Professor, Seton Hall Law School
- *Introduction:* Baher Azmy - Professor, Seton Hall Law School
- *Guantánamo: A Primer:* Joseph Margulies, Esq.- Clinical Professor, Northwestern University School of Law

## Lunch Buffet Pick Up

11:45pm-12:00pm

## Session Two: The Case of Omar Khadr

12:00pm-1:20pm

- WCL Professor Rick Wilson, Co-Counsel for Guantánamo Detainee Omar Khadr
- WCL Professor Muneer Ahmad, Co-Counsel for Guantánamo Detainee Omar Khadr

WCL professors discuss their representation of a detainee in Guantanamo who was captured at the age of 15 in Afghanistan. The case involves issues of international and domestic law in the treatment of juveniles in detention. Professor Wilson will discuss WCL involvement in the case specifically and within the broader context of Guantánamo.

## Break

1:20pm-1:30pm

## Session Three: Journalists Look Behind the Wire

1:30pm-3:00pm

- Jane Mayer - Journalist, New Yorker
- Carol Rosenberg - Journalist, Miami Herald
- Adam Zagorin - Journalist, Time Magazine

Three renowned journalists will discuss the significance of the Administration's detention policy by emphasizing

the ethical and legal problems facing the media. The ethical questions focus on the question of how much to publish and how much to withhold. For instance, should the press publish news-worthy documents revealing the manner in which detainees are treated during interrogation, if such documents are classified? On the other hand, should the press withhold non-classified news-worthy information because revelation of the details might lead to inflammatory responses? Adam Zagorin will discuss *Time's* efforts to deal with this problem. Jane Mayer has written extensively on extraordinary rendition, and Carol Rosenberg has covered Camp Delta longer than any other print journalist. All three panelists will also confront the difficulties of writing about facilities they are not permitted to visit, such as Bagram, which now holds more prisoners than Guantánamo.

**Break** **3:00pm-3:15pm**

**Session Four: Matters of Faith: Guantánamo and Religious Communities** **3:15pm-4:45pm**

- Captain James Yee - Author: FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
- Rev. George Hunsinger - Professor, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Rabbi Michael Feinberg - Executive Director, Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition

There is a deepening conviction in the Muslim and Arab worlds that the war on terror is actually a war on Islam. Despite the Administration's consistent denial of such a policy, continuing reports of interrogators using religious and cultural humiliation as an interrogation technique have created lasting images throughout the world. At the same time, Islamic extremists use (or misuse) the Koran to incite anti-American sentiment. The three panelists explore these issues from a faith perspective, illumined particularly by Captain Yee's personal experiences with Guantánamo and the failure of the rule of law there. Given the unprecedented role of religion in this conflict, religious communities may have a particular obligation to bear witness against the Administration's detention policy.

**Break** **4:45pm-5:00pm**

**Session Five: American Detention Policy: The Next Frontier** **5:00pm-6:30pm**

- *Moderator:* Jonathan Hafetz, Esq. – Brennan Center for Justice, NYU Law School
- Gitanjali Gutierrez, Esq. - Center for Constitutional Rights
- John Sifton - Human Rights Watch
- Margaret Satterthwaite - Professor, NYU School of Law

*Rasul v. Bush* rejected the Administration's core legal argument that the prisoners in Cuba could be held indefinitely without legal process. But while *Rasul* altered the law, it has yet to change the Administration's practices. Following *Rasul* only ten more prisoners arrived at the base, and facilities such as Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan began to grow. Bagram now has some 500 prisoners, and additional individuals are held at forward operating bases throughout Afghanistan. Further, "extraordinary rendition" continues unabated, and the Administration shows no sign of closing the "black sites" used by the CIA. In light of these realities, how should the Bar respond to the second-generation of post-9/11 detention centers?

John Sifton, of Human Rights Watch, is an authority on US prisons in Afghanistan; Margaret Satterthwaite is one of the leading authorities on extraordinary rendition; and Gitanjali Gutierrez is an attorney with CCR familiar with plans for the "next frontier" in detainee rights litigation. The moderator of this panel, Jonathan Hafetz, with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU, is writing a book to be published by NYU press on the post-9/11 global detention system.

**Dinner Break** **6:30pm-7:00pm**

**Session Six: The Military and the Commander in Chief** **7:00pm-8:30pm**

- Moderator, Ronald W. Meister, Esq. - partner at Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C., New York City
- Rear Adm. Donald Guter (Ret.) - Dean Duquesne Law School
- Commander Charles Swift - Counsel, *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*
- Colonel Dwight H. Sullivan - USMC, Chief Military Defense Counsel, Military Commissions

Few principles are more deeply engrained in American society than the notion of civilian control over the armed forces. Senior military planners in the Pentagon, as well as the top officials at the State Department, urged the Administration not to ignore the Geneva Conventions and not to endorse aggressive interrogations in the war on terror. What is the ethical obligation of military officers in this context? This lively panel includes Dean Donald Guter, former JAG for the Navy and who worked in the Pentagon on 9/11; Commander Charles Swift, one of the lawyers for Mr. Hamdan in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*; and Col. Dwight Sullivan, Chief Military Defense Counsel for the Military Commissions. It will be moderated by Ronald W. Meister, former Military Judge, United States Navy.

**Break**

**8:30pm-8:45pm**

**Session Seven: First, Do No Harm: Medical Professionals and Guantánamo**

**8:45pm-10:00pm**

- *Moderator:* Brigadier General (Ret.) Dr. Stephen Xenakis
- Dr. Leonard Rubenstein - Physicians for Human Rights
- Dr. Gerald Koocher - President, American Psychological Association
- Dr. Jonathan Marks - Professor Pennsylvania State University

Military physicians at Guantánamo have two very different functions: the traditional role of treating those detained, and the nontraditional role of assisting the Administration in obtaining information from the detainees through interrogations. Physicians for Human Rights authored a critically important white paper on the psychological impact of coercive interrogation techniques in the war on terror, and its Executive Director, Dr. Leonard Rubenstein, has been outspoken about the role of doctors and mental health professionals at Guantánamo. By contrast, the American Psychological Association has been more receptive to the Administration's arguments, and the President of the APA, Dr. Gerald Koocher, will well represent its views. The third panelist, Jonathan Marks, is a barrister who has written and spoken widely on the role of physicians in the war on terror. The three promise a lively discussion about the proper role of physicians (and related mental health professionals) in designing and supervising interrogations, participating in forced feeding of prisoners during a hunger strike, and intervening if interrogations become abusive. Gen. Stephen Xenakis will moderate the panel, drawing on his personal experiences as a military doctor.

The conference is free and open to the public but registration.

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