Faculty and students provide vital assistance to UN’s investigation of Syrian atrocities
Based on the annual survey of American international law professors, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Case Western Reserve as one of the top international law programs in the country for the past dozen years. *National Jurist/PreLaw Magazine* gave our international law program an A+ this year. Our international law program includes the endowed Frederick K. Cox International Law Center (established in 1991), the Canada-U.S. Law Institute (established in 1977), the War Crimes Research Office (established in 2002), and the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy (established in 2004). This magazine provides an update on the projects, events and faculty associated with our international law program, including a special report about our work to bring accountability for Syrian atrocities. Let me take a few moments here to tell you about the top 10 things that make our international law program distinctive.

**First, Case Western Reserve is the only international law program with its own public radio show,** “Talking Foreign Policy,” which airs on Cleveland’s NPR Station 90.3 FM (archived broadcasts going back six years are available at law.case.edu/TalkingForeignPolicy). Our most recent broadcast focused on the prospects and pitfalls for the U.S.-North Korea Summit.

**Second, Case was the first law school in the world to offer an International Law MOOC**, available at https://www.coursera.org/#course/intlcriminallaw. Over 140,000 students from 137 countries have taken the free online course since it was first offered on Coursera five years ago.

**Third, we are one of the few schools that offer students the opportunity to begin to study international law in the first year of law school** through our very popular Fundamentals of International Law course, which is designed specifically to prepare 1L students for international law-related summer internships.

**Fourth, Case law students who focus their studies in international law may graduate with a Certificate of Concentration and Honors in International Law** (with a focus in Public International Law, International Business Law, Immigration Law, or National Security Law), documenting their mastery of these subject areas. With over thirty international and comparative law courses to choose from in both public and private international law, our upper-level international law curriculum is among the most extensive of any law school in the country, and few schools in the world have as many distinguished faculty members engaged in teaching, research and the practice of international law. Their bios and publications are described on pages 36-41.

**Fifth, as described on pages 14-16, we also offer a Human Rights Clinic, an Immigration Law Clinic and a Human Trafficking Clinic,** in which students obtain hands-on experience preparing filings before international organizations and representing clients in domestic cases. Students may also enroll in our International...
Law Research Lab, in which students undertake legal research assignments at the request of several international criminal tribunals and organizations. Our student-written memos have been cited in a number of judicial opinions and our work in this field was recognized by a Nobel Peace Prize nomination by the Chief Prosecutor of an international tribunal.

Sixth, internships are often the key to obtaining employment in international law. The Cox Center has a $3.8 million endowment, enabling us to offer grants to cover travel and living expenses to over 30 students per-year who undertake summer and post-graduation internships abroad. Our more than 120 internship placements are listed on page 26.

Seventh, in 2007, we launched an International Tribunal Externship program, in which our students can earn a full semester’s worth of credit for externing abroad during the fall or spring semesters at one of several international tribunals. To date, 138 Case Western Reserve law students have interned at the international tribunals and six of our graduates have gone on to work as prosecutors, defense counsel, and legal advisers to the judges at the tribunals. In 2014, our faculty voted to expand this very successful program so that our students could also extern for a semester at other international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and INTERPOL in fulfillment of the law school’s 3L experiential “capstone” requirement.

Eighth, we have semester-long study abroad programs with 22 of the world’s leading law schools on five continents. We also offer Concurrent Degree Programs with prominent universities in Paris, Madrid, London and Hangzhou, China. Under these unique programs, our students can spend their third year at a foreign law school, take LLM courses in English and graduate in three-to-four years with both our JD degree and the foreign LLM degree for just the price of our JD degree.

Ninth, we have a wide range of extracurricular activities, including one of the oldest and most prestigious international law journals in the country, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year (see an interview with the founder on page 22). We have three award-winning international law moot court teams. Our Jessup International Law Moot Court team has made it to the finals of the National Regional Rounds seven out of the past 13 years; in 2008 our team won the World Championship Round of the competition and in 2011 we won the award for the Best Brief in the World. In 2015 and 2016, a member of our International Criminal Court Moot Court team won the best speaker award in the regional ICC competition and in 2018 Case made it to the semifinals. In 2017 and 2018 a member of our Vis team won the best speaker award in the International Commercial Arbitration Competition in Vienna, Austria.

And tenth, our alumni are leaders in the field of international law. They include Austin Fragomen, head of the world’s largest immigration law firm; Mark Weinberger, global head of EY (the firm formerly known as Ernst & Young); Mohamed Chambas (in the photograph above), Head of the UN Office for West Africa (UNOWA)/formerly President of ECOWAS and Francois-Philippe Champagne, the Canadian Minister of International Trade, who was our 2018 graduation speaker.

I hope you will find the news of our international law program of interest. A special video and more information about our program is available at https://law.case.edu/Academics/Centers-and-Institutes/Cox-International-Law-Center.
Faculty and students PROVIDE VITAL ASSISTANCE to UN’s investigation of Syrian atrocities

Our students have the chance to help change the world while in law school. The subject of this Special Report is the nearly two decades of projects undertaken by our War Crimes Research Office, which is currently assisting in the work of the UN’s Investigative Mechanism for Syria.

The War Crimes Research Office was established in 2002 with funding from the Open Society Institute. Since then, the faculty and students associated with the initiative have produced over 250 research memoranda for six international tribunals and several domestic war crimes and piracy courts. The Office, now under the directorship of a former International Prosecutor, Jim Johnson (see related story on page 13), continues to remain on the cutting edge of war crimes research.
The Leading Source of War Crimes News

Established in 2005 in partnership with the Public International Law & Policy Group, CWRU’s “War Crimes Prosecution Watch” is a bi-weekly e-newsletter that collects official documents and articles from major news sources that detail and analyze salient issues pertaining to the investigation and prosecution of war crimes throughout the world. The publication, which goes out to over 15,000 subscribers, is edited by Case Western Reserve law students who are selected in January of their first year for editorial positions through an interview process. To date, the War Crimes Prosecution Watch team has published over 300 issues of War Crimes Prosecution Watch. To subscribe, email warcrimeswatch@pilpg.org and type “subscribe” in the subject line.
Michael Scharf presents the draft Statute for a Syria Tribunal at the National Press Club.
Facilitating the Prosecution of Syrian atrocities

Syria has become the bloodiest conflict in recent history, with over 500,000 casualties, including 20,000 children. Massive refugee flows from the country are destabilizing neighboring countries and others outside the region. The Syrian regime has been accused of torturing prisoners, targeting civilians and using chemical weapons.

In 2013, working under the auspices of the Public International Law & Policy Group, Dean Scharf helped Syrian lawyers draft a Statute for a Hybrid Tribunal to prosecute those responsible for the worst Syrian atrocities. The Statute was unveiled at a highly publicized event at the National Press Club in Washington and continues to serve as the cornerstone for talks about bringing Syrian perpetrators to justice.

In December 2016, when Russia used its veto to frustrate Security Council action to investigate Syrian atrocities, the UN General Assembly created the International Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria (IIIM). This was an unusual move, which Russia claimed went beyond the power of the General Assembly. In July 2017, the UN Secretary-General appointed Judge Catherine Marchi-Uhel of France to head the IIIM. Scharf met Marchi-Uhel at an international conference and offered the assistance of the Case War Crimes Office.

The first memorandum for the IIIM, submitted by a team led by 3L Shannon Meyer to Marchi-Uhel in May 2018, concerned the precedent for sharing evidence with conditions for non-use in trials that could result in the death penalty. According to Professor James Johnson, who heads the Case Western War Crimes Research Office, the memo written by his students “maps out a pathway for the IIIM to be able to share its evidence with domestic and regional authorities consistent with the UN’s commitment to the abolition of capital punishment.”

Marchi-Uhel accepted an invitation to deliver the Law School’s annual Klatsky Endowed Lecture in Human Rights at CWRU School of Law on August 29, 2018, at noon. At the event, she will be presented with the Cox International Law Center’s Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice.
A Nobel Nomination

CWRU School of Law has had two faculty members who were members of the prosecution team at Nuremberg — Sidney B. Jacoby and Henry King, Jr. But the Law School’s work in this area took off with the arrival of Michael Scharf, now Co-Dean of the Law School, 17 years ago. During the Clinton Administration, as Attorney-Adviser for UN Affairs at the State Department, Scharf was assigned to help write the Statute, Rules and Security Council resolutions establishing the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. When Scharf left the State Department, he co-founded the Public International Law & Policy Group, a UN-recognized NGO that provides legal counsel to peace negotiators and war crimes prosecutors.

In 2002, the year Scharf began teaching at Case Western, the United Nations established the Special Court for Sierra Leone to prosecute those responsible for atrocities committed during the country’s civil war. Among those indicted was the President of neighboring Liberia, Charles Taylor, who was accused of trading weapons to the rebels in return for blood diamonds. As Scharf recounts, “The Tribunal’s Chief Prosecutor, David Crane, requested that the Case Western War Crimes Research Office provide research to help him convince the Tribunal to recognize forced marriage as a new crime against humanity and recruitment of child soldiers as a new war crime and to reject Taylor’s assertion that he had head of state immunity. Armed with memoranda prepared by Case students and faculty, Crane was successful. Charles Taylor was convicted and sentenced to 25 years.” In gratitude, Crane nominated the Case Western Reserve research team for the Nobel Peace Prize. The letter indicated that the International Prosecutor felt he would not have succeeded without Case’s invaluable research assistance.

Playing a Part in the

While Charles Taylor was a corrupt warlord with blood on his hands, his crimes paled in comparison with those of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi dictator who was toppled by an American invasion in 2003.
When Iraq’s new government decided to try Saddam with the help of the U.S. government, the Department of Justice reached out to the Case War Crimes Research Office for assistance. Scharf was part of a small team of experts who helped draft the Tribunal’s statute and trained the Tribunal’s judges, one of which was Ra’id Juhi, an LLM graduate of CWRU. Case Western provided the Iraqi High Tribunal with research memoranda on two dozen legal issues, from whether attacking the environment could be deemed a crime against humanity to whether the use of chemical weapons against the Kurds could be considered a form of genocide.

According to Scharf, “It was a messy trial, which is chiefly remembered for Saddam’s antics in the courtroom. But the notorious dictator was convicted in 2006 by a panel of five Iraqi judges, who issued an opinion of several hundred pages, drawing from research provided by Case Western Reserve.” Scharf’s behind the scenes account of the unusual trial, “Enemy of the State,” became a mini-best seller published by St. Martin’s Press in 2008.
When President George W. Bush established the Military Commissions to prosecute some of the al Qaeda terrorists who were involved in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, the Chief Prosecutor, Morris Davis, reached out to Case Western for assistance on issues that would end up going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Case Law graduate Keith Petty ('02) was a senior member of the Prosecutor’s staff. He is pictured here arguing one of the major terrorist cases at Guantanamo Bay. While providing the Military Commission Office of Prosecutor with research assistance, the law school did not shy away from participating in a spirited debate about Guantanamo Bay. It hosted conferences and experts meetings at the law school on “Torture and the War on Terror,” “Administrative Detention,” and “Closing Guantanamo.” And when Scharf was asked by the House Armed Services Committee to testify on the need for reforms to improve the Military Commissions in 2006, Case students helped him research and write his testimony.
Dozens of memos prepared by CWRU students line the shelves of the Office of Prosecutor of the Cambodia Tribunal. Students present their research memos at the end of the semester.

Cambodia & Lebanon

Shortly after the execution of Saddam Hussein, the United Nations launched the Cambodia Tribunal to prosecute the surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge for the “killing field” atrocities of the late 1970s. Scharf was asked to help train the prosecutors and later spent his sabbatical in 2007 as Special Assistant to the Chief Prosecutor, Robert Petit. Students working with the Case Western Reserve War Crimes Research Office during this time prepared several memos for the Tribunal to determine whether joint criminal enterprise liability was applicable to the Tribunal, whether the crimes of the Khmer Rouge constituted genocide and whether evidence adduced by Khmer Rouge torture at the notorious Tuol Sleng detention center could be used against the Khmer Rouge leadership.

In 2009, the United Nations established the Special Tribunal for Lebanon to prosecute the perpetrators of the bombing assassination of the former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafic Hariri. 2003 Case grad, Chris Rassi, served as a senior prosecutor of the Tribunal. At the request of Chris Rassi, a 2003 Case grad, and his colleagues, Case Western has provided a number of research memos to the Lebanon Tribunal on the definition of terrorism, trials in absentia and if the Tribunal can prosecute subsequent terror attacks in Lebanon.
COMBATING

Maritime Piracy

After centuries of dormancy, maritime piracy re-emerged as a major international threat in 2010. Pirate attacks emanating from the failed state of Somalia reached hundreds per year and were costing the international community over $12 billion annually. The head of the United Nations Contact Group on Somalia Piracy reached out to Scharf and his students to prepare research memoranda for the UN and the regional piracy courts that the UN was supporting in Kenya, Mauritius and Seychelles. Case Western Reserve provided dozens of memoranda on everything from liability of private security guards who use excessive force against pirates to criminalizing ransom payments.

Scharf was invited to present the findings and recommendations of a student-written memorandum on combating child piracy at the UN’s meeting in Copenhagen. “The EU’s policy of catch and release of child pirates was having the perverse effect of encouraging greater use of children in piracy,” Scharf explained. “The solution we came up with was to make the presence of children on board pirate vessels an aggravating factor in sentencing — the proposal received wide support by the UN delegates.”

A 2013 graduate of CWRU’s prestigious International Criminal Law LLM program, Duncan Gaswaga, served as Chief Judge of the Seychelles Piracy Court. In a pathbreaking decision, Gaswaga quoted at length from a student-written memorandum on prosecuting the possession of piratical equipment under universal jurisdiction. The memorandum uncovered precedents from centuries-old slave trade prosecutions, which Gaswaga found applicable to modern-day piracy.

Case Grads Employed at the International Tribunals

Over the years, Case Western has sent more than 135 law students to the several International Tribunals as summer interns and semester-long externs, more than any other law school in the country. Several of our grads have gone on to serve as legal advisors to the judges, prosecutors and defense counsel at the Tribunals, including: Chris Rassi (’03), legal adviser to the Chambers of the Rwanda Tribunal, prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon; Andres Perez (’04), defense counsel, legal adviser for Chambers, prosecutor at the Rwanda Tribunal; Ruth-Mary Hackler (’06), prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, prosecutor at the Cambodia Tribunal; Kelli Schmidt (’07), prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; Zach Lampell (’08), prosecutor at the Cambodia Tribunal; and Nate Quick (’09), prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, legal adviser to the Chambers of the Cambodia Tribunal, prosecutor at the International Criminal Court.
Former Prosecutor Teaches Law Students to Go After INTERNATIONAL INJUSTICES

James C. Johnson, JD, has prosecuted acts so venal and immense that they are quite literally crimes against humanity.

For nearly a decade, he was chief of prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where as many as 100,000 people were killed between 1996 and 2002 and thousands more suffered rape, sexual slavery or punishing amputations during the West African country's civil war.

“You’re trying to bring some measure of justice to the many thousands of victims of these crimes and to their families and loved ones,” said Johnson, who began working at Case Western Reserve University in 2013 and now is director of the School of Law’s Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office and an adjunct professor of law. This spring, Johnson received the school's 2018 Adjunct Professor of the Year Award for extraordinary teaching and contributions.

Students in the office's several programs can intern with an international criminal tribunal. They also can conduct legal research for prosecutors and judges in international and domestic criminal courts, and in tribunals focused on atrocities in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Lebanon and other parts of the world.

Before coming to the university, Johnson was a judge advocate (a military lawyer) in the U.S. Army for 20 years. His work included prosecuting crimes and advising commanders and service members in the laws of war. At the Special Court for Sierra Leone, he oversaw investigative and trial teams, including the one that prosecuted Charles Taylor, the former Liberian president who was sentenced to 50 years in prison for his involvement in the Sierra Leone civil war.

After Johnson returned to the United States, his longtime colleague, Michael Scharf, JD, now co-dean of the law school, invited him to work at the school. Scharf had established the law school’s war crimes research office in 2002 and is renowned for work involving international prosecutions and tribunals.

Johnson already knew the office and its work. Students there had helped him conduct research at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Now he’s teaching them.

Alexandra Mooney, a third-year law student who plans to enter the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps after graduating, credits Johnson with “opening my eyes” to such work.

During her time at the law school, Mooney interned with the International Criminal Court, working on the defense side. She later wrote a paper for one of Johnson’s classes about issues facing the court from that perspective. “Every time I’d give him a draft ... he’d counter with the perspective of the prosecution, and it ended up being a very dynamic learning experience,” Mooney said.

“When he says ‘this is the way things are in international law,’ it’s not because he’s read it in a book,” she added. “He’s ... somebody who’s been out there practicing.”
Immigration Law is a strength of Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Our program includes a first-year client experience in an asylum case, a rich curriculum of introductory and upper level specialty courses, spring break opportunities to work on immigration cases at detention centers, summer and semester-long externships at immigration courts and non-profit organizations and an immigration law clinic where our 3L students sit first chair in asylum and refugee cases before the Federal Immigration Court in Cleveland. Our numerous alums in this field, who regularly provide help to our students in obtaining externships and jobs, include Austin Fragomen, the founder of the world’s largest immigration law firm; David Leopold, past president of the American Association of Immigration Lawyers; and Jenna Peyton, judge of the Immigration Court in Chicago. Below, three recent grads describe their experiences in our program.

**SHELBY WADE (’18)**
Immigration Court Law Clerk
Shelby Wade grew up in a small town in Nebraska. As an undergrad at the University of Nebraska, she enrolled in a journalism course where she interviewed Nebraska’s refugee and immigrant population. She decided to attend Case Western Reserve University School of Law because she wanted to be an immigration lawyer. After graduation, Wade will be working as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Florence, Arizona Immigration Court with the DOJ/Executive Office of Immigration Review Office of the Chief Immigration Judge.

“At the time of my interview for the clerkship, I was undertaking a capstone externship at the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs in D.C., which was a big help,” Wade said. “While there, I worked with criminal prosecutors in the U.S. to secure the return of fugitives from abroad, as well as obtained evidence from foreign countries pursuant to a network of bilateral and multilateral treaties. By the time of the interview I had not only taken an introductory immigration law course but also courses specializing in business immigration and asylum and refugee law.”

Upon returning to the Law School for her final semester, Wade enrolled in the Immigration Law Clinic under the supervision of Professor Aleksandar Cuic.

“He has been amazing to work with and I have learned an incredible amount in a short time from him,” Wade said. “The Clinic has provided me with real-world immigration law experience with a large variety of cases involving asylum, refugee, and naturalization. I was even able to represent a client at a hearing at the Cleveland Immigration Court. It has been a great experience, which has brought all of the immigration knowledge I’ve learned in class together.”

**KATE MASETTA-ALVAREZ (’18)**
DOJ Immigration Law Trial Attorney
Originally from Cleveland, Kate Masetta-Alvarez became interested in Immigration Law when she lived in Honduras in 2011. Before attending CWRU law school, Masetta-Alvarez had worked as an immigration paralegal at a non-profit organization in Texas. After her 2L year, she undertook a summer externship at the Executive Office of Immigration Review at the Cleveland Immigration Court.

“I assisted Immigration Judge Alison Brown, who had been one of my Immigration Law professors, in writing opinions and completed legal research for the other immigration judges,” said Masetta-Alvarez.

In her 3L Capstone, she undertook the FBI Honors Externship, which she said was exciting and eye-opening. But Masetta-Alvarez said the Immigration Law Clinic was her favorite part of Law School.

“I have really enjoyed my experience in the Immigration Law Clinic. Professor Alex Cuic is great and gives us a lot of hands-on experience. In fact, just last week, I represented an asylum applicant in removal proceedings in immigration court. Also, I have prepared U-visa (victim of a crime) applications, asylum applications and green-card petitions for clients through my work at the Clinic,” said Masetta-Alvarez.
After graduating from law school, Masetta-Alvarez will be a trial attorney in the Office of Immigration, District Court Unit, at the U.S. Department of Justice. She was one of three law students in the nation to be hired for the position through the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program.

“With my courses, mock trial experience and externships, I feel that I'm ready to hit the ground running,” she said. 

EMILY NIEMEL ('18)
Non-Profit Immigration Law Fellow

Emily Niemel was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, and received degrees in history and Spanish from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

“I had an abstract idea in high school of being an immigration lawyer one day,” Niemel recounted. “In college, I augmented my interest by studying, traveling and volunteering in Latin America. I personally witnessed what many Americans cannot even imagine - the desperate situations from which immigrants are often fleeing.”

In addition to taking several immigration law courses, Niemel took advantage of the law school’s exceptional internship and externship opportunities in immigration law.

“My first summer, I worked at the American Bar Association’s ProBAR Children’s Project in Harlingen, Texas,” she said. “Harlingen is right on the U.S.-Mexico border and has its own immigration court. ProBAR’s Children’s Project represents unaccompanied minors detained in various shelters along the border. Although this was my first real experience in immigration law, I jumped right in and worked on asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases.

“In my second summer of law school, I traveled out to the west coast to work in Seattle with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Unit at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. I had a caseload of 14 clients that I met with one-on-one to prepare their cases. In the VAWA Unit, I worked with immigrants who had been victims of crimes, domestic violence and human trafficking.

“One of my clients told me that if they ever had another daughter, they would name her after me. That moved me to tears. While there is no definitive formula to finding your path in life, there are recognizable elements,” she said.

“The feeling I experienced that day further cemented the decision I made long ago to pursue a career in immigration law.”

During the fall semester of her 3L year, Niemel completed her capstone requirement with Cleveland Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services.

“I worked full-time in their office assisting the attorneys with a variety of cases for immigrants and refugees,” said Niemel. “My biggest project was an asylum case for a mother and her two daughters from El Salvador. I worked closely with my supervising attorney to conduct the necessary research, prepare the evidence and the client for the hearing and finally, in December, I represented my clients before the Cleveland Immigration Court. After three days in court, the judge granted asylum.”

After graduation, Niemel will work with Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) in Roseland, New Jersey, as an Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow for two years representing unaccompanied minor children. The Immigrant Justice Corps is the nation’s first and only immigration legal fellowship program. Each year, the Immigrant Justice Corps awards Justice Fellowships to 25 recent law graduates and law clerks from around the country. The Immigrant Justice Corps trains Justice Fellows to become experts in immigration law and pairs them with leading non-profit legal services providers and community-based organizations to represent immigrants in an array of immigration matters including removal defense, complex affirmative asylum applications and other forms of relief available to juveniles and victims of crime, domestic violence or human trafficking.

“Completing the Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship will be a significant step forward for my legal career in the area of immigration law. I am eager to utilize and build upon the skills I developed during my legal internships during law school with the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and Cleveland Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, in a new environment and new setting, while maximizing my impact,” Niemel says. “This Fellowship will expose me to invaluable networks of immigration professionals, engage me in challenging, varied and interesting immigration work while providing a structured learning setting for the two years following my law school graduation.”

IT STARTED WITH A COX CENTER-FUNDED INTERNSHIP

Brendan Saslow ’16

At CWRU Law School, I had an incredible experience during my Cox Center-funded internship at the Rwanda Tribunal. From there, I pivoted to international trade law by enrolling in trade and international business courses, discussing the practice with alumni and professors, and writing two international law articles published in the Law Review and Journal of International Law. These experiences all guided me toward my attorney position with the Department of Commerce, defending trade remedy determinations with the Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance.

Julia Liston ’16

During law school, I served as editor-in-chief of the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law and had Cox Center-funded internships at Human Rights Watch in New York and INTERPOL in Lyon, France. As a result of my internship in Lyon, I was hired directly out of law school to be an attorney-adviser at the INTERPOL Washington, D.C. Office, where I work on preparing INTERPOL notices which function as global arrest warrants, providing international judicial assistance and liaising with the Department of Justice’s Office of International Affairs to bring the world’s most wanted fugitives to justice.
Q: How did you become an immigration attorney? Tell us a little about your practice.

During law school, I enrolled in a few Immigration Law courses and really enjoyed them. Plus, being a child of immigrant parents, it seemed like a perfect fit. After law school, I was working in the area of legal ethics but always wanted to practice immigration law. Fortunately, my current firm, Robert Brown LLC, had an opening and gave me a chance.

Today, I am a partner with oversight over our firm’s immigration litigation practice, focusing largely on removal and deportation defense matters. It’s a high-volume practice that has grown to four offices in three states where we represent both corporations and individuals. I’ve represented clients from all across the globe before Immigration Courts and Immigration Offices throughout the United States; and for as many cases as I’ve handled, no two days are ever alike. The practice keeps me on my toes but at the end of the day, it is very rewarding.

Q: The Immigration Clinic is one of our most popular experiential programs. Please tell us about the student experience in the clinic. How does it prepare them to be an attorney in this specialized area of law?

The Immigration Clinic, and all of the Law School’s Clinics for that matter, are great tools for preparing students for their legal careers. I truly wish I had the same opportunity when I was in law school. Cleveland is the ideal place for an immigration clinic since we have one of the nation’s regional immigration courts and a continuing flow of new immigrants from all over the world.

Students in the Immigration Clinic have the opportunity to interact with their clients, developing communication and issue-spotting skills that are essential in practicing law. The Clinic also affords them the unique opportunity to represent their clients before Department of Justice Immigration Courts, USCIS Field Offices, and Asylum Offices. I think these opportunities are vital for them as when many young attorneys are fresh out of law school, these are skills not yet in their toolbox. It gives the CWRU students a head start in their legal careers while also...
Rachel Berman-Vaporis ’14

As a Supervisory Asylum Officer at the Arlington Asylum Office, I adjudicate asylum applications and screen individuals for eligibility for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. CWRU helped me obtain my current position by providing me with unparalleled experiences in public international law that set me apart from my colleagues at other law schools and made it far easier for me to demonstrate to my employers my passion for, and expertise in, public international law. Particularly valuable were my Cox Center-funded internships at the Office of Legal Affairs of INTERPOL and the Office of the Prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Q: What are your goals for the immigration clinic, not only as a service to students but to the community?

With respect to the students, the goal is to provide them with a hands-on experience that they do not get from the traditional classroom setting. Another goal is to provide cutting edge and current examples of practice pointers one sees on a day-to-day practice level. My clinic is unique in the sense that I am still in active practice, so I try to expose the students to current trends that my co-workers or I see. Also, in the immigration field, there is a very vulnerable population that is sadly often taken advantage of. Thus, I want to continue pressing the issue of legal ethics and advocacy. I hope students leaving the Clinic will learn to practice with a high standard of ethics, protecting not only their own reputation but also their client’s interests.

As for the community, it is a two-pronged approach. First, and the most obvious, we want to provide quality legal representation to a section of our community that is in need of critical legal representation. This service bridges the gap of legal access that currently exists in the immigrant community. But secondly, by teaching and providing a strong foundation to the students, the entire Case Western clinical program is sending those communities, where these soon to be attorneys will practice, practitioners and legal training that will provide all segments of the population quality legal representation.

Hyder Syed ’13

I am a policy advisor at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In that capacity, I negotiate multilateral agreements that promote sustainable development in fragile and conflict-affected states. I also recently served as legal advisor to the USAID Mission in Bogota, Colombia. Simply put, I wouldn’t have this exciting job if it weren’t for CWRU’s International Law Program. The Cox Center’s generous financial support allowed me to intern at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague following my 1L year, to clerk for the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva following my 2L year, and to pursue a fellowship at INTERPOL Headquarters in Lyon following graduation.

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For nearly 20 years, Case Western Reserve University School of Law has played a leading role in the fight for human rights abroad.

Beginning with an endowment in 2001 by University Trustee Bruce J. Klatsky to establish an annual Human Rights Lecture and two fellowships at Human Rights Watch, the law school has continued to develop a robust presence in human rights. In 2015, the school added its eighth clinic, the Civil Rights and Human Rights Clinic, which has traditionally focused on systemic abuses within the United States. With the help of grants from the CWRU Social Justice Institute and funding from the Frederick K. Cox Center, the clinic recently expanded its role in international human rights.

In partnership with Al-Haq, an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah, Avidan Cover, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, and three rising second-year law students traveled to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory this summer to document human rights violations for a report to be submitted to the United Nations and other advocacy organizations in international law.

“Since it was founded in 2015, the Civil Rights and Human Rights Clinic has focused on domestic cases, with a smaller part of our portfolio coming from international work,” said Cover. “The grants for this project have been invaluable, allowing our students to travel abroad and fully immerse themselves in the complex international issues in the region without the significant financial burden that comes with international travel.”

“Skype may have helped shrink the globe, but it doesn’t connect people the same way as the nature of in-person human interaction,” said Cover. “I wanted our students to see how people in the region live, the injustices they face and the impact that these issues have on their lives. When you work in human rights, having that tangible connection to the reality on the ground makes a significant difference.”

Joseph Shell, a rising 2L, spent the summer writing press releases and drafting short legal analyses for Al-Haq during a period of heightened tension along the border.

“The work became so personal very soon after I arrived here,” said Shell. “I had studied the Occupied Palestinian Territories extensively as an undergrad, but nothing prepared me for witnessing the human impact of the occupation first-hand.”

Shell, along with law students Matthew O’Connor and Teresa Azzam, spent three months living in Ramallah, visiting communities throughout Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Hebron, Susiya, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Nabi Samuel, Safourieh, Haifa, and several other villages and refugee camps. They focused their research on issues related to collective punishment, specifically house demolition, revocation of residency rights, town closures and other restrictions on movement.

They will continue their legal work back at the school in the fall in a 12-hour-per-week externship with the goal of producing a joint report with Al-Haq on their findings by December.
Heather Ludwig Doherty ’11

My Cox Center-funded internships at the International Trade Center in Geneva, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the Special Court for Sierra Leone—as well as my experience on the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law—led to my federal judicial clerkship at the U.S. Court of International Trade, my subsequent job as attorney-adviser in the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Office of Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, and ultimately to my current position in the nation’s leading international trade firm, Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP.

Katharine L. Quaglieri ’11

My Cox Center-funded internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Klatsky Fellowship at Human Rights Watch, as well as my experience on the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law, Jessup Moot Court team, and Niagara Moot Court team, were key to obtaining my first job as an attorney-adviser in the Office of Trade for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and my current position as an attorney in the Trade & Finance section of the Office of Chief Counsel for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
New Anti-Money Laundering Masters Degree Program Coming to the New York Area

A new masters degree in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing is coming to the New York area this fall.

The School of Law’s Master of Arts in Financial Integrity degree was launched in 2016, inspired by increasing demand by financial institutions and government agencies for anti-money laundering experts. It is the first of its kind in this field by a major research university.

The first class completed the program in Cleveland this year. Now CWRU School of Law is offering this program in the facilities of Seton Hall Law School in Newark, New Jersey, near the heart of the nation’s financial district.

The program is led by CWRU Law Professor Richard Gordon, a former senior counsel and senior financial sector expert for the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Following the 9/11 attacks, he served on the select IMF Task Force on Terrorism Finance.

“Bringing our expertise directly to this region will limit our students’ travel time,” said Gordon, the founder of the program. “We’ve assembled a unique team of dozens of practitioners, many of whom work from New York City, and this location is ideal for them as well. We can think of no better place to offer this elite program.”

The 14-month executive degree is designed for students who have some experience in a financial integrity practice or a related field. Courses are taught by teams of academics and senior experts from government, private sector and international organizations over a series of three-day weekends, once per month.

Enrollment in Case Western’s International Law MOOC Surpasses 140,000

Case Western Reserve was the first law school in the world to offer an international law MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) via Coursera. To date, the MOOC, “Introduction to International Criminal Law,” has enrolled over 140,000 students from 137 countries around the world. The MOOC is offered in eight “on demand” one-hour video lectures, accompanied by slides and snippets of movies:

(1) History: From Nuremberg to The Hague;
(2) International Crimes Part 1: War Crimes, Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, and Torture;
(3) International Crimes Part 2: Terrorism and Piracy;
(4) Special Modes of Liability: Command Responsibility, Co-Perpetration, and Incitement;
(5) Special Defenses: Insanity, Obedience to Orders, Duress, and Head of State Immunity;
(6) Gaining Custody of the Accused: Extradition, Luring, Abduction, and Targeted Killing;
(7) Pre-Trial Issues: Plea Bargaining, Self-Representation, and Exclusion of Torture Evidence; and
(8) Maintaining Control of the Courtroom. It’s free. There is no grade. And it’s ideal for journalists and undergraduates planning on enrolling in law school. Available at: https://www.coursera.org/learn/international-criminal-law.
Luke Tillman ’11

My courses and experience as an Editor on the CWRU Journal of International Law provided me an excellent foundation for my career as an international trade attorney, which includes time as trade counsel at one of the largest firms in the country and several positions in the government, including an attorney-advisor position at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a Department of Justice position litigating cases at the U.S. Court of International Trade, and my current job where I counsel the Vice Chairman of U.S. International Trade Commission on all trade remedy matters before the Commission.

Nathan Quick ’09

I spent a semester during my third year of law school as an extern at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and was then hired upon graduation as a lawyer on the team trying Liberian President Charles Taylor. I have since worked as Legal Adviser at the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal and the International Criminal Court, and am now a prosecutor at the UN Mechanism to the Tribunals of the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. To get into the international field, it is necessary to do internships and Case has one of the best international internship programs in the world!
Austin Fragomen (‘67) Recounts Founding the Journal of International Law 50 Years Ago

We are proud to celebrate the golden anniversary of our Journal of International Law with the publication in August 2018 of volume 50, a double symposium issue focusing on the liability of corporations for human rights violations.

The journal was founded half a century ago by a group of students led by Austin T. Fragomen, Jr., who went on to establish the world’s largest immigration law firm - Fragomen, Del Rey Bernsen & Lowey, PLLC - with over 1,200 lawyers in New York and 50 other offices around the globe. He’s a noted scholar, adjunct professor and holds an appointment by the United Nations.

According to Fragomen, the story began when he was a 3L at Case Western Reserve in 1967. It was a period of war, protests and rapid change in international law. It was also the year Case Institute of Technology merged with Western Reserve University, forming Case Western Reserve University.

As president of the Student International Law Society, Fragomen traveled to Washington, D.C. in Spring 1967 to represent the school at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law. From his conversations with students from other law schools, he learned that the top law schools at the time all had international law journals. He felt Case Western should have one too.

“I decided that my project would be to get approval and launch an international law journal at Case Western Reserve,” said Fragomen. “Dean Toepfer and the faculty were very supportive and quickly agreed.”

Within weeks, Fragomen had recruited a staff of student colleagues, created the infrastructure for the journal and solicited articles for the first edition, which was published the year after he graduated.

He never imagined that his startup publication would end up becoming one of the oldest and most prestigious international law journals in the world.

Of more than 1,000 law journals of every type published by U.S. law schools, Case Western Reserve’s Journal of International Law ranks 181 in citations according to Google Scholar data. The journal predates all of the other components of the law school’s expansive international law program. Back in 1967, there was no Canada-US Law Institute, no Cox International Law Center, no Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, no War Crimes Research Office, no International Law Clinic or Lab and no international law internships.

Fragomen said he is gratified that the journal was the catalyst for the growth of Case Western Reserve’s international law program, which is now ranked 14th best in the country according to U.S. News & World Report.

“I thought it would really put us on the map in international law,” he said. “At the time, our school wasn’t talked about in the same breath as the top international law programs, so I’m proud that I helped change that.”

While Fragomen took every international law course offered at Case Western Reserve, noting that there were far fewer than the 30 courses that the law school offers today, he did not have the opportunity to study immigration law – the field in which he would eventually...
Margaux Day ’09

After graduating from law school, I was an associate at the global law firm of Jones Day where I was based in Shanghai. I then joined Fortune 500 technology company Diebold Nixdorf in Singapore as its Deputy Chief Global Compliance Officer. I am currently Senior Counsel of the Public International Law and Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NGO with offices in DC and ten foreign countries. My law school experience winning the World Championship of the 2008 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, as well as my summer internship at the International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute and my 3L externship at the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal, were instrumental in launching my career in international law.

Niki Dasarathi ’09

I am a senior advisor at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in the Middle East and North Africa Division. I design, implement and manage rule of law programs and access to justice initiatives in the region including an anti-human trafficking program in Jordan, criminal justice reform in the Gulf and a refugee project in Turkey. My Cox Center-funded externship at the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal and subsequent work at an NGO in Phnom Penh launched me on a career path in international development and led to my current position with the ABA.
Erin Przybylinski ('19) interned at Human Rights Watch in New York City.

Alison Epperson ('18) externed in the Office of the Legal Advisor for the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Cambron ('19) interned at the U.S. Department of Justice Counterterrorism Section in Washington, D.C.

Amelia Wester ('19) interned at the UN Refugee Agency Resettlement Unit in Washington, D.C.
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Andreana Paz (’20) interned at the Extraordinary Chambers at the Courts in Cambodia (ECCC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Manal Nizam (’20) and Marijose Martinez Lorenzo (’20) interned at the International Trade Centre in Geneva, Switzerland.

Longyan Xu (’19) interned at the International Bar Association as assistant to the Executive Director in London, England.
As listed on the reverse page, our students can intern or extern at placements in 41 countries around the world with funding from our international law endowments. Students can also study abroad for a semester at no additional tuition expense at one of our 22 prestigious partner schools on five continents, including the top ranked law schools in China. In addition, students can earn a concurrent LLM degree by spending a full academic year abroad at Middlesex University in London, Comillas Pontifica University in Madrid, Universite Paris-Dauphine in Paris, or Zhejiang University – Guanghua Law School in Hangzhou, China.
Case Western Reserve law students
INTERN AROUND THE WORLD

One of the most important ways the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center helps students launch their careers in international law is by providing more than $60,000 per year in grants to support summer, semester-long and post-graduate unpaid internships and externships abroad or in the United States. In addition, the Klatsky endowment provides our students with two $4,000 funded internships at Human Rights Watch. Dozens of students have parlayed their internships into permanent jobs. Internships include:

Africa:
AIDS and Rights Alliance for South Africa
Constitutional Court of South Africa
Equality Now (Nairobi, Kenya)
Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems, the South African Legal Resources Council (South Africa)
International Justice Mission in Kenya (Nairobi)
International Law Institute (Kampala, Uganda)
Ministry of Justice (Ghana)
Ministry of Justice (Mauritius)
Refugee Law Project (Kampala, Uganda)
Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone)
Uganda Ministry of Health, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Uganda)

Asia:
Aide Medecine Internationale (Rangoon, Burma)
Ahmedabad Bar Association (Gujarat, India)
Albright Law Firm (Shanghai, China)
Asian Law Caucus
Chang Tsi & Partners (Beijing, China)
Chengdu Government Office (Beijing, China)
Council for Legal Aid (Bangalore, India)
Document Center of Cambodia (Phnom Penh)
ECAPT (Bangkok, Thailand)
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Prosecutor, Chambers (Phnom Penh)
Human Rights Commission (Pakistan)
International Bridges to Justice (Beijing, China)
Medecins Sans Frontieres (Rangoon, Burma)
Senate Legal Counsel (Palau)
Socially for the Protection and Rights of the Child (Lahore, Pakistan)
Supreme Court of India (New Delhi, India)
Supreme Court of the Philippines (Manila, Philippines)
United Nations Development Program (Hanoi, Vietnam)
UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor–Leste)
Vinod Ministry and Company (Mumbai, India)
WHO in Kobe (Japan)

Central and South America:
Center for Human Rights and the Environment (Patagonia, Argentina)
Ecological Association for Paquera, Lepanto, and Cabano (Costa Rica)
Environmental Justice Initiative for Haiti (Haiti and India)
Government of Dominica, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Dominica West Indies)
Government of St. Kitts/IPO Ministry of Health (St. Kitts and Nevis)

Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San Jose, Costa Rica)
Peru Ministry of Health, Office of Transparency & Defense of Human Rights (Lima, Peru)
South American Trade Office (Santiago, Chile)

Middle East:
Al-Haq - Defense of Human Rights (Ramallah)
Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (Amman, Jordan)
Clinic for Migrant Rights (Tel Aviv, Israel)
Shurat Ha Din Israeli Law Centre (Tel Aviv, Israel)
UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon, Office of Prosecution, Defense, Registry (Hague Office)

Europe:
Amnesty International (London, England)
Association of Defense Counsel, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (The Hague)
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy (London)
International Bar Association (London, England)
International Criminal Court, Prosecutor, Chambers (The Hague)
International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Geneva, Switzerland)
International Legal Mechanism (The Hague, Netherlands)
International Trade Center (Geneva, Switzerland)
INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs, Maritime Piracy Task Force (Lyons, France)
Office of the Mayor of the City of Paris (Paris)
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Office of General Counsel (The Hague)
Pfizer Pharmaceutical (Hungary)
UN Human Rights Council (Geneva, Switzerland)
U.S. Embassy in Bonn (Germany)
U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo (Bosnia)
U.S. JAG Office in Naples (Italy)
World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)

North America:
American Friends Immigrant Services (Miami)
Amnesty International (Washington, D.C.)
Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)
Canada Department of Foreign Affairs (Ottawa)
Canadian Parliament (Ottawa)
Canadian Department of Justice, War Crimes Office (Ottawa)
Carter Center for International Peace (Atlanta)
Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, D.C.)
Council of Great Lakes Governors (Chicago)
Federal Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
Human Rights Watch (Washington, D.C. & NYC)

Klatsky Fellowship
Immigration Court (Cleveland)
Immigration Court (Detroit)
International Consortium for Law and Development (Boston)
International Court, Executive Office of Immigration Review (Bloomington, Indiana)
International Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.)
National Organization for Women, Immigrant Women Program (Washington, D.C.)
National Security Law Institute (Charlottesville)
Oasis Legal Services — Immigration (Oakland)
Organization of American States (Washington, D.C.)
Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN (NYC)
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN (NYC)
Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin)
Public International Law and Policy Group (Washington, D.C.)
UN Office of Legal Affairs (UN Headquarters, NYC)
U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
U.S. Coast Guard Office of Legal Counsel (Cleveland, Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Court of International Trade (New York City)
U.S. Department of Justice Counter-Terrorism Unit (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Review, Organized Crime Section (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Justice Office of International Affairs — Criminal Division (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Advisor (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Washington, D.C.)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Washington, D.C.)
World Bank (Washington, D.C.)
Thirty-six Case Western Reserve law professors teach in the area of international law. Together, they offer more international law electives than all but a handful of U.S. law schools. The bios of our professors and the list of courses they teach are reproduced in the back of this magazine. We call our three-year learning arc “Core, Concentration, Capstone.”

**Core:** In the first year, students who will be undertaking a Cox Center-funded summer internship enroll in “Fundamentals of International Law,” a mini-course in the spring semester that introduces them to norms of customary international law, rules of treaty interpretation, basics of researching international precedents and the principles that govern international dispute resolution and international criminal trials.

**Concentration:** In the second year, students pursuing an international law concentration begin to focus on one of four areas by taking a sequence of electives that continue into the third year related to public international law, international business law, national security law or immigration law. Altogether, the law school offers 30 specialty courses in these areas including the “International Law Research Lab” where students work on legal issues outsourced by international tribunals and organizations.

**Capstone:** In the third year, students take a semester-long, full-time international law capstone experience. Options include our Human Rights Law and Immigration Law Clinics, or more than 30 externships around the world funded by our Cox Center. Students can also choose to spend their third year abroad, earning a foreign LLM degree at one of our partner universities in China, England, France, and Spain, while concurrently earning our JD in three years for no additional tuition.
Case Western Reserve is the only law school in the country with its own talk radio show – Talking Foreign Policy – a one-hour program hosted by Dean Michael Scharf, in which leading experts from around the nation discuss the salient foreign policy issues of the day. The program airs quarterly on Cleveland’s NPR station, WCPN 90.3 FM, and has been syndicated in North Carolina on WEU 95.5 FM, Florida on WLRN 91.3 FM, Texas on KTSW 89.9 FM and Maine on WRY 90.5 FM.

Guests on the program have included former Assistant Attorney General Jack Goldsmith, former ICJ Judge Thomas Buergenthal, former State Department Legal Adviser John Bellinger, Legal Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights Baher Azmy, President of the Public International Law & Policy Group Paul Williams, Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence Shannon French, CWRU Law professors Avidan Cover and Timothy Webster, and many others.

The most recent broadcast, which aired on Memorial Day (May 28, 2018), was devoted to the prospects and perils of the U.S.-North Korea Summit. All past broadcasts going back to 2013 are available for viewing anytime at law.case.edu/talkingforeignpolicy. Transcripts of the broadcasts are published in the Journal of Ethical Leadership and the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law.

Kathleen Gibson ’08

I went to law school planning to work on human rights in an international context. The academic and other opportunities I had at Case Western were enormously valuable in preparing me for a career abroad, and for making many useful professional connections. While at Case, I interned at Human Rights Watch under the Klatsky endowed fellowship, and went on to work in the ICRC’s legal department in Geneva after graduation. From there I moved to the Middle East, working in legal aid and protection of populations affected by displacement in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Turkey and Palestine, including several years with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and my present position with the Danish Refugee Council.

Zach Lampell ’08

As legal advisor for the Freedom of Expression at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, I work to create a legal environment that strengthens civil society and advances the freedoms of association, assembly and expression in countries around the world. CWRU’s externship program took me to Cambodia where I worked at the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal. My favorite part of my work at the Tribunal was assisting our Cambodian colleagues to improve their capacity as lawyers to advocate for their clients as well as to improve local justice systems. This aspect enabled me to focus on a career in international legal development.
CWRU’s International Law Moot Court Teams CONTINUE WINNING STREAKS

Unlike most schools, CWRU School of Law encourages 1L law students to try-out and participate on our three international law moot court teams. For more than a decade, we have been among the most successful programs in the world, winning the 2008 Jessup World Championship - the last U.S. team to win the international rounds. 2018 was another successful year:

Jessup International Law Moot Court Team

CWRU’s Jessup International Law Moot Court team - 3L Allie Mooney, 2L Taylor Frank, 2L Alex Lilly, 1L Andrea Shaia, and 1L Megan MacCallum - advanced to the International Rounds of the Jessup International Law Moot Court competition, held in Washington, D.C. This is the seventh time in 13 years that the CWRU Jessup team has progressed to the International Rounds.

Ripped from the headlines, the 2018 Jessup competition problem involved the legitimacy of use of force against perceived threats to national security.

The team won a best brief award and team member Alex Lilly was recognized as one of the top 10 orals in the Regional Competition. After excelling in the preliminary rounds, the CWRU team advanced to the Quarter-Finals where they defeated Loyola Law School of Chicago. Next, CWRU beat Wisconsin Law School in the Semi-Finals. CWRU ultimately came in second to Wayne State in the Finals. The top two teams advanced to the prestigious International Rounds in Washington, where CWRU had a 2-2 record.

The CWRU Jessup team is co-coached by Dean Scharf and alumni brothers Chris McLaughlin (partner at Jones Day) and Conor McLaughlin (partner at Thompson Hine).

International Criminal Court Moot Court Team

CWRU’s International Criminal Court Moot Court team - Joseph Shell (1L), Lauren Stuy (2L), Kelsey Smith (2L), Sabrina Turner (3L), and Celena Krause (2L) – excelled in the North America National Competition, held in New York.

During the competition, Joseph Shell argued on behalf of the victims - 10,000 human trafficked exploited workers; Kelsey Smith argued on behalf of the defendant - a corporate CEO four levels of administration removed from the independent companies that actually engaged in human trafficking; and Celena Krause argued on behalf of the Office of the Prosecutor that the crime of human trafficking rose to the level of a crime against humanity.

Based on its outstanding briefs and oral arguments, the CWRU team made it to the Semi-Finals, continuing its string of success in the competition which involved a fictional case before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court.

In 2017, CWRU won a Best Brief Award, and in 2015 and 2016, CWRU won a Best Oralist Award at the ICC Moot Court competition. Professors Cassandra Robertson and Michael Benza coach the team.

Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team

The CWRU School of Law International Arbitration team competed in the worldwide Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna, an event which draws over 350 schools with over 1,500 student-competitors to Austria’s capital each year.

The team was represented by Team Captain Douglas Pilawa (2L), Ananya Mallavarapu (3L), Sabrina Morris (2L), Teresa Azzam (1L), Daniel Kalmbach (1L) and Kathleen Burke (1L). Pilawa took home an individual award: Honorable Mention for Individual Oralist. This award is given to the top 20 competitors out of the field of 1,500 students. Pilawa was one of only six American students to receive an Oralist award, marking the second year in a row that he has earned the honor.

Earlier in the semester, the CWRU team won the Vis Pre-Moot hosted by Loyola University Chicago School of Law; Teressa Azzam was awarded the best speaker award and Daniel Kalmbach received the second runner-up for best speaker. The Vis Team is co-coached by Professors Katy Mercer and Tim Webster.
In August 2013, the School of Law launched its Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) degree, a two- to three-year program targeted to international students looking to earn the highest research degree in law within a specialized field of study of their choice.

What started as a class of three students five years ago has become a class of 60 today, with the program’s growing popularity making it a significant part of the law school’s expanding portfolio of programs available to foreign graduate students.

The SJD program is an expansion of the school’s LLM degree program, which was established in 1991 and is one of the oldest of its kind in the country. In 2017, *International Jurist Magazine* ranked it best in the nation for Academics and Student Experience. To date, the LLM and SJD programs have graduated more than 1,150 foreign law students from more than 60 countries.

“Building on our internationally recognized LLM program, we have developed one of the largest and highest quality SJD programs for foreign lawyers in the United States,” said Co-Dean Michael Scharf. “The program includes specialized courses in how to write a dissertation, optional elective courses and frequent interaction with faculty dissertation advisers under the able administration of our SJD team.”

The Foreign Graduate Studies Program is led by Lewis Katz, John C. Hutchins Professor of Law. Katz, who has been a staple of the law school for more than a half century, is assisted by Associate Directors and Professors Jack Turner and Jonathan Gordon, and Administrative Director Elizabeth Woyczynski.

“We work with students from the beginning, guiding them through the process of selecting a viable topic to their final thesis defense,” said Turner. “Students are assigned a faculty advisor in their first year and taught the skills needed for gathering sources, outlining materials and writing a final SJD proposal. In their second and third years, we work closely with our students as they write the substantive chapters of their thesis.

“The goal of our program and faculty is to provide a close-knit mentoring relationship with the SJD students, advising and guiding them through the three-year process,” said Turner. “When they graduate, they’ll have gained wide-ranging expertise in their field of research — opening opportunities for them in academia, scholarship and government leadership positions around the world.”

Ashlee Lee ’07

My legal education at Case Western Reserve University School of Law was great preparation for my exciting legal career as international trade counsel for the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. My international and business law courses, and Case Western Reserve’s rigorous legal writing program, equipped me with the technical skills needed to draft materials to explain complex international trade matters to lay business clients and taught me to find creative solutions that not only comply with the law but support important business objectives.

Chalan Bliss ’07

I am a senior foreign service officer for the State Department, currently serving in China after having served in Kenya and Cuba. As I underwent the application process for my present position, I found that I drew on many experiences from my time at CWRU law — including student organization leadership opportunities, studying abroad in Europe and externing at an international court. At CWRU law, I learned important negotiating, problem-solving and analytical skills that are incredibly helpful in my career today.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

12th Annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogues
“Is the Justice We Seek the Justice They Want: Cultural Approaches to International Justice”

Featuring Chief Prosecutors of six International Tribunals and other special speakers including a Keynote by Zainab Bangura, UN Under Secretary General for Women in Armed Conflict

Held at the Chautauqua Institution, Lake Chautauqua, NY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

Klatsky Endowed Lecture in Human Rights

Distinguished Lecture from the Head of the UN’s Syria War Crimes Investigation

Catherine Marchi-Uhel, the head of the United Nations International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Those Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes in Syria

Noon-1:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
Webcast Live, 1 hour of CLE credit (pending)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Frederick K. Cox International Law Center Fall Conference

International Law and Policy in the Age of Trump

Keynotes by John Bellinger, former State Department legal adviser, Elisa Massimino, president of Human Rights First, and four panels.
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
Webcast Live, 7 hours of CLE credit (pending)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

Frederick K. Cox International Law Center
Third International Trade Law Fall Update

A Practice-Oriented Update on Trade Policy, Implementation and Litigation

Featuring Judges Leo Gordon and Claire R. Kelly, Judge of the United States Court of International Trade
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
Webcast Live, 3.5 hours of CLE credit (pending)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy

Lives and Livelihoods Under Occupation

Marya Farah, Researcher at Al-Haq
4:30-5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
1 hour of CLE credit

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018

Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy

Guantanamo Trials and Tribulations

Brigadier General John Baker, Chief Defense Counsel of the Military Commissions Defense Organization
4:30-5:30 p.m., Moot Courtroom (A59)
Webcast Live, 1 hour of CLE credit

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

2018 Canada-U.S. Law Institute Experts’ Meeting

Crunch Time: Make or Break or North American Trade

9:00 a.m. - noon; Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036

Annual Case Global Awards Ceremony

Graduates from Case Western Reserve University School of Law’s class of 2018 received awards during the annual Case Global awards ceremony for their outstanding achievements in the field of international law. Those honored include the Editor-in-Chief of our Journal of International Law, the Presidents of our National Security Law and International Law Societies, the graduating members of our award-winning international moot court teams and other student leaders.

Pictured left, the ceremony featured remarks by The Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, a 1994 graduate of our LLM program. In 2015, Champagne was elected a Member of the Parliament of Canada for Saint-Maurice-Champlain. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance of Canada, a position he held until January 10, 2017, when he was appointed Minister of International Trade of Canada by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Most of these events are webcast live at law.case.edu/lectures

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Andrés Pérez ’04

I have worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as a defense counsel, legal adviser to the president, trial prosecutor and appeals prosecutor. I am currently a consultant on legal issues related to international criminal law, human rights and counter-terrorism, working in Africa and the Middle East. CWRU’s innovative and extraordinary international law program offered me the chance to learn from professors with fascinating practical experience in the field. Through CWRU’s contacts and generous summer fellowship grants, I was able to secure internships with the Appeals Chamber for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in The Hague and prominent human rights NGOs in Uganda and Argentina, which helped springboard me into my international law career.

Chris Rassi ’03

I am currently the Senior Executive Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary-General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, Switzerland. Before the IFRC, I worked as a Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague, as a Legal Adviser to the Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania and in private practice at Thompson Hine LLP. My time at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where I also completed a dual MBA degree at the Weatherhead School, prepared me for these roles, in particular my current position, by giving me training and mentorship in many aspects of law that are crucial to running an international organization.
EMERGING TRENDS AND UNIQUE APPROACHES TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAWS

The Second Annual International Trade Law Fall Update took place on October 27, 2017. Co-Sponsored by the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, the American Society of International Law and the Customs and International Trade Bar Association, the conference examined the impact of the recently enacted trade statutes on Customs and International Trade Law practitioners and what could be inferred about the predictability and finality of international business transactions during a period of heightened private and public enforcement.

Organized by Professor Juscelino F. Colares, Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and Associate Director of the Cox Center, the conference featured the Honorable Leo M. Gordon, Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, as well as a renowned cadre of customs and trade counsel and officials from Washington, D.C., New York City, Kansas City and Los Angeles.

THE CANADA-UNITED STATES LAW INSTITUTE CONFERENCE TACKLES CHANGING RELATIONS


With the Trump Administration’s pursuit of its “America First” agenda conflicting with Canada’s continued support of NAFTA, TPP and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, as well as multilateral initiatives on climate change and human rights, the conference examined how the divergent policies created friction within the bilateral relationship not seen for some time, while also exploring areas where the partnership remains strong.

Featuring The Honourable Peter MacKay, PC QC, former Canadian Foreign Minister, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Justice, the 2018 CUSLI conference brought together law, policy, business, and government experts from Canada and the United States to explore what these developments meant for the historically close relationship between the two countries.
AUTHORS OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY CONVENTION SPEAK AT CWRU

In February 2018, Case Western Reserve University School of Law featured a pair of lectures by the two individuals that have led the effort to create an international convention on crimes against humanity.

On February 8, Sean Murphy, UN International Law Commission Special Rapporteur for Crimes against Humanity and President-elect of the American Society of International Law, delivered the annual Bruce J. Klatsky Endowed Lecture on Human Rights. In his lecture, “The International Law Commission’s Proposal for a Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity,” Murphy explained the need for a global convention dedicated to preventing and punishing crimes against humanity and promoting inter-state cooperation. Murphy outlined The International Law Commission first draft of such a treaty, exploring the justifications, the contents of the current draft, the likelihood that it would be adopted and ratified by states, and the possible long-term benefits were such a treaty to enter into force. Following his presentation, Murphy was presented with the Cox International Law Center Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice.

Later that month, as part of the CWRU International Law Society’s International Law Documentary Film Series, on February 28, Washington University Law Professor Leila Sadat came to the school to speak with students and screen her documentary, “Never Again: Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity,” which made the case for the international convention on crimes against humanity and traced the steps she and others have taken to make the treaty a reality. Sadat’s treaty gained momentum when Sean Murphy, the U.S. member of the UN’s International Law Commission, advocated for the treaty-drafting body to officially work on the Crimes Against Humanity Convention. Murphy was appointed ILC Special Rapporteur for the project and has shepherded it nearly to completion.

Keith A. Petty ’02

I am a major in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, where I’ve advised leaders on international and operational law issues during combat and humanitarian missions, litigated terrorism cases at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and provided guidance on a range of fiscal, ethical and regulatory compliance matters. Three experiences at CWRU School of Law directly contributed to my success in the Army JAG Corps: my participation in the international moot court team, my internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and my time as the editor-in-chief of CWRU’s Journal of International Law.

Nine Case Western Reserve JD Alums are International Law Professors

- Prof. William (Chip) Carter, Jr. (’98) teaches civil rights and human rights law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- Prof. Kenneth Davis (’74) teaches International Law: Globalization of Capital Markets at Wisconsin Law School
- Prof. Amos Guiora (’85) serves as Director of the Center for Global Justice and teaches counter-terrorism law at University of Utah School of Law
- Prof. Greg McNeal (’06) teaches national security law at Pepperdine Law School
- Prof. Bryan Mercurio (’00) teaches international economic law at Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law
- Prof. Mary-Beth Moylan (’94) teaches Global Lawyering Skills at University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- Prof. Charles Norchi (’86) teaches Law of the Sea at University of Maine School of Law
- Prof. Jack Turner (’02) teaches SJD and LLM Courses at Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- Dr. Rafael Dean Brown (’02) teaches at Qatar University College of Law
OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW FACULTY

Below are the bios of the 36 CWRU law professors who teach courses related to international law. Few law schools in the country have as many faculty members with expertise in the field or offer as many specialized courses in the area.

Michael Scharf
Dean of the Law School and Joseph C. Hostetler — BakerHostetler Professor of Law, Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center (teaches International Law)

Formerly Attorney Adviser for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Dean Scharf has served as head of the International Law Program at Case Western Reserve University School of Law for the past sixteen years. He is the co-founder and Managing Director of the Public International Law & Policy Group, author of 18 books, and is ranked as among the most cited International Law professors in the United States according to the Sisk study.

Richard Gordon
Professor of Law, Associate Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Director of the Institute for Financial Integrity (teaches International Tax Law)

Prior to joining our faculty in 2005, Professor Gordon practiced international tax law in Washington, DC, and later served as Deputy Director of the Harvard International Tax Program. After leaving Harvard, Gordon joined the staff of the International Monetary Fund where he spent fourteen years as senior counsel, senior financial expert, and senior economist. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, Gordon co-led the IMF and World Bank’s involvement in anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing.

Juscelino Colares
Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Law, Professor of Political Science, and Associate Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center (teaches International Trade Law, International Business Transactions, International Environmental Law)

Dr. Colares (PhD, JD) clerked for the Hon. Jean-Louis Debré, Chief Justice of France’s Constitutional Court (2008-09 term) and practiced at Dewey Ballantine, LLP, Washington, DC, where he litigated trade cases before federal agencies, federal courts and NAFTA panels. Colares served last year as the Chairman of the University Faculty Senate. He was recently reappointed by the Office of the United Trade Representative to serve on the United States Roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 (Trade) Panelists.

Michael Benza
Senior Lecturer in Law, Associate Director of the Institute for Financial Integrity (teaches International Death Penalty Seminar and coaches the ICC Moot Court team)

Professor Benza teaches courses in our Masters of Financial Integrity program and at Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China as part of the law school’s new joint LLM Degree program.

Avidan Y. Cover
Professor of Law, Director of the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy) (teaches Human Rights and Civil Rights Clinic)

Professor Cover served as Senior Counsel in Human Rights First’s U.S. Law & Security Program. Along with other clinical advocacy, last year Cover and his clinic students co-authored an amicus curiae brief to the U.S. Supreme in Ziglar v. Abassi, contending that the harsh and abusive treatment of Arab and Muslim detainees immediately after the September 11 terrorist attacks violated federal prison regulations and was attributable to correctional higher-ups.

Shannon E. French
Inamori Professor in Ethics, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Professor of Law, and Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence (teaches War and Morality)

Dr. French (PhD) taught at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis before joining our faculty in 2008. She is a tenured member of the Philosophy Department with a secondary appointment in the law school. Dr. French’s primary expertise is in the area of military ethics, and her acclaimed book, The Code of the Warrior, features a forward by Senator John McCain.

Peter Gerhart
John Homer Kapp Professor of Law and Faculty Adviser for the Journal of International Law (teaches Journal of International Law Seminar)

Professor Gerhart was the dean of our law school from 1986 to 1996, after which he taught International Trade and Development, International Business Transactions, and International Intellectual Property. His two recent books, published by Cambridge University Press, explore the idea and methodology of private law; the trilogy will encompass tort, property, and contract law. Professor Gerhart teaches the seminar that engages second year students in writing their student note for the Journal of International Law.
Jonathan Gordon  
Professor of Law, Associate Director of the LLM Lawyering Skills Program  
(teaches Professional Responsibility, U.S. Legal Writing)  

Professor Gordon, a graduate of Columbia Law School, joined the Law Faculty after serving as a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Professor Gordon now teaches U.S. Legal Analysis & Writing and Professional Responsibility and serves as an SJD thesis advisor. He has presented at numerous national and international conferences, including most recently on “Teaching Professionalism and Professional Responsibility to LLM Students” at the 2017 Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico.

Brian Gran  
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Law  
(teaches International Children’s Rights)  

Dr. Gran’s (PhD) research concentrates on human rights and he is the author of the book, Sociology of Children’s Rights. He co-directs the International Survey of Human Rights. Gran also serves on the Steering Committee of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Project and is Editor in Chief of Societies Without Borders. With support of the NSF, Swiss NSF, and Fulbright Commission, he is completing a study of independent children’s rights institutions.

Lewis Katz  
John C. Hutchins Professor of Law, Director of Foreign Graduate Studies  

Professor Katz is the founding director of Foreign Graduate Studies which has provided LLM and SJD studies for over 800 foreign law students from more than 60 countries since 1991. The LLM program recently received the top ranking by International Jurist Magazine. Professor Katz has taught at the law school for fifty-one years, specializing in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.

Sharona Hoffman  
Edgar A. Hahn Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Center for Law and Medicine  
(teaches Health Care and Human Rights)  

Dr. Hoffman (SJD, JD) is the co-director of the Law-Medicine Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Hoffman has lectured nationally and internationally on civil rights and health law topics, and has published two books: Aging with a Plan: How a Little Thought Today Can Vastly Improve Your Tomorrow (Praeger 2015) and Electronic Health Records and Medical Big Data: Law and Policy (Cambridge University Press 2016).

Co-Dean Michael Scharf’s latest book explores the behind the scenes stories of five international tribunals

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Kathryn Mercer
Professor of Lawyering Skills
(teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Dr. Mercer (PhD, JD) is a frequent lecturer at international conferences, and has taught in China the past several years at our various partner schools. Her recent lectures have focused on “Value-based Decision Making” and “Immigration and Child Welfare.”

Dale A. Nance
Albert J. Weatherhead III and Richard W. Weatherhead chaired professor of law
(teaches Conflict of Laws, Law of Archeological Artifacts)

In the wake of the publication of Professor Nance’s monograph, The Burdens of Proof: Discriminatory Power, Weight of Evidence, and Tenacity of Belief (Cambridge University Press 2016), he is applying his theory to an unsolved problem in private international law: choice of law regarding the burden of proof. He recently spoke on this topic at the Evidential Legal Reasoning World Conference, held June 6-8, 2018, at the University of Girona, Spain.

Craig Nard
Galen J. Roush Professor of Law, Director of the Spangenberg Center for Law, Technology & the Arts
(teaches International Intellectual Property Law)

An expert in International Intellectual Property Law, in 2017, Professor Nard was a visiting lecturer at the University of Strasbourg Centre d’Etudes Internationales de la Propriete Intellectuelle. He recently served as a Senior Lecturer at the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Master of Laws program in Torino, Italy.

Cassandra Burke Robertson
John Deaver Drinko—Baker & Hostetler Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Professional Ethics
(teaches Transnational Litigation and coaches the ICC Moot Court Team)

Prior to joining the faculty in 2007, Professor Robertson clerked for the Texas Supreme Court and served as Assistant Solicitor General in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. She chairs the Appellate Litigation subcommittee of the American Bar Association’s Civil Rights Litigation Committee and has recently been re-appointed as one of Ohio’s representatives to the Uniform Law Commission.

Robert Strassfeld
Professor of Law, Deputy Director of the Institute for Financial Integrity

Before joining our faculty in 1988, Robert Strassfeld practiced at the Washington, D.C. firm, Shea & Gardner. Professor Strassfeld has taught National Security Law and previously served as the law school’s Director of the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy. He has published articles on law and the Vietnam War in the Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Duke law reviews.

Jack Turner II
Associate Professor of Law and Associate Director, Foreign Graduate Legal Studies Department
(teaches Contract Law and Scholarly Legal Writing to LLM students)

Professor Turner has been teaching U.S. Scholarly Legal Writing and U.S. Contract Law to foreign lawyers in the LLM program for the past eight years. Professor Turner also teaches research and writing to our first year SJD students working on their doctoral theses. Professor Turner directs the Summer Language and Law Institute for incoming LLM students and foreign legal professionals. He also regularly teaches in China through our partnership with one of China’s top universities.

Timothy Webster
Associate Professor of Law
(teaches Human Rights Law, International Business Law, Comparative Law, and coaches the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team)

Before joining the Case faculty, Professor Webster practiced international dispute resolution in the Tokyo and New York offices of Morrison & Foerster. He also advised Chinese government officials,

Professor Colares receives Law School Distinguished Research Prize

Juscelino Colares, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and Professor of Political Science, received the law school’s 2018 Distinguished Research Prize. During the past three years, Colares, who was recently named to the roster of NAFTA arbitrators and just concluded a term as Chairman of the Faculty Senate, published several articles, three of which were in highly prestigious peer-review journals: the Journal of World Trade, the American Law and Economics Review and Jurimetrics.
and taught Chinese Law at Yale Law School for three years. In December 2018, he will teach at Southwest University of Political Science and Law, in Chongqing, China, though Case’s newly approved LLM in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution.

Stephen Anway
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Arbitration)

Stephen Anway is Co-Head of Investment Arbitration at Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, a partner in its world-ranked international arbitration group, and a member of its Global Board.

Stephen has worked in more than 25 countries and has represented clients in some 70 international arbitration proceedings. Stephen currently represents four countries — Slovakia, Croatia, Kosovo and Libya — before international tribunals around the world.

Aleksandar Cuic
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Immigration Law Clinic and Immigration Law II: Asylum & Refugee Law)

Professor Cuic is a Partner at Robert Brown LLC where he oversees the firm’s litigation practice group. During his legal career, he has represented individuals across the United States in over forty Immigration Courts and Homeland Security (USCIS and ICE) Offices. He is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars, bar associations and community/religious groups. He has been selected yearly for The Best Lawyers in America© as well as Super Lawyers Rising Star in the area of Immigration Law.

Melanie GiaMaria
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Human Trafficking Law Clinic)

Melanie GiaMaria is an Adjunct Professor and Lecturer for the Human Trafficking Law Clinic, which provides legal services to primarily juvenile trafficking survivors. Melanie works with the Safe Harbor Docket of Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and promotes education and awareness for service providers, medical personnel, students, and the community.

James Hagy
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Real Estate Transactions)

Each fall, Jim Hagy offers International Real Estate Transactions, which explores the role of the transactional lawyer in an increasingly global marketplace. The course draws from Professor Hagy’s thirty years of practice experience. Hagy also serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Corporate Real Estate (Emerald) and the Corporate Real Estate Journal (Henry Stewart), each of which is a London-based academic peer-reviewed publication.

Ramez Islambouli
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Islamic Law)

Professor Islambouli, a native of Lebanon, moved to the United States in 1985 to pursue his academic studies. He holds a Masters degree in bioethics from Case Western Reserve University. He is a full-time lecturer and section head of Arabic language in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at Case, a part-time lecturer of Islam in the Department of Religious Studies and is a faculty advisor for the Muslim Students Association (MSA).

James Johnson
Adjunct Professor of Law, Director of the Henry King War Crimes Research Office (teaches International Law Research Lab, Human Rights, National Security Law, and International Criminal Law)

James Johnson served as Chief of Prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and was lead prosecutor in the trial and appeal of former Liberian President Charles Taylor. Students under his mentorship have been involved in the prosecution of war criminals in the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Liberia. Johnson is a member of the Legal Studies Board.

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Select International Law Articles by the Faculty 2017-2018

Juscelino Colares, Canada, United States and European Union—Out of Sync on Trade Agreements? Or Are We Sympatico? 41 CANADA-U.S. L. J. 46 (2017).


Shannon French, Distinction and Civil Immunity, CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK ON JUST WAR THEORY, edited by Larry May, 2018.


supervision prepare research memoranda for international criminal tribunals and organizations. He also organizes the annual International Humanitarian Dialog Conference in Chautauqua, New York, which is co-sponsored by the Cox Center.

Steve Lynch
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Government Procurement Law)

Steve Lynch is an attorney for the U.S. Coast Guard handling a broad range of civil matters for clients around the Great Lakes. He is co-chair of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Military and Veteran Affairs Committee, and a guest lecturer at the Army Judge Advocate General’s School (Charlottesville, VA), and the Naval Justice School (Newport, RI).

James Moroney
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Counter-Terrorism Law)

James Moroney recently retired after a 30-year career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Ohio, and now has a private practice in white collar criminal defense. During his career in government, he served as a counterterrorism prosecutor, Chief of the National Security Unit for the Northern District of Ohio, and as National Security Coordinator for all 94 U.S. Attorney’s Offices at the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys in the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Greg Noone
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Humanitarian Law)

Dr. Gregory P. Noone, (PhD, JD), is the Director of the Fairmont State University National Security and Intelligence Program and an Associate Professor of Political Science and Law. Dr. Noone is the co-author of the widely used textbook: International Law and Armed Conflict (Aspen / Wolters Kluwer Publishing 2013). He and his co-author recently published the Concise Edition of this for use in military academies, war colleges, undergraduate universities and for foreign militaries.

Ted Parran III
Adjunct Professor of Law, Managing Director of the Canada-United States Law Institute (CUSLI) (supervises the Canada-United States Law Journal)

Ted Parran (CWRU, JD, Loyola-Chicago, LLM) possesses experience in domestic and international law and policy practice. He has worked in U.S. and international corporate investigations and compliance, for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (appeals chambers), and as an Assistant Prosecutor for the State of Ohio. He has also authored legal scholarship on comparative Canada-United States law and policy issues, including The Arctic Ice Melt: Emerging Resources, Emerging Issues, 38 Can.-U.S. L.J.195 (2013).

Former Dean Gerhart receives chaired professorship

At a chairing ceremony in May, Peter Gerhart received the John Homer Kapp Professorship of Law. He has recently published two critically acclaimed books with Cambridge University Press: Tort Law and Social Morality and Property Law and Social Morality, and has a third book in the series, Contract Law and Social Morality, under contract with Cambridge. He has also published dozens of law review articles in leading law journals at Duke, Vanderbilt and University of Pennsylvania, among others. Gerhart has been a faculty leader, including serving as Dean from 1986-1996. He has also served as Interim President of Lake Erie College and Interim Dean of Ohio State University College of Law.

Steve Petras
Adjunct Professor of Law, U.S. National Director of the Canada-US Law Institute (teaches International Business Transactions)

Steve Petras practices international business transactions as a partner in the Business Practice Group of BakerHostetler LLP. He has served as the President of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, Chair of the International Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Chair of the Board of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, and President of the Cleveland World Trade Association, and is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and of the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America.
Lisa Scott
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Immigration Law)

Daughter of immigrants, Lisa Scott has practiced U.S. immigration law for over 30 years. She is the founder and owner of Scott Global Migration Law Group, a certified women-owned business focusing on U.S. immigration and global migration. She has served as Chair of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and Chair of the Immigration and Nationality Section of the Chicago Bar Association.

Michael Sharon
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Advanced Immigration Law Courses)

Michael Sharon is the co-founder and Managing Member of Sharon & Kalnoki LLC. He has over 30 years of experience in employment/business and family based immigration and has published articles and lectured internationally before organizations including the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Ohio Society for Human Resource Management, and Fudan University, Shanghai. He has been selected for The Best Lawyers in America® in Immigration Law since 2006. He developed and, since 2013, has taught our Advanced Business Immigration course.

Steven G. Stransky
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Foreign Affairs and National Security Law)

Professor Stransky joined CWRU Law School in 2018. He is Senior Counsel at Thompson Hine, LLP, where he focuses on cybersecurity and data privacy matters. Prior to joining Thompson Hine, Mr. Stransky served for over ten years in the federal government, including at the U.S. State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, Mr. Stransky served on the President’s National Security Council where he provided legal and policy advice to White House officials on developing and coordinating national security policies and programs.

Margaret Wong
Distinguished Professor of Immigration Law in the Foreign Graduate LLM Program (teaches Immigration Law)

In more than 38 years of practice, Professor Wong has built Margaret W. Wong & Associates LLC into a firm nationally and internationally renowned for its knowledge in immigration and nationality law. She is listed in U.S. News & World Reports’ Best Lawyers and is author of the acclaimed book, The Immigrant's Way. She is also the co-chair of the Immigration Law Committee of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Andrew Zashin
Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Family Law and International Family Law with Amy Keating and Chris Reynolds)

Andrew Zashin, Co-Managing Partner of Zashin & Rich, graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he co-teaches Family Law and International Family Law with fellow Zashin and Rich attorneys Amy Keating and Christopher Reynolds. Zashin is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and International Academy of Family Lawyers. Ranked the top Family Law Attorney in Cleveland, rated as a Super Lawyer, and consistently making the list of Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio, Worth Magazine has named Zashin one of the Top 100 Lawyers in America.

Professor Anway Creates Uniform Arbitration Citator

There has never been the equivalent of the “Blue Book” for international arbitration, and historically there has been wide-ranging inconsistency in how international arbitration lawyers and scholars cite arbitration materials. Until now, that is. In 2018, CWRU Adjunct Professor Stephen Anway launched the Global Arbitration Review’s Universal Citation in International Arbitration (UCIA). Under Anway’s leadership as General Editor, the UCIA was developed by the top international arbitration lawyers in the field to provide a uniform approach to citing exhibits and authorities, including contracts, witness statements, expert reports, correspondence, statutes, arbitral rules, cases, hearing transcripts, treaties, negotiating records, internet material, books and legal reviews in arbitration proceedings.

Adjunct Professors Zashin, Keating, and Reynolds take on path-breaking Hague Convention Case

Adjunct Professors Andrew Zashin, Amy Keating and Christopher Reynolds represented the Defendant, Michelle Monasky, in the path-breaking case of Taglieri v. Monasky, which was recently argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit en banc. The case involved a child born in Italy to an American mother, Michelle Monasky, and Italian father, Domenico Taglieri, amid marital unrest and alleged spousal abuse. As soon as Monasky was medically able to travel and able to secure a passport for her daughter, she took her to the United States. After a March 2016 trial, the U.S. district court ordered that the 8-week-old child be returned to Italy pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of 1980. The Court accepted Taglieri’s argument that the child’s ties were strongest to Italy rather than the U.S. and adopted a “marital home” standard for habitual residence for infants. On appeal, the Zashin & Rich attorneys, in conjunction with co-counsel, argued for a different legal standard to be applied in cases in which the child is too young to form meaningful connections in the country of birth to establish habitual residence. This is the first ever habitual residence case under the Hague Convention to be heard by a federal appeals court en banc.
WHAT MAKES US STAND OUT

$3.7 million: Our international law program endowment

A+: Ranking of our International Law Program (National Jurist)

14: Ranking of our International Law Program (US News)

1: LLM program ranking in academics and school experience

1: Jessup Moot Court World Championship

1: Nobel Peace Prize Nomination of our program

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