# Washington University in St. Louis



# Global Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Fellows: Africa Initiative



Professor Karen Tokarz (right) with Scott Wilson, Sheila Seshadri, and Andrea Ebreck at Tala Game Reserve outside Durban in summer 2003.

The Washington University Africa Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Initiative is a student and faculty project begun in 2002 to assist law students and faculty with a desire to work and study in Africa, and to foster courses and programs on Africa at Washington University.

#### AFRICA SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INTERNSHIPS

WashULaw students intern with NGOs, government offices, and courts in Africa through the law school's Global Public Interest Law Fellows-Africa summer internship program, coordinated by Professor Karen Tokarz. The program has helped to place over 200 WU law students for internships in South Africa, Ghana, Tanzania, Somalia, Kenya, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda. One WashULaw student interned for the Refugee Appeals Authority in Cape Town in summer 2022 and six students worked with Legal Aid and the Legal Resources Centre in Durban, South Africa in 2019. Recent students also have worked with the International Labour Organization in Dar es Salaam. Students have received public interest stipends as well as travel stipends from the School of Law and Dagen-Legomsky Fellowships through the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute.

#### AFRICA SEMESTER-IN-PRACTICE

Washington University Law students may intern abroad for a semester through the school's International Justice & Conflict Resolution Field Placement (10-12 cr.), coordinated by Professors Tokarz and Sadat. Marla Borkson, JD'17, interned at Legal Aid in Durban, South Africa, in fall 2016 and Aissatou Barry, JD'15, interned at the Legal Resources Center in Durban, South Africa in fall 2014. Nacente Seabury, JD'14, interned at FIDA-Ghana Legal Services in Accra in fall 2013. Over a dozen WU law students interned at the ICTR between 2005-2016, including Annie Schlapprizzi, JD'13, and Natasha Wilson, JD'14 in fall 2012; Ilunga Kalala, JD'13, and Jenny Wren Morris, JD'13, in spring 2012; Jack Wilkerson, JD'12, in spring 2011; Lola Oguntebi, JD'11, in fall 2010; and Sarah Placzek, JD/MSW'10, in spring 2010.



Professor Leila Sadat (left) with Evelyn Chuang, Marie Hastreiter, McCall Carter, and Giovanni Biancetti at the ICTR in Arusha in summer 2012.

#### AFRICA STUDY ABROAD

Washington University has two law student exchange programs in South Africa, with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and the University of Pretoria. Like Washington University, UKZN is a leader in clinical education and dispute resolution, while Pretoria boasts a number of influential research centers, including the Centre for Human Rights.



Professor Kim Norwood (second from right) with Barbara Burdette, Jessica Mills, Daphne Nabila (LRC Director), Naomi Warren, and Tracy Franklin in Accra in summer 2007.

Matt Thomas, JD'10, studied at Pretoria in Spring 2010. The following students studied at UKZN for a semester: Naomi Warren, JD/MSW'08; Jessica Mills, JD/MBA'08; Tracy Franklin, ID'07; Yewande Akinwolemiwa, ID'06; Edwards, JD'05; and Vernetta Annie Littlefield, JD'03. UKZN student, Kershwyn Bassuday, studied International Law and ADR at Washington University in spring 2008. UKZN student, Khethiwe Mthembu, studied International Law and ADR, and interned in the Civil Rights & Community Justice Clinic in fall 2004.



WUSOL 2018 interns with **Professor Karen Tokarz** (far left) and High Court attorney T.P. Pillay (far right) : **Michael Moore, Jayne Ratliff, Kate Upton, Megan Ferguson** (front); **Craig Ismaili, Kyle Smith, Auriel Kirkland, Derek Van Becelaere** (back).



Joe Whitfield (right) interviewed immigration and refugee clients at Lawyers for Human Rights in Durban, South Africa in summer 2009.



**Calvin Hwang, Neil Naik, Eleanor Forbes, Lilia Tyrrell,** and **Wesley Schooler** visited the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa in summer 2006.



**Ibadat Dhillon** (right) interned at the Children's Rights Centre in summer 2004 and consulted on global public health issues in Dar es Salaam after graduation.



Professor Karen Tokarz (left) with Kershwyn Bassuday, UKZN exchange student, at Washington University in spring 2008.

#### LAW SCHOOL FACULTY INITIATIVES IN AFRICA

**SOUTH AFRICA: Karen Tokarz**, Charles Nagel Professor of Public Interest Law and Director, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Program, has traveled to South Africa every year since 2001. She published "Advancing Social Justice Through ADR and Clinical Legal Education in India, South Africa, and the U.S." in *The Global Clinical Movement* (Oxford University Press 2011). She spent a semester working with the clinical program at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in South Africa in fall 2001 and was a Fulbright Senior Specialist at UKZN in 2008, assisting the law faculty on the development of their ADR curriculum and masters program. Several WashULaw students have attended the U Mo Law School summer school program in Cape Town, https://law.missouri.edu/ academics/study-abroad/south-africa/

#### PRIMARY STUDENT INTERNSHIP SITES IN AFRICA

The Legal Aid Board of South Africa provides independent, low cost legal help on both civil and criminal matters to indigent South Africans, with several justice centers. legal-aid.co.za

Lawyers for Human Rights—South Africa is an independent human rights organization with six clinics in South Africa providing free legal services to immigrants and refugees. lhr.org.za

**Legal Resources Centre** in Durban, South Africa, seeks to advance constitutional and human rights through impact litigation, law reform, education, and community partnerships. lrc.org.za.

Legal Resources Centre in Accra, Ghana, one of the oldest and largest non-governmental, human rights organizations in Ghana, works with communities to ensure human rights, social progress, and development. www.lrc-ghana.org. lrcghana.org

**FIDA-Ghana Legal Aid Services** (The International Federation of Women Lawyers) in Accra provides legal advice and representation, legal literacy programs, and legislative reform related to indigent women and children. www.fidaghana.org

**International Labour Organization (ILO)** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, is an international U.N. organization that brings together representatives of governments, employers and workers. iol.org

Washington University Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration in St. Louis, which aims to bridge research, policy, and practice to address serious human rights abuses in Ethiopia and other parts of the world. https://publichealth.wustl.edu/centers/chrgm/



Professor Karen Tokarz (far right) with Adam Carroll, Jackie Ebert, Adrian Camino, Megan Reif, Courtney Farmer, and Tobin Rau at Tala Game Reserve outside Durban in summer 2015.



Natasha Wilson (right) interned at Care International in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in summer 2012, and also interned at the ICTR in the fall semester 2012.



Tim Cowan, Nicole Gougeon, Shey Cobb, and Adeola Adekunle (center back row) and Professor Karen Tokarz (center, front row) at Legal Aid in Durban in summer 2016.



Tom Burgess (back, second from left) interned at Black Sash in summer 2008, returned to Cape Town after graduation in 2010 to teach English and peace-building skills.

#### AFRICA LECTURES & SEMINARS

The Africa Initiative co-sponsors and promotes Africa lectures and seminars for the Washington University School of Law and wider community. In fall 2012, the Africa Initiative co-sponsored the film screening of "Blood in the Mobile" with the International Humanitarian Law Project, "Out of Eden" by journalist Paul Salopek, and "Mobile Courts in the Democratic Republic of Congo" by Natacha Tys, Senior Legal Advisor, ABA Rule of Law Initiative, Africa Division; "World Peace Through Law," by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, with the Harris World Law Institute in fall 2011; and "World Cup 2010: Human Trafficking and Forced Prostitution," featuring John Barr, ESPN Beyond the Lines, with the School of Medicine in fall 2010. In fall 2009, Ambassador Charles Stith, Director of the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University, spoke on "The Obama 'Affect' on Africa," sponsored by the Harris World Law Institute. In fall 2008, Betty Oyelia Bigombe, former Uganda government minister and ethnic Acholi, spoke on "The Challenges of Mediation: Peace Negotiations with the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda and Other Conflicts." The Africa Initiative co-sponsored a discussion with Somali novelist Naruddin Farah on "Political Islam and Clan in Present-day Somalia" in fall 2007; Linda Biehl and Ntobeko Peni who spoke on "Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa" in fall 2006; Ahmed Katharada, a leader in the South African liberation struggle with Nelson Mandela, who spoke on "Memoirs from Robben Island," and a panel discussion on "War and Peace in the Sudan: The Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur" in spring 2006, featuring Jon Sawyer, Director, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Washington, D.C.;"I'll be Back' - Charles Taylor, Terrorists, Warlords & Thugs: International Criminal Law in the 21st Century," by David M. Crane, former Chief Prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, with the Whitney Harris World Law Institute in fall 2005; and a discussion on "The Holocaust in the Congo - Then and Today" with Adam Hochschild, author of King Leopold's Ghost, with the Assembly Series in fall 2004.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI IN AFRICA

Several Washington University Law alums have returned to Africa to work after graduation. McCall Carter, JD'10, LLM'11, a graduate of the Transnational Law Program, works with the U.N., Rule of Law peace-keeping mission in South Sudan. Debora Rogo, JD'09, who interned for the Legal Resources Centre in Nairobi, Kenya in summer 2007, served after graduation as an Associate Attorney at the International Law Institute-African Centre for Legal Excellence, in Kampala, Uganda, and at the ICTR on the Transition to the Residual Mechanism. Sena dei Tutu, JSD'07, now on the University of Ghana law faculty, previously worked with the Rule of Law and Governance section of the U.N. Mission in Liberia, engaged in training of judges, magistrates, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials. Ibadat Dhillon, JD'06, who focused on HIV/AIDS issues while interning at the Children's Rights Centre in Durban, South Africa in summer 2004, consulted on global public health issues with Danida in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Edgar Mason, JD'04, who interned with UKZN in Durban in the first year of the Africa Initiative, was a Senior Regional Governance Specialist at USAID West Africa, based in Accra. Alex Hendler, JD'03, a former Webster Scholar based in Dar es Salaam worked to set up an online documentation center for Tanzanian High Court decisions. Brian Shukan, JD'94, was the Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Casablanca, Morocco until July 2014.

For more information about Africa opportunities, contact: Professor Karen Tokarz, Director, Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Program tokarz@wulaw.wustl.edu. The South Africa Summer Internship Guide, developed by past summer interns, can be found at: http://law.wustl.edu/clinicaled/africa/samanual2013.pdf



Dylan Hitchcock-Lopez, Natalie Lewis, Shantazia Jones, Riane Lenzer-White, Matthew Kaste, and Andrew Boytos (backrow), with T.P. Pillay and Professor Karen Tokarz (front row) in Durban, South Africa in summer 2017.



Abadir Barre (back, top left) interned at Puntland Legal Aid and attended the U.N. Mobile Courts conference in Somalia in summer 2014 and interned at International Development Law Organization in Nairobi in summer 2015.



WUSOL 2014 interns visited the Drakensburg Mountains: Melissa Weiss, Christina Francois (front row); Claire Sabourin, Sam Stragand, Marie Washington, Erica Hanson, Phoebe Jean-Pierre, Sandhya Sharma; and Tom Hastings (back row).



Andrew Donelan and Sarah Placzek met in Ghana in summer 2008 and married in fall 2010.



Celeste Lawrence, Jamie Gray, and Susie Lake, (front), and Jacopo Meneghin, (back), High Court attorney, **T. P. Pilla**y (back, l), at the Legal Aid Board in Durban, South Africa in summer 2013.



Rachel McLain and Jim Ransdell visited the Cape Coast while interning for FIDA – Ghana Legal Services and the Legal Resources Centre in Accra, Ghana in summer 2014.

#### PAST WASHINGTON LAW INTERNS IN AFRICA



Eileen Boyle, Samina Sulemanjee, Shavaugn Lewis, Fitz Reid, and Justin Vail at the World Cup in Durban in summer

#### SOUTH AFRICA

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Professor Karen Tokarz (left) visited the first law school clinic in Lesotho in summer 2019.

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Sena Dei Tutu, J.S.D.'06 (left), with Professor Rose Walls, University of Ghana, and Professor Tokarz in Accra.

# Washington University in St. Louis Global Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Fellows Program: Latin America and Europe Initiative



The Latin America and Europe Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution is a student and faculty project begun in 2008 to assist Washington University Law students and faculty with a desire to learn, study, research, or work in Latin America and Europe; to foster educational programs and courses on Latin America and Europe at the university; and to advance human rights, conflict

## Summer and Post-Graduate Public Interest Internships in Latin America and Europe

Chile: Several WashULaw students interned with Fiscalia del Medio Ambiente (FIMA), a local environmental law organization in Santiago, Chile, including Emma Wilhoit, JD '24; Ashley Walsh, JD '22; and Ryan Laudry, JD '21. The students engaged in broad-based environmental advocacy, writing grant proposals and conducting legal research on projects affecting indigenous communities and the environment. Rocky Esposito, JD '20, interned in summer 2018; Kendall Reeves, JD'18, interned in summer 2016; Melanie Lee, JD'19, interned with FIMA in summer 2015; Rachel Dowd, JD'16, interned in summer 2014; Claire Melvin, JD'15, interned in summer 2013; and Junko Nozawa, JD/LLM'13, interned for six months after graduation in spring and summer 2013. Camila Maturana, JD'12 did a six-month internship in fall and winter 2012 after her graduation, made possible through a post-graduate stipend provided by the Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Program and the Career Services Office. Caitlin McCoy, JD'14, interned in summer 2012; David Dill, JD'13, interned in summer 2011; and Matt Thomas, JD'10, spent a year interning at the organization following his graduation.

Ashlin Mosby, JD'15, interned in summer 2014 with Centro de Estudios de las Americas, and interned in summer 2013 with the Juan Guzman Foundation in Santiago, Chile, where she assisted a well-known former judge in capacity-building efforts through the development of a bilingual manual to educate civil society on human rights.

Panama and Brazil: Rachel Robinson, JD'17, and Ryan Baebler, JD'15, interned in summers 2015 and 2013, respectively, in Panama City, Panama, with Transparency International, a global civil society organization that fights corruption and fosters transparency. Colin Stapleton, JD'15, interned in Panama City in summer 2013 at the Comision de Justicia y Paz. Diogo Metz, JD, '14, interned in São Paulo, Brazil in summer 2012 with Connectas Human Rights, the human rights arm of the Instituto Pro Bono.



Melanie Lee, JD'17 (third row, far right) hiked in the Andes with coworkers in summer 2015 while interning for FIMA in Santiago.



Rachel Dowd, JD'16 (back row, left) and Junko Nozawa, JD'12/LLM'13 (back row, second from left) with fellow interns and staff at Fiscalia del Medio Ambiente (FIMA) in Santiago, Chile in summer 2014.



"Without the strength of the Washington University network and the willingness of faculty to reach out on my behalf, I would not have been able to intern with FIMA, an environmental NGO in Chile." -David Dill, JD'13, Easter Island, Chile.



**Ryan Baebler**, JD '15, (front row, far left) met with officers at the National Police Academy during his internship in Panama City, Panama in summer 2013.

## Latin American Coursework

While in St. Louis, students can learn more about Latin American law and politics through a wide array of courses taught by Law School faculty and distinguished visiting scholars. Recent offerings include: Latin American Legal and Judicial Systems, taught by Juan Del Valle, LLM, from Colombia, who also teaches Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution every year; Immigration Law, taught by Professor Katie Meyer, who also teaches the Immigration Clinic; Transnational Migration and Citizenship, taught by Professor Gonçalo Matias, Assistant Professor at the Catholic University of Portugal School of Law and Legal Advisor to the President of Portugal; and Chile and United States, taught by Hugo Hurtado, partner at Beltramin Hurtado in Santiago, Chile. Students also may, with Registrar approval, take up to 6 hours of related graduate-level coursework in other schools across the University.

# Latin America Speakers & Events

David Lopez, General Counsel, EEOC, presented "Title XII: An American Conversation on Workplace Equality" in fall 2016 and Xavier de Souza Briggs, V.P. Ford Foundation, Economic Opportunity & Assets Program presented "Toward a Just and Inclusive America" in spring 2015. The Latin America and Europe Initiative co-sponsored a talk by Professor Jim Cavallaro, Stanford University Law School, on "The Toxic Effects of Drone Strikes" and a talk by Thomas Saenz, General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, in spring 2014 on "America's Critical Immigrant Workforce." All of these talks were conjunction with the Public Interest Law and Policy Speaker Series.

# Alumni Spotlight



**Fulbright Scholar Silvana Del Valle**, LLM'10, JSD'15, analyzed the effect of neoliberal principles on Chilean domestic violence statutes for her JSD dissertation. A native of Santiago, Chile, Del Valle compared the approaches of several US states with the gender laws in her home country.

Nicole Solawetz Cortés, MSW/JD'12 and Jessica Mayo, JD'12, launched the Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project (M.I.C.A.), a St. Louis-based, public interest law organization providing legal services and assistance to low-income migrants and immigrants in southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois in fall 2012. The MICA Project provides in-court representation of clients, legal assistance with applications to the U.S. immigration authorities, and community building programs.



Nicole Cortés, JD/MSW '12, Jessica Mayo, JD '12, and former professor and co-director of the IP & Non- Profit Clinic Peter Ruger, (LR).



Patti (McKiernan) Llacsa, JD/MSW '04, Child Welfare Litigation Bureau, Illinois Attorney General's Office, spent a semester studying human rights, international humanitarianism, and family law at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (pictured on the Inca Trail, Peru).

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Alberto Ghiani, JD'17, (L), interned in Rome, Italy, in summer 2015 at the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center and the Roma Tre University Immigration Law Clinic (pictured with Professor Karen Tokarz in St. Peters Square in Rome). Dylan Davis, JD '20, interned at Roma Tre in summer 2018 and Ash Moore, JD'18, interned at the Roma Tre Immigration Law Clinic in summer 2016.

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# Washington University in St. Louis Global Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Fellows Program: South East Asia Initiative



The South East Asia Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Initiative is a student and faculty project begun in 2007 to assist Washington University Law students and faculty with a desire to intern, study, research, or work in South East Asia; to foster educational programs and courses on South East Asia at the university; and to advance human rights, conflict resolution, and access to justice in South East Asia. Since 2007, approximately 30 Washington University Law students have interned, studied, or worked in China, Korea, India, Thailand, Nepal and Cambodia. Students can intern in the summer for ten weeks for legal aid, public interest law organizations, courts and tribunals in South East Asia. Students also can study or intern in South East Asia for credit for a semester. In their placements, interns frequently engage in client interviewing and counseling, community education, negotiation and dispute resolution, human rights research and policy reporting, prison visits, trial preparation, and/or appellate brief writing.

# Summer Public Interest Internships in South East Asia

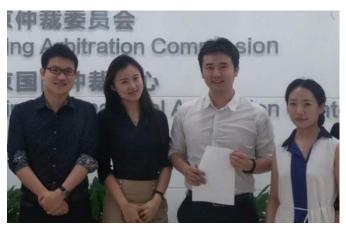
**Nepal:** In early summer 2015, **Marla Borkson**, JD'17, interned in Kathmandu, Nepal with the America Nepal Medical Foundation, which places Nepali and American doctors in disaster zones and distributes supplies and commodities to trauma centers, hospitals and affected areas. Borkson, who previously interned in Nepal, assisted with logistics, coordination, accounting and advising, and helping hospitals and village clinics to secure supplies. She also volunteered with Tribhuvan University's law department and the Legal Aid and Consultancy Center (LACC), which provides free legal-aid service for women and children in the cities and villages.



Marla Borkson, JD'17, interned in Nepal in summer 2015.

**China: Marla Borkson**, JD'17, interned at the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu, China, in the latter part of summer 2015, where she assisted with consular affairs such as American Citizen Services and Non Immigrant Visas. She also interned with the U.S. State Department in Shanghai, China in summer 2016, where she assisted with the G-20 Summit.

In summer 2018, **Robin Liu**, JD '20, and **Cheug Lyu**, JD '20 interned at the Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC) in Beijing, China where the law school has been placing interns for the past six years. BAC is a nongovernmental organization that facilitates the resolution of crossborder, international commercial disputes. He conducted pre-hearing preparations, observed arbitrations and mediations, translated legal publications and arbitration awards, participated in moot arbitrations, and researched enforcement of international arbitration awards. **Tae Min Li**, JD'17, interned in summer 2015. **Natalie Szlarb**, JD'16, **Qingwang Wu**, JD'15, **William Shim**, JD'14, and **Chen Hong**, JD'14, spent the summers of 2014 and 2013, respectively, at BAC where they participated in the arbitration processes, conducted pre-hearing preparations, and assisted with voluntary mediations under the supervision of assigned attorneys.



In summer 2015, **TaeMin Kim**, JD'17, (second from right) interned at BAC, the foremost dispute resolution center in China.



Natalie Szlarb, JD'16, and Qingwang Wu, JD'15, interned at BAC in summer 2014.

In summer 2013, **Ben Self**, JD'15, worked at Zhicheng Public Interest Law in Beijing, China. Zhicheng is a NGO that manages the Beijing Children's Legal Aid & Research Center, the Beijing Migrant Workers Legal Aid & Research Center, the Rural Area Rule of Law Research Institute, and the Criminal Legal Aid Research Center. These organizations provide direct legal services to clients, draft legislative suggestions to different government agencies, promote legal responsibility in China, and engage in community outreach projects.



William Shim (C), JD '14, and Chen Hong (R), JD'14, interned at BAC in summer 2013.

**Korea:** Daniel Kang, JD '22 and Nicole Gougeon, JD' 18, interned at the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board in Seoul in summer 2021 and 2017. Cherrie Kim, JD'15 interned in Seoul in summer 2014 for the Merry Year Social Company/Foundation, a non-profit that provides micro loans and social enterprise assistance to defectors from North Korea. Cherrie conducted research on impact investing by public-interest organizations and coordinated a workshop with individuals who shifted from the private sector to pursue public interest careers.



Nicole Gougeon, JD'18 (right), with Sung Bae Ji , President, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, in summer 2017.



Cherrie Kim, JD'15, (R), interned at Merry Year Foundation in Seoul in summer 2014 with interns from other countries.

India: In summer of 2013, Mark Phillip, JD'15, interned at the Bangalore field office for International Justice Mission (IJM) in India. IJM is a human rights organization dedicated to eradicating various forms of injustice across the world. The Bangalore field office is specifically concentrated on fighting the presence of bonded labour in India. Mark worked on an appeal to the High Court of Karnataka, and drafted letters and other documents for government officials. In summer 2012, Roop Bhatia, JD'14, interned with the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) in the Delhi office, which is also the headquarters for the organization. Interns engage in factfinding and research on cases and projects involving HIV/AIDS, disability, trafficking, and other human rights issues. In summer 2010, Michael Gulinello, JD'12, interned with Samata, a nongovernmental organization that focuses on advocacy and development issues such as land alienation, displacement, and political disempowerment. among tribal communities in Andhra Pradesh, with the goal of upholding the traditional, constitutional, and human rights of the tribal or adivasi people. In summer 2009,

McCall Carter, JD'07, Ajay Sharma, JD'07, Lorilei Williams, JD'07, and Lauren Roberts JD'07, interned with the Northern Church of India. In summer 2007, Brittany Davis, JD'06, Zachary Armfield, JD'05, and Josh Gammon, JD'05, interned at HRLN in Delhi.



Mark Phillip (R), JD'15, interned at International Justice Mission in Bangalore, India in summer 2013, and traveled throughout the countryside.

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### South East Asian Speakers & Events

Kenji Yoshino, New York University Law School, presented "Covering: The Hidden Assault on our Civil Rights" at noon on September 8, 2014 in Graham Chapel, as well as a talk in the law school on the same day.



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