THE U.S. GUN VIOLENCE CRISIS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY AND HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

November 2-3, 2018

Co-sponsored by
Washington University’s Institute for Public Health
WashULaw Public Interest Law & Policy Speakers Series
American Branch of the International Law Association, International Human Rights Committee
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Conference Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  Welcome Remarks
- Dean Nancy Staudt, Washington University School of Law
- Leila Nadya Sadat, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute
- William G. Powderly, Institute for Public Health at Washington University

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.  Opening Keynote Address - *Gun Violence Prevention 2.0: A New Framework for Addressing Americas Enduring Epidemic*
- Mike McLively, Esq., Urban Gun Violence Initiative, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.  Panel 1: Gun Violence and Human Rights
This panel seeks to re-direct the conversation on U.S. gun violence away from the gun rights of the shooters and towards the human rights of the victims, particularly in cases involving mass shooting. It will focus on U.S. obligations under international human rights treaties including the ICCPR, OAS Charter, American Declaration, Torture Convention, and CERD.
- Moderator: Leila Nadya Sadat, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute
- Christina Cerna, Georgetown University Law Center
- Victoria Coy, Amnesty International USA
- Aaron Fellmeth, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
- Barbara Frey, Human Rights Program, University of Minnesota

11:45 – 12:15 p.m.  Lunch Break

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch Keynote Address - *The Second Amendment in the U.S. Supreme Court*
- Lee Epstein, Washington University School of Law

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.  Panel 2: Gun Violence and the Right to Health; Psychological Harm as Ill-Treatment?
This panel will explore how the impact of gun violence on public health affects the right to health found in numerous international human rights instruments and the work of the WHO. It will further explore how the physical,
mental, and psychological harm caused by gun violence and mass shootings—school shootings in particular—might be considered ill-treatment under the Torture Convention.

Moderator: Aaron Fellmeth, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Sean Joe, Brown School at Washington University

Jonathan Hafetz, Seton Hall University School of Law

Kimberly Mitchell, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire

Paola Margarita Rijos-Saitta, Center for Community Health Partnership and Research, the Institute for Public Health at Washington University

Jaclyn Schildkraut, State University of New York at Oswego

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Panel 3: Special Roundtable: Gun Violence and Communities of Color, Immigration, Trafficking of Firearms, and U.S. Law**

*Given that the problem of gun violence is so multi-faceted, this roundtable will consider other important issues not explicitly included in the first two panels. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to, disproportionate ways in which communities of color are affected by this crisis and how U.S. obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination are relevant to this conversation, the issue of firearm trafficking, and the export of gun violence to other American States.*

Moderator: Vetta Sanders Thompson, Center for Community Health Partnership and Research; Brown School at Washington University

Lisa A. Crooms-Robinson, Howard University School of Law

Geoff Dancy, Tulane University

Jennie Green, University of Minnesota Law School

David T. Konig, Washington University School of Law

Eugenio Weigend Vargas, Gun Violence Prevention, Center for American Progress

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. **Closing Keynote Address - America Already Led, Tested and Proved Many of the Solutions: Now They’re Inevitable**

Philip Alpers, Sydney School of Public Health

**Saturday – November 3, 2018 | Anheuser-Busch Hall**

**EXPERTS’ MEETING (by invitation only)**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Where Do We Go from Here? - Presentation of the Harris Institute Report, followed by critique and discussion that will set forth possible remedies the U.S. gun violence crisis.*