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This issue of Washington University Law Magazine celebrates our extraordinary array of international assets and programs, including talented faculty, an increasingly global alumni base, and students from the United States and around the world interested in transnational legal issues. Our growing international reach is reflected in faculty scholarship and exchanges, our international LLM and dual degree programs, student externship and summer abroad programs, and the work of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute.

Having recently celebrated its first decade, the Harris Institute continues to be at the forefront of cutting-edge conferences and scholarship, while spearheading one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by a law school in the field of international law, the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative. The Harris Institute’s work dovetails with other exciting initiatives, such as our Transnational Law Program, offered in association with Utrecht University, University of Trento, Catholic University of Portugal, and Queen’s University Belfast.

Other innovative programs include our Summer Institute for Global Justice in the Netherlands, Africa Public Interest Law & Conflict Resolution Initiative, and new alliance with the University of Queensland’s TC Beirne School of Law. Our many international programs are further strengthened by our association with Washington University’s premier international outreach efforts, in particular the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, a global scholarship program devoted to developing future leaders.

So many of our scholarly and pedagogical enterprises now transcend national boundaries. It is our hope that these initiatives will help mold a generation of lawyers who will contribute at the highest level to the modern, international, and ever-changing practice of law. In this vein, this magazine’s Notes from the Field section provides inspirational, firsthand accounts from four of our recent alumni working in the Netherlands, Tanzania, Afghanistan, and France.

Other areas of interest at our school, which are highlighted in this issue, include articles on our new faculty and our New York City Regulatory & Business Externship. Among our other staples are the Why I Teach column by Professor Leila Nadya Sadat, two faculty scholarship pieces by Professors Adrienne Davis and Pauline Kim, and our End Paper opinion piece on the rights of domestic workers by Professor Peggie Smith. Our alumni features span articles on Sterling Miller who tackles legal issues in multiple time zones through his work at Sabre Holdings, on Jennifer Schwesig who oversees the international law needs of Armstrong Teasdale’s corporate clients in St. Louis and Shanghai, and on Ken Hoffman who seeks just compensation for clients who have suffered serious injuries.

I hope you will enjoy reading about our students, alumni, and faculty highlighted in this issue while joining us in our tribute to our international law endeavors.