Upcoming Conferences

Paradigms of International Justice

On October 11, 2002, the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies will present a conference titled “Paradigms of International Justice.” The all-day conference at Anheuser-Busch Hall will feature an introduction by Whitney R. Harris, former Nuremberg prosecutor and author of Tyranny on Trial; an opening address by Professor M. Cherif Bassiouuni, president, International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University, and chairman, Drafting Committee, United Nations Diplomatic Conference on the International Criminal Court (ICC); and closing remarks by David J. Scheffer, ambassador at large for war crimes issues and head of the United States delegation to the UN Preparatory Commission for the ICC. Richard Dicker, director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch, has been invited to deliver a luncheon address. Justice Richard Goldstone, South African Constitutional Court, and former chief prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), will deliver a keynote address at the evening banquet.

Leila Nadya Sadat, professor of law, is chairing the conference, which is the first in a series of three workshops held on international justice in partnership with Case Western Reserve University School of Law and the New England School of Law. The conference at New England School of Law will be later in the fall of 2002, and Case Western’s conference will follow in spring 2003.

In addition to the special addresses, the conference at Washington University will feature two panel discussions.

Sadat and Stephen H. Legomsky, the Charles F. Nagel Professor of International and Comparative Law, will chair the first panel on “The Accountability Paradigm: International and Domestic Forums for the Trial of International Crimes.” Speakers include Payam Akhavan, formerly of the Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY and ICTR, addressing “The Work of the ICTY and ICTR”; Naomi Roh-Arriaza, professor of law, University of California at Hastings, on “The Exercise of Universal Jurisdiction: The Pinochet Case”; and Diane Orentlicher, director, War Crimes Research Office, and professor of law, American University, on “Uses of and Limits upon Universal Jurisdiction.” Other invited presenters are Bartram Brown, professor, ITT Chicago Kent, adviser to the government of Trinidad & Tobago, United Nations Diplomatic Conference, speaking on “The ICC”; Kelly Dawn Askin, fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, and author of War Crimes Against Women in International Law, on “Gender-Based Crimes”; and William R. Pace, convenor, NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court, on “The NGO Community and Its Importance.”

A. Peter Mutharika, Washington University professor of law, will chair the second panel on “Challenges to Prosecution: Effectiveness, Legitimacy, and Realpolitik.” Speakers will include Marieke Wierda, senior associate, New York University Center for Transitional Justice, on “Actual Approach to Justice: The Relationship between Courts and Truth Commissions”; Michael P. Scharf, professor of law, Case Western Reserve University, on “Outer Limits of Universal Jurisdiction: Congo v. Belgium”; Valerie Oosterveld, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, on “Sierra Leone”; Mark Drummel, professor of law, Washington and Lee University, on “Lessons from Rwanda”; Laurel Fletcher, professor of law, University of California at Berkeley, and associate director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, on “Lessons from Yugoslavia”; and Priscilla Hayner, program director, International Center for Transitional Justice, and author of Unspeakable Truth—Confronting State Terror and Atrocity, on “Truth Commissions.”

Promoting Justice through Interdisciplinary Teaching, Practice, and Scholarship

As part of the yearlong 30th-anniversary celebration of the School of Law’s Clinical Education Program, the program and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies will sponsor a national conference on “Promoting Justice through Interdisciplinary Teaching, Practice, and Scholarship” at the School on March 14–15, 2003.

Deborah Rhode, the Ernest W. McFarland Professor at Stanford University, is scheduled to deliver one of the keynote addresses. Among the other presenters will be Jane Aiken, professor of law and director of the
Civil Justice Clinic, Washington University; Abbe Smith, professor of law, Georgetown University; and Stephen Wizner, the William O. Douglas Clinical Professor, Yale University. The Washington University Journal of Law & Policy will publish two volumes on interdisciplinary legal education, one in fall 2002 in advance of the conference and one after the conference in fall 2003 with conference papers, responses, and working committee reports.

The 12-member national planning committee is co-chaired by Michelle Geller, social service coordinator, Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, University of Chicago; Randi Mandelbaum, director, Multidisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic, Rutgers University at Newark; and Karen Toker, director of clinical education, Washington University. Maxine Lipeles, director of the School of Law's Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, and Beth Martin, engineering and science director for the clinic, also are committee members.

**Biodiversity, Biotechnology, and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge**

On April 4-5, 2003, the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies will present a conference on “Biodiversity, Biotechnology, and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge.” Charles R. McManis, professor of law and director of the LLM Program in Intellectual Property and Technology Law, is the faculty coordinator for this conference, which will focus on the agricultural and plant aspects of the biotech revolution, including its impact on the protection of biodiversity.

The event will gather leading biological scientists, social scientists, legal scholars, national and international government officials, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations to discuss the protection of biodiversity, the protection and regulation of agricultural and plant biotechnology, and the international intellectual property implications of both, with particular attention to the protection of traditional knowledge and other intellectual property mechanisms of interest to the developing world.

Joining McManis in organizing the conference will be other Washington University faculty members and representatives from the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The conference will consist of three panels: “Biodiversity Protection,” “Protection and Regulation of Biotechnology,” and “Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge Protection.”

Roger Beachy, president of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, and Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, have been invited to deliver keynote addresses for “Protection and Regulation of Biotechnology” and “Biodiversity Protection,” respectively. Other invited participants include Per Pinstrup-Andersen, director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute; Michael Balick, director of the Institute of Economic Botany, New York Botanical Garden; Nuno Pires de Carvalho, head of the Genetic Resources, Biotechnology & Associated Traditional Knowledge Section, World Intellectual Property Organization; James Chen, professor of law, University of Minnesota; Michael Gollin, partner, Venable Law Firm, Washington, D.C., and author/editor of Biodiversity Prospecting (1993); Ursula Goodenough, professor of biology in Arts & Sciences, Washington University, and author of The Sacred Depths of Nature; Neil Hamilton, director of the Agricultural Law Center, Drake University; Calestous Juma, director of the Center for International Development, Harvard University, and former executive secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat; Kerry ten Kate, coordinator, Conventions and Policy Section, Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew; Gurdev Kush, director of the International Rice Research Institute; Joshua Rosenthal, program officer, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health; Ana Sittenfeld, associate professor, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica and director of biodiversity prospecting, National Institute of Biodiversity; and Gary H. Toenniessen, director, Food Security, Rockefeller Foundation.

McManis will teach a related course for law students on the interface between international intellectual property and environmental protection.

**Plans for 2003-04 Conferences**

Other upcoming conferences co-sponsored by the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies include the following:

- **October 2003**, “Globalization, Sovereignty, and the Social Welfare State,” centered around the phenomena of globalization, including the expansion of cross-border trade, production of goods and services via multinational corporations, movement of peoples, exchange of ideas and popular culture, flow of environmental degradation and disease, and the routine transfer of billions of dollars across borders in a nanosecond. Andrew Sobel, associate professor of political science at Washington University, is the conference coordinator.

- **Spring 2004**, “The Rule of Law,” examining how democracy and economic growth are dependent upon a society’s embrace of the law as a guiding force.

For more information on conferences, including registration materials, please see the School of Law’s Web site, law.wustl.edu. Information will be posted as it becomes available.