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Combating Human Trafficking in the NAFTA region

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Chicago-Kent College of Law is hosting a conference on Tuesday, October 14, 2004, that will bring academia, policy makers, and local activists together to discuss problems associated with combating human trafficking in the North American region.

Trafficking in human beings has become equivalent to slavery in the modern world, even though slavery itself is illegal in almost every country. Victims of human trafficking are vulnerable, isolated, and physically abused by the traffickers. They live in slave-like conditions, where they are forced to work constantly but receive no or extremely little compensation for their work. The United States has made human trafficking a priority issue since 2000, when it enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. According to the latest report from the Department of State, about 15,000 people were trafficked into the United States last year, a number that has declined steadily over the last three years. However, even with considerable efforts from the U.S. government, much remains to be done, and regional and international cooperation is the key to preventing, detecting, and eradicating human trafficking.

The conference will facilitate a dialogue between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, the countries tied together in the problem of human trafficking by their borders. Speakers from the three countries will discuss the definitions
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Chicago-Kent Welcomes Beijing LL.M. Students

Shan Liu

The Beijing LL.M. program, a collaboration between Chicago-Kent, Beijing Lawyers Association, and Peking University School of Law will bring fourteen Beijing lawyers to Chicago-Kent to earn their LL.M. degree. The program is designed to help Chinese lawyers meet new challenges in the practice of law in the global economy after China's WTO entry. In 2002, Chicago-Kent offered this program for the first time, hosting nineteen participating lawyers that year. Because of the first year's success, the Beijing Lawyers Association asked Chicago-Kent to offer the program again.

The program consists of two semesters. The first semester is taught by Chicago-Kent faculty in Beijing, China, after which the students finish their
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From left to right: Verena Knaus, UNMIK; Dr. Basim Beqaj, Kosovar Prime-Minister's office; and Prof. Andrew Wachtel, Northwestern University, at the Symposium on the Final Status for Kosovo (see article on page 5)

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Study Abroad Programs

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Chicago-Kent College of Law offers semester study abroad programs mostly in Europe as well as a summer program in Mexico City. Semester study abroad programs are open to JD students who have finished their first year and who are in good standing. Students can earn up to 16 credit hours a semester while experiencing new cultures, making new friends, and exploring the world. During the summer, with Dean Sowle's permission, students may earn up to 6 credit hours toward their degree.



The semester study abroad partner schools include two universities in Germany: Bucerius Law School in Hamburg and the University of Augsburg; the University of Trento in Italy, the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, the University of Oslo in Norway, and the Universidad Torcuado di Tella in Argentina. All of these programs offer courses in English and in the native language, and, during some programs, students may receive hands-on legal experience by applying for various externship programs. JD students can also participate in the London Law Consortium that offers a spring semester of courses in the English Legal System, Law of the European Union, and other courses

available on a semester-by-semester basis. Opportunities to study in Paris, France and Toledo, Spain are in the works.

Chicago-Kent's summer abroad program at Tec de Monterrey in Mexico City is an ABA approved program that provides students with a wonderful opportunity to travel during summer while earning credits toward their degree. Students live and study in modern buildings with the up-to-date technology while being only minutes away from historical sites of Mexico City. The program assists students with finding accommodations, either with a program-approved family or at a rental apartment. The program also includes a number of tours to historical sites.

For more information about all study abroad programs, please visit the Office of International Law and Policy on the third floor Suite 320 B.

Fall social program for international and comparative law certificate students, LL.M. students, and anyone interested in international legal issues: watch the *Record* for announcements.

Faculty News

Olena Koltko & Mohammed Saeed

Professor Vivien Gross was invited by ABA-CEELI to travel to Kosovo to help establish a law school clinic at the University of Prishtina Law School (known as the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina). Legal education at the University of Prishtina has traditionally focused on legal theory and academics. The legal clinic would be a valuable supplement to the curriculum, enabling students to develop practical skills. Students will work on both civil and criminal cases. The clinic will provide skills training to law students while at the same time providing reduced legal fee and pro bono services. Professor Gross is helping write the grant which will provide the seed money for the clinic's start-up as well as designing the clinic's structure and format. While in Kosovo, she also helped to establish a women law student's association.



Professor Vivien Gross

Professors Bartram Brown, Jonathan Decatorsmith, Phil Hablutzel, and Mary Rose Strubbe visited Beijing this summer where they taught several courses to students in the special LL.M. program in International and Comparative Law between Chicago-Kent, Peking University, and the Beijing Bar Association (see related article page 1).

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Chicago-Kent JD's in China

Staff

This summer four Chicago-Kent JD students had the opportunity to work at different law firms in China, and we have reports from three of the four that the experience was exciting, different and memorable. Carson Block started his internship with Jones Day in Shanghai late in July, so his report will appear in the next newsletter. Christine La Scala worked in Beijing for the law firm KingAll & Partners, founded by JingXu, ZhaoKan and Zangwei, all of whom graduated from the LL.M. Program at Chicago-Kent. She specialized in mergers and acquisitions and said that her experience was a "once in a life-time that allowed her to understand and appreciate Chinese culture."

Kathryn Homburger also worked with a Chicago-Kent LL.M. alum – Chen Jihong - at the Zhonglun W&D law firm, which is relatively large by Beijing standards - about 50 attorneys. The firm specializes in patent/trademark/copyright, real estate, construction, litigation, tax, corporate, including mergers and acquisitions, and Taiwan matters, and Katy assisted Chen Jihong on patent/trademark/copyright issues. Because China recently revamped these regulations to stay current with other countries (having joined the WTO in 1999), she was asked to provide insight into American legal issues dealing with this area of law, from which the firm's clients could learn. "It was extremely interesting and challenging," Katy reports. "The culture of Chinese law firms is similar to that of American law firms; my firm in particular was very technologically advanced. I did happen to notice, however, that many of the lawyers worked very independently on their cases, and interaction between attorneys was often kept to a minimum."

Besides doing legal work, Katy regularly lunched with up to 9 of her co-workers, all of whom wanted to practice their (often somewhat limited) English skills and learn about American culture. Katy also gave two lectures to members of the firm: one on American culture and one basic talk on American law. She used her time off from the firm to be a tourist in Beijing: she climbed the Great Wall, visited an imperial residence and saw performances of the Beijing Opera and Chinese acrobats. Summarizing her visit to Beijing, Katy said that "Overall, the trip was so memorable. It was challenging at times, especially not speaking the language, but so exciting to be in such a foreign culture. You can just feel the city evolving under the pressure of the upcoming Olympic Games and growing Westernization. To be able to witness that first hand was incredible. Plus, the people in general were incredibly friendly. I've traveled all over Europe and have rarely felt as welcome as I did in Beijing."

Robert C. Milla interned at the Grandall Legal Group (Beijing) one of the largest in China, under the supervision of Chicago-Kent LL.M. graduate Mr. Du Yusong, who is the Managing Partner of the firm. Robert worked on legal documents in English that needed to be checked for grammar, language and consistent use of legal concepts; he conversed with Chinese law students interning at the firm about the Chinese government and legal system, Chinese corporate and commercial law and the impact of China's entrance into the WTO; and he worked on a US \$150,000,000 loan agreement for a building project in Beijing's central business district. Robert described his work on this exciting project: "From discussions with attorneys and interns, I learned about the progress of negotiations and the roles of the parties (which ranged from commercial banks to contractors) with respect to securities, corporate and commercial law. Mr. Du Yusong asked me to revise several documents, including the loan agreement and

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Robert C. Milla with Mr. Du Yusong at the Grandall Legal Group in Beijing

Visiting Professor Besim Beqaj

Mohammed Saeed



Professor Basim Beqaj

In the fall of 2004, Dr. Besim Beqaj will join Chicago-Kent as a visiting professor of Economic Development, a subject in which he has extensive experience in his native country of Kosovo, where he serves as economic adviser to the Prime Minister. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Beqaj will conduct research in economic cooperation and integration to supplement his work in Kosovar government.

During his time at Chicago-Kent, Dr. Beqaj hopes to offer the students of Chicago-Kent insight into the socio-economic atmosphere of Eastern Europe, specifically Kosovo and Albania, by relating his role in various trade development initiatives over the past decade. "My aim [at Chicago-Kent] is to learn more about the challenges of economic cooperation and integration" says Dr. Beqaj. "I and my country will benefit from this experience, and as well I will try to share my experience with the students and with other parties interested in the region." Dr. Beqaj hopes to leverage the knowledge and experience he gains at Chicago-Kent to more effectively integrate the Kosovan trade market with that of South Eastern Europe and the European Union.

Dr. Beqaj began his education at the University of Zagreb-Croatia where he graduated in the Faculty of Economics. After completing his undergraduate studies, Dr. Beqaj attended postgraduate studies in Management and Organization in Zagreb. In pursuit of a doctorate degree, Dr. Beqaj attended Vaxjo University in Sweden and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain, where he earned a Ph.D. in Small Business Administration and Management. In addition, he earned a second Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Prishtina in Kosovo.

Dr. Beqaj, a Kosovar Albanian, has visited the United States on several occasions, including a visit to the UN headquarters in New York in 2002 with the prime minister of Kosovo. Since March 2002, Dr. Beqaj has worked with the prime minister of Kosovo as Political Advisor and Stability Pact Coordinator. In addition to his duties in Kosovar government, he lectures at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Prishtina and in the Business Faculty in Peja. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of Chicago-Kent's Operation Kosovo, meeting on a number of occasions with Chicago-Kent students in his office in Prishtina.

LL.M. Alumni Updates



Shengming Shi at the WIPO

Shengming Shi (Class of 2004) interned this summer at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the UN headquarters. His duties included attending and briefing the UN meetings in order to edit the *UN Weekly*, an in-house issue of the summary of UN meetings. He also made weekly presentations regarding recent intellectual property news happening in the US. Shengming Shi reports that "the best thing I think WIPO gave me is the access to get an inside picture of the UN system."

There are six principal organs in the UN system, namely the Trusteeship Council, the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the

International Court of Justice and the Secretariat. WIPO, one of the sixteen specialized agencies of
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Symposium on Final Status for Kosovo

Olena Koltko

On April 16-17, 2004, the Chicago-Kent College of Law held a symposium on the final status for Kosovo. The symposium brought together distinguished academics and policy makers from across the political spectrum in Kosovo to explore legal and policy issues connected with Kosovo's anticipated transition from a "political trusteeship" under the authority of the United Nations to a more conventional status in international law. The symposium was convened by Professors Henry Perritt of Chicago-Kent College of Law and Andrew Wachtel of Northwestern University.

The symposium presented participants with an opportunity to thoroughly analyze the myriad questions concerning the final status for Kosovo. The views and positions presented by the participants were synthesized into a report prepared by Professors Perritt and Wachtel, which identifies the expectations of the different groups involved in Kosovo, evaluates these expectations, and recommends negotiations between the interested parties as the only way to achieve a meaningful settlement. The report is available on line at <http://operationkosovo.kentlaw.edu>. The individual articles prepared by some symposium speakers analyzing particular problems related to the final status for Kosovo will be included in an upcoming issue of the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

Faculty News (Cont'd)

From January 16th to July 31st of 2004 **Professor Bartram S. Brown** was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge, UK. During the semester, Professor Brown presented papers at University College in London, the University of California, Davis School of Law, and at Chicago-Kent College of Law. In April, Professor Brown taught a course on International Law at Peking University in China, as part of the joint Chicago-Kent/Beijing Bar Association LL.M. program, and in June, Professor Brown lectured in Almaty, Kazakhstan on fair trial rights under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Finally, in July, Professor Brown taught part of the annual summer course on the International Criminal Court at the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the Irish National University, Galway.

In February, **Professor Dan Tarlock** traveled to Bishkek in the Kyrgyz Republic to take part in a NATO sponsored work shop on integrated water resource management in the Aral Sea basin. He also attended a meeting in Mexico City of the Special Legal Advisors to the Submissions Unit of the tri-national Commission on Environmental Cooperation.

Professor Nancy Marder spent Spring 2004 in London writing a book on the jury (to be published by Foundation Press, 2004). She also presented a paper on "12 Angry Men" at the Fifth Global Conference on Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness in Prague, Czech Republic and two papers on the jury at the Annual Meeting of the Socio-Legal Studies Association in Glasgow, Scotland.

Professor David Gerber was a visiting fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in the spring as well as a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute on Public Goods in Bonn, Germany. He lectured at Princeton and at the Institute for Advanced Study in Political Science in Paris. He also gave talks and papers at conferences in Paris and in Bonn and Marburg in Germany, and Trento and Florence in Italy.

Professor Sarah Harding put together a new comparative law course in the Spring of 2004 and she is working on a paper exploring the nature of judicial reasoning in an increasingly global climate.



Professor Bartram Brown

If you would like to hear about a particular international legal issue, please let us know and we will try to produce a story on it. Also, if you would like to write an article for the Globetrotter, we would be happy to include your work in the next issue. Contact Mohammed Saeed at msaeed@kentlaw.edu.

If you are interested in volunteering to help on future events, or just want to get involved, please contact our office. Students are needed to aid in both administrative tasks and with various related projects, such as researching and writing on an issue.

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Human Trafficking Conference (Cont'd)

of human trafficking and the scope of the problem as well as the efforts of governmental and non-governmental organizations to combat this problem. The goal of the conference is to produce recommendations on how the U.S., Canada, and Mexico can improve their cooperation and increase both collaborative and individual efforts to combat human trafficking in the North American region. At the end of the conference, the Office of International Law and Policy will host a cocktail reception and a showing of the film "Spartan" to benefit the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, a local NGO that works with victims of human trafficking.

Both the conference and the evening benefit are open to all members of the Chicago-Kent Community. For more information or to purchase a ticket for the benefit, please contact Olena Koltko at okoltko@kentlaw.edu.

Beijing Students (Cont'd)

degrees at Chicago-Kent. In China, the students take several intensive two-week courses offered for three to four hours a day. This year, Professor Jonathan Decatorsmith taught the first course, *Introduction to the American Legal System*, in March 2004. Professor Philip N. Hablutzel taught the second course, *International Business Transaction*, in April. The students later took two courses on *International Law* and *Legal Research and Drafting*, offered by Professors Bartram S. Brown and Professor Mary Rose Strubbe, respectively. The fourteen lawyers from Beijing will take upper-level courses in Chicago-Kent's curriculum this fall. They will also have specially scheduled visits to courts, law firms, corporate headquarters and financial markets before they finish their studies in December.

JD's In China (Cont'd)

relevant guarantees and pledges, before he submitted the final versions to the parties for signing." Robert reported that the attorneys and staff at Grandall Legal Group were extremely kind to him and whether it was an invitation to lunch or an offer to help learn Mandarin, they welcomed him warmly. "Even trivial tasks have become exciting

" Robert says. "Grocery shopping, eating local cuisine such as Peking duck (sorry no General Tsao's Chicken), attempting to speak Mandarin, cramming into a subway car and just walking about to see what is around the next corner. I have learned the skill of crossing streets (possibly the most dangerous activity here) and dealt with shrinking my personal space (especially on subways and elevators). Whether it is the chaos of crossing the street or witnessing the striking view of the Forbidden City from Jingshan Park, Beijing's differences are something to behold."

LL.M. Alumni Updates (Cont'd)

the Economic and Social Council, is dedicated to promoting the use and protection of intellectual property. It also administers twenty-three international treaties dealing with different aspects of intellectual property protection. During the UN meetings that he attended, Shengming Shi got a chance to meet with the distinguished ambassador from China. In summing up his experience, Shengming Shi commented, "the intern experience will definitely be beneficial to the rest of my career."

Sabine Weyergraf (Class of 2004) characterizes her experience at Chicago-Kent as an "LL.M. success story." Graduating from the International and Comparative Law LL.M. program with Honors, Sabine is now working in one of the largest immigration law firms in Florida as a paralegal. By next summer, she hopes to have passed the bar and gotten her H-1 B license, at which point she hopes to be promoted to an attorney position within the firm. It was hard work finding the position: she sent out many, many resumes. However, her patience paid off when she was granted an interview with the senior partner, Peter J. Jaensch, at the firm. She flew down to Florida to meet with Mr. Jaensch and he hired her that very day.

Sabine enjoys working with the attorneys at the firm, describing them as both friendly and helpful. She is learning a lot about immigration law and thinks the work is both practical and creative. Sabine attributes her success to her education from Chicago-Kent, as it has helped her achieve her goals. She summed up her American experience with "So in the end, I not only came, I also made it!"

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