

# **Global Law Scholars 2011-2012**

## **Class of 2014**

### **Andrew Adelman**

Andrew Adelman graduated with High Honors from the University of California, Berkeley in 2010 with dual degrees in Public Health and Development Studies and a minor in Arabic. While at Berkeley, he studied in Jordan and volunteered teaching English at a Girls High School. While in college, he worked with an international NGO that provides tertiary medical care facilities in the developing world, providing project assistance to multiple international efforts in Armenia, Honduras, and Africa. Upon graduation, Andrew received the American Jewish World Service World Partners Fellowship to work in rural India for 11 months with HALO Medical Foundation, an NGO providing primary medical care and women's empowerment programs to rural communities. Although interested in a wide range of international legal issues, he is looking forward to exploring the relationship between international development and health. Andrew speaks Arabic and conversational Marathi.

### **Khaled Alrabe**

Khaled graduated from Harvard College in the fall of 2010 with a degree in government and a minor in environmental science and public policy. He later went on to obtain a master's degree in comparative politics from the London School of Economics. Khaled is interested in human rights and democratic reform in the Middle East, as well as the development of transnational commercial law in the Persian Gulf region. A Kuwaiti national, he has helped run an ongoing NGO project aimed at improving the rights of Kuwait's migrant domestic workers. Additionally, he has interned at the Kuwait Mission to the United Nations and the Foreign Ministry of Kuwait. He has also worked for the Internet and Democracy project at Harvard's Berkman Center, where he analyzed pro-democracy blogs from all over the Arab world. Between his undergraduate studies and his time in London, Khaled interned at an international law firm, SNR Denton, and discovered his interest in private international law, particularly international arbitration. At LSE, Khaled focused his research on the development of democracy in Kuwait in the 1930s. He is a native Arabic speaker and has acquired proficiency in German through coursework in college and Berlin.

### **Katie Bacharach**

Katie graduated from the University of Virginia in 2007 with a BA in Foreign Affairs and a minor in Global Cultures and Commerce. While at UVa, Katie participated in an international relations and human rights study abroad program in Geneva, Switzerland and was an active member of UVa's chapters of Amnesty International and the community service fraternity, APO. She also interned at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva, at Amnesty International in Washington,

DC and at Human Rights Watch in New York. After graduating, Katie joined the U.S. Peace Corps as an Environment Volunteer in Madagascar. She spent her first year in Madagascar working largely with subsistence farmers to improve agricultural techniques but her service was interrupted when a coup d'état forced the suspension of the Peace Corps program. A few months later she was selected to be one of eleven volunteers to return to Madagascar and reopen the Peace Corps program. Once back in Madagascar, Katie spent a year working in cooperation with an American NGO to improve the functionality of a small community-based forest management association, develop an environmental education program and improve an ecotourism project and forest restoration project. Katie then extended her service for six months in order to work with a local Malagasy NGO as a supervisor for their environment projects and for a women's and children's rights project. Katie is fluent in Malagasy and has a basic understanding of French. She intends to pursue a career in international human rights.

### **Jonis A.C. Belu-John**

Jonis graduated from Hobart College with a bachelor of arts in political science and French, minoring in African studies. During his undergraduate career, Jonis was an involved student leader as student trustee, and president of the Sankofa Black Student Union. As a junior in college, Jonis also spent a semester abroad in Senegal studying modern African politics and economics at the Cheik Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal. While there, Jonis co-authored a photo documentary about the plight of orphaned street children - known locally as *Talibé* - in Senegal. This research led to the creation of a small non-profit organization that advocated for the rights of abused children in Senegal, and worldwide. After graduation in 2004, Jonis began working at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, DC, as a paralegal. In that role, Jonis was able to work on an array of cases including as a translator and aid to a Cameroonian native seeking political asylum in America. In the summer of 2010, Jonis left Kirkland and began teaching English in Osaka, Japan with the Japanese Exchange Teaching (JET) Program. As an educator, Jonis not only taught high school English, but also international cooperation and linguistic appreciation to his students and the greater Osaka community through community workshops and volunteer activities. Jonis is fluent in French and Krio, and conversational in Spanish and Japanese.

### **Alexandra (Lexie) Calistri**

Alexandra (Lexie) graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2010. As an undergrad she studied in Sicily and Florence, where she interned at a private Italian law firm. Lexie returned to Italy to spend the year following graduation teaching on a Fulbright Scholarship. The summer prior to starting at Georgetown, she graduated with a Masters of Art in Italian from Middlebury College. In addition to Italian, she has studied Latin and Spanish. She is specifically interested in international criminal law.

### **Anne Marie Carson**

Anne Marie Carson took her first step toward becoming a Global Law Scholar as a junior in high school by boarding a plane to Uberaba, Brazil for a year long Rotary Youth Exchange. During this experience she used a background in Spanish to develop Portuguese fluency and a keen interest in global interconnectedness. Spring 2009, Anne Marie graduated *magna cum laude* from Grand Valley State University (Allendale, Michigan) with a double major in International Relations and French and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Anne Marie's extensive undergraduate international experience includes two weeks of research on Holocaust remembrance in Germany and Poland, three month French language intensive program and internship at Oxfam France in Paris, a semester at the Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers (ESSCA) with coursework in French on International Relations, Trade and Economics, and a summer study abroad partnership with the American University of Cairo. In March of 2009, Anne Marie was a participant in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Practicum in Advocacy at the United Nations 53<sup>rd</sup> Convention on the Status of Women. Anne Marie's International Relations Capstone Thesis was on the International Legal Evolution of Genocide. Upon completing her undergraduate degree, Anne Marie returned to France as a pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher. Anne Marie's diverse international experiences have fostered a focus on International Economic and Trade Law.

### **Ellsa Rui Chen**

Ellsa Chen joins the GLS program from Shenzhen, China, where she had lived before going to Georgetown University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Japanese. As a native speaker of Mandarin, Cantonese and several other Chinese dialects, she is also fluent in Japanese. She spent her junior year of college in the exchange program to Waseda, Japan and traveled to other parts of the country. As a part of the university's Honors program, she completed a thesis on paradigm shifts on studies of Japanese litigation rates in the last three decades based on her research conducted both in Japan and in the US and won the Mitsubishi Award for undergraduate studies of Japan. She also spent three of her college summers in Japan to polish her language and to gain experience in industries hotel management and commercial banking. Ellsa has a broad interest in international legal issues, but hopes to pursue a career closely tied to Asia upon receiving her J.D. degree.

### **Wen-Chuan Dai**

Wen-Chuan Dai hails from New Hampshire and concentrated in English at Brown-- spending her junior abroad at Oxford and graduating Brown with Honors in Expository Writing. She spent the year after college researching public education about the Nanjing Massacre as a Fulbright Scholar to China, thereafter earning her masters in East Asian Studies at Yale. She has trained professionally in modern dance at The Ailey School in New York City and has also worked as a legal assistant in immigration.

She recently assisted an attorney at The Door-- a New York nonprofit, in providing legal consultation to Chinese youth brought to the U.S. via the, 'Snakehead' international trafficking ring. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and is interested in comparative U.S.-China law.

### **Elizabeth Gibson**

Elizabeth has worked as a professional journalist for three years and now plans to pursue a career in international human rights law with a particular interest in refugee and humanitarian emergencies. Some of her stories chronicling humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti and Myanmar have been posted on the United Nations' ReliefWeb, and her works have been published in newspapers in the United States, Germany, China, Thailand and India among others. She interned with Agence France-Presse in Bangkok in 2008, after attending a seminar on international issues at Sciences Po Paris. Since then, she has worked at The Columbus Dispatch, where her articles covered topics ranging from local government and court issues to bodysnatching and extortion in Haiti and banking regulations blocking Somali refugees from sending remittances to Africa. Elizabeth earned both a bachelor's and master's degree within four years at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and graduated at the top of her master's class in 2008. During her master's program, she held a U.S. Senate Press Pass and covered the Pentagon for the Medill News Service. She attended former President George W. Bush's final State of the Union address as a reporter. Although her primary second language is French, Elizabeth also has studied bits of Arabic, Japanese and Spanish.

### **Kirsten A. Harmon**

Kirsten Harmon comes to the Law Center after spending the past two years working for the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, a non-governmental organization based in Costa Rica, where she has focused on raising awareness of the human security impacts of the arms trade and promoting arms control mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels. In that capacity she has advised the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations in the negotiations of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), as well as in the revision of the United Nations Instrument for the Reporting of Military Expenditures. Kirsten graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *Summa Cum Laude* from Georgetown University in 2009, receiving a BA in Comparative Literature with a certificate in Latin American Studies and a minor in French. She completed a thesis in comparative literature exploring the concept of a "Global South" in the fiction of William Faulkner and Gabriel García Márquez which received the Georgetown Comparative Literature Department Award and the 2010 American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) Undergraduate Presidential Prize, as well as a Latin American Studies thesis examining transitional justice in post-Pinochet Chile. Upon graduating from Georgetown University, Kirsten also received the Katherine Kraft Medal for her commitment to social justice. Though she hails from Northern California, travel is among Kirsten's greatest passions, particularly in Latin America where she also studied at the Universidad Católica in Valparaíso, Chile. She is fluent in Spanish, and has also studied Portuguese and French.

### **Alexander Kamel**

Alexander graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Texas Pan American in 2010 with a B.A. in Political Science and a special focus on business administration. During his senior year, Alexander became a Bill Archer Fellow and interned for the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. This experience further developed his interest in politics, and he intends to pursue a career in public service. After graduation, Alexander moved to Austin, TX to work as an officer of the Texas House of Representatives. Growing up in Mexico City, Alexander developed an interest in legal issues as they relate to international corporate business. Alexander has spent most of the past six years living and studying in the Rio Grande Valley along the US-Mexico border. His first language is Spanish, and he is also proficient in French. He enjoys international travel, exploring new foods, art, and playing tennis. Alexander looks forward to joining the Global Law Scholars community this fall."

### **Shelby Leighton**

Shelby joins the Law Center after working as a Research Associate for the Middle East and Southeast Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). While at CFR she conducted research for two books, one on trends in global democracy and one on the Middle East during the Cold War, as well as numerous articles, including an article she co-authored for the *Boston Globe*. She graduated *cum laude* in 2009 with a BA in International Relations and Psychology from Claremont McKenna College. Her senior honor thesis, *A Context for Peace: Domestic Assumptions and the Camp David II Negotiations*, won the award for best senior thesis in International Relations. During college, she studied abroad in Amman, Jordan, where she conducted independent field research on national and religious identity. She also worked at the regional offices of Seeds of Peace in Tel Aviv and Ramallah, planning programming, classes, and social events for Israeli and Palestinian teenagers, and was an intern at the Embassy of Jordan, the American Islamic Congress, and CFR's International Institutions and Global Governance program. While at Claremont McKenna, Shelby founded a Model United Nations team that grew to over thirty members attending four national conferences per year, worked as a research assistant at the Center for Human Rights Leadership, and served on the executive board of the international relations society. She is proficient in Spanish and Arabic and conversational in Hebrew. She is interested in International Law with a focus on conflict resolution and international organizations.

### **Greta Mattessich**

Greta is pursuing the MSFS-JD dual degree at Georgetown. During undergraduate years, she studied abroad at the University of León in León, Spain, and at Yunnan Normal University in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China. She earned her B.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Vermont in 2009, graduating *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. Her Honors thesis, entitled "Expressions of Ancient Chinese Poetry," was a collection of fictional works based on ancient Chinese poems, permitting her to indulge her creative side while analyzing ancient Chinese literature. After graduation, Greta moved to Cape May County, New Jersey, where she co-founded a communications firm serving

municipalities and other entities, providing assistance in project management, internal communications, and media relations. Greta speaks Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, and enjoys Bikram yoga, piano, and chess. She is interested in Chinese law and international trade policy. As a prelude to her first year in the joint degree program, this summer she is spending a month brushing up on Mandarin Chinese and martial arts at Siping Shaolin Martial Arts Academy in northern China.

### **Damian Privitera**

Damian received his BA from Wesleyan University in 2011 where he pursued a double major in Government and French Studies with a Certificate in International Relations. He has interned in the New York State Executive Chamber and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority working on economic recovery and residential energy policy respectively. Damian spent the fall of his junior year studying at Reid Hall and the Collège Internationale de Philosophie in Paris. Most recently, he worked as a TOEFL instructor, preparing international students for their own studies abroad. His language is French and his interests range from international criminal law and transitional justice to international environmental law and beyond.

### **Rachel Rosenfeld**

Rachel has lived in Washington, DC for two years while working with the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice as an honors paralegal specialist in Environmental Enforcement. Rachel volunteers with the DC Bar/Bread for the City in a free legal clinic and participates in EcoWomen DC and a Portuguese Language Club. Before moving to DC, Rachel worked with Fragomen LLP, an international immigration law firm, in London, UK. In addition to working with US and UK corporate immigration law, Rachel pursued a business diploma with Cambridge University in Cambridge, UK as a Mountbatten Fellow. Rachel graduated Cum Laude in 2008 from Claremont McKenna College as a McKenna Achievement Award Merit Scholar with an honors thesis in International Relations and a focus on Latin American Studies. At Claremont, Rachel worked as a Teaching Assistant at Harvey Mudd College and Joint Sciences in Energy and the Environment. She also worked in the Development Office, fundraising for student scholarships. Rachel was a founding member of the Rotaract Claremont Colleges Chapter, an editor for the Forum newspaper, President of the Student Alumni Relations Committee, and participated in the International Relations Society. During her undergraduate time she underwent summer and semester study abroad programs in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil at Universidade Federal da Bahia, and in São Paulo, Brazil at Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo. While in São Paulo, Rachel interned with the Brazilian Leadership Institute as a summer research Kravis Leadership Fellow studying community leadership. She also worked as a Keck International Strategic Studies Fellow and McKenna International Fellow summer intern and translator with Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados, a corporate Portuguese law firm, in Lisbon, Portugal. Her languages include advanced Portuguese and Spanish. She is interested in international environmental law, with a focus in clean air and energy sources. Rachel loves to travel, and has spent a few months over the past three years

travelling in Europe, the Middle East, and Northern Africa. She plans to continue to travel, study, and work abroad during her time at GULC.

### **Steven Seigel**

Steven Seigel comes to Georgetown after working for nearly seven years in the field of international economic development. After graduating from Williams College in 2004 with a B.A. in political science and English literature, he spent a year teaching middle and high school students at the Bilkent University Preparatory School in Ankara, Turkey. He returned to Washington, D.C. in 2005 to work as a researcher at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Post Conflict Reconstruction Project, where he analyzed methods of engaging youth to improve safety and security in post-conflict societies. Thereafter, Steve joined DAI, a Bethesda-based consultancy that implements economic and social development projects on behalf of the United States Agency for International Development. Focusing predominantly on programming aimed at improving democratic governance and strengthening public sector institutions in post-conflict countries, Steve designed and supported a range of decentralization, anti-corruption, and justice-sector reform projects worldwide. Most recently, he helped design and set up a large-scale municipal governance project serving Afghanistan's Eastern, Western, and Northern provinces, working with mayors and civil servants to improve the quality and availability of urban services. He is proficient in Spanish, and possesses a basic knowledge of Turkish.

### **Robert D. Stewart**

Robert comes to us from Ohio University's Linguistics Department, where he was full-time visiting faculty in the English Language Improvement Program (2007-2011). During that time he completed his MA in linguistics (2008) and presented several papers on technology and pedagogy at international conferences. In 2009 Robert translated hundreds of original documents into German for a documentation of German-American relations since 9/11. (published as *Konsens, Krise und Konflikt* by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education). From 2005-2007 Robert lived in Leipzig as a graduate student (studying linguistics, language pedagogy, and translation sciences) and language consultant. He there worked with a variety of clients, training professionals from companies such as Telekom, Hochtief, and Schenker in English for Specific Purposes (e.g., law, accounting, logistics, IT, engineering). Robert also translated and edited articles and documents for publication for clients such as *The Financial Times: Germany*, /SEIBERT//MEDIA, and the Beilstein Institute. From 2003-2004 Robert was an instructor for German language and culture at the Ohio University-Leipzig European Center; during that time he translated research reports for publication for a research group funded by IBM, Ecco, and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. From 2001-2003 Robert was a TA in Austria through the Fulbright-affiliated Austrian-American Education Commission. Robert graduated *cum laude* from the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University in 2001 (history and German major certificate). He spent 1999-2000 at the University of Leipzig studying history and German literature. His honors thesis examined the Holocaust denier David Irving's libel trial in London.

**Meher Talib**

Meher Talib holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with a concentration in Culture, Gender and Global Issues from the University of Southern California and a Master of Science in Global Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She joins the Global Law Scholars at Georgetown University Law Center with experience at the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Malaysia and a non-profit organization, the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. In 2008, Talib received a Fulbright grant to research the social significance of urban female vocal artists in Morocco and a Critical Language Scholarship to study Arabic also in Morocco. She is interested in international law relating to migration. Talib wrote her masters dissertation on the international refugee regime. She also co-authored "What Do Global Migrants Rights Agendas Have to Learn from History? A Six-Case, 30-Year Analysis of International Norm Development." Talib speaks Arabic, Spanish, French and Urdu in varying degrees of fluency.

**Zoe Lynn Turrill**

In 2009, Zoe Lynn Turrill graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude from the University of Denver with a double major in International Studies and Spanish. After studying abroad in Granada, Spain in 2007 she worked as a peer advisor for her university's Office of Internationalization. In 2008 she spent time in Bosnia working to create a sustainable peace process by bringing together children from different ethnic groups in the same classroom. Later, she and her co-chair of the Sustainability Committee were honored by now Colorado Governor Hickenlooper with the official declaration of a day of celebration in recognition of their work to bring Bike Sharing to Denver. As an environmental organizer in Montana she directed a summer canvass office to protect Glacier National Park from oil and gas drilling. Her team broke the all time fundraising record for an office in Montana; raising over \$111,000. In her spare time, Zoe enjoys traveling, hiking, backpacking, and, above all, skiing.

**Quan Zhou**

Recently, Quan Zhou received a Master of Laws in Civil and Commercial Law from China University of Political Science and Law. As a student, Quan was allowed to join in his tutor's research project, sponsored by China Law Society, to conduct a twelve-month comparative research on special rules for insolvency of financial institutions, endeavoring to build corresponding mechanism in China's financial market. Based on the research, Quan completed his senior thesis entitled "Basel II and Corporate Governance of China's Commercial Banks", which was designed to improve the corporate governance of China's commercial banks. In 2009, Quan interned at the Supreme People's Court of China, where he assisted the Judge in reviewing retrial applications. Quan also worked as an intern on the European Team in "The EU-China Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR2)", where he helped to organize international seminars and workshops to enhance the protection of intellectual property rights in China. Most recently, Quan spent three months as a legal intern at Morrison & Foerster LLP, where he

advised foreign clients on legal issues encountered in their investment in China. In 2008, Quan graduated with a Bachelor of History in world history from Peking University in China. Quan is a native Chinese speaker and he's particularly interested in comparative law and conflict resolution.

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### **Marnie Ajello**

Marnie holds a bachelor of arts in Russian and French literature from Cornell University. Since graduating in 2006, she has endeavored to spend as much time as possible in the former Soviet Union. After finding work as a research assistant on a salmon ecology project in Kamchatka, she spent two years in Ukraine, teaching English as a Peace Corps volunteer. Last year she received an NSEP fellowship to participate in the Overseas Russian Flagship Program in St. Petersburg. Marnie is proficient in French and speaks Russian at the advanced level. She has a broad interest in international legal issues, but hopes her eventual career as a lawyer will be closely tied to the Russian-speaking world.

### **Zach Bench**

Zach comes to the Law Center after serving in the Peace Corps in Guinea, West Africa. He spent nearly 2 years there, but was forced to leave a few months early after political unrest destabilized the country. Zach was a Small Enterprise Development volunteer in the town of Kissidougou, Guinea, where he worked closely with several local Microfinance NGOs to develop strategies to improve the placement of their limited capital and increase the effectiveness of their loans by linking them with simultaneous business and budgeting trainings. He also worked to extend access to financial services to those without the means to enter the formal banking system by helping to create 12 Village Savings and Loan Associations in surrounding villages with farmer's and women's groups to provide a framework for collective saving and lending in their communities. His last major project was to develop and facilitate a 3-day Community Leadership Conference with 30 participants from towns and villages throughout the Eastern region of Guinea. During the conference the participants and facilitators shared knowledge and best-practices about project-planning, women's education, public health, and guiding development work. Zach graduated from The George Washington University in 2007 with a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy and a minor in Economics. During his time at George Washington, he spent a year studying at University College in London, England. He is interested in private international law and trade policy. He is fluent in (African) French and conversant in Malinke.

### **Valentina Castillo**

Valentina spent her 1L summer as a legal intern at Pemex and as a summer clerk at Sirote & Permut in Birmingham, Alabama. While at Pemex, she researched issues of sovereign immunity both in English and American courts. In addition, she assisted Pemex's

International Legal Department in preparing letters of intent and additional documents for various transnational transactions. As a summer clerk at Sirote, she worked on issues ranging from conservation easements, employer liability, and Alabama estate laws. Prior to coming to the Law Center, Valentina graduated from Columbia University with a major in Economics. During her undergraduate career, she studied abroad at L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and interned in Brussels at the European Renewable Energies Federation where she became familiar with the key players and legislation in the European Union renewable energy field. In addition, she interned at the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Valentina grew up in a Spanish speaking home in Alabama and speaks French in addition to Spanish. Given the time, she would love to learn an additional language.

### **Ekta Dharia**

Ekta spent her 1L summer as a legal intern for Judge Kimba Wood in the Southern District of New York, where she assisted in drafting memoranda and opinions for the court. Ekta graduated cum laude from Duke University in 2008. She received high honors and graduated with distinction from her major, Environmental Sciences and Policy, after completing a senior thesis entitled "Engaging the Kimberley Process and the UN Global Compact in the PostWar Democratic Republic of the Congo." While at Duke, Ekta studied in Costa Rica for a semester, volunteered with NGOs in Malawi and India, and participated in the Jeddah Economic Forum in Saudi Arabia. She also interned at the United Nations office in Washington, DC. After graduation, Ekta received the William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India to assist Navsarjan, a human rights organization focused on legal issues surrounding the "untouchable" (Dalit) caste in Western India. Ekta is proficient in Spanish and speaks conversational Gujarati. She plans to pursue a career in international human rights law.

### **Ryan Maen-Jamal Farha**

Ryan is a second-year student in the Global Law Scholars program. He is supplementing his studies by externing in the Fraud Section of the Department of Justice. After his first year of law school, he worked as a summer associate at Miles & Stockbridge, a law firm in his hometown of Baltimore. Prior to entering law school, Ryan was a Fulbright scholar in Morocco and worked at an investigation firm, the James Mintz Group. He graduated from Vanderbilt University *Phi Beta Kappa* with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Ryan speaks French and Arabic and has worked or studied in France, Lebanon, Germany, Tunisia, and Morocco.

### **Alexandra V. Filippova**

Alexandra (Sasha) Filippova is pursuing a JD-MSFS degree at the Law Center and the Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she is a candidate for the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies. During this academic year, Sasha is working at the Bureau of Consular Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and as a student attorney at the Center for Applied Legal Studies asylum clinic. This past summer, she was a legal

associate at the Cambodia Justice Initiative, a project of the Open Society Justice Initiative monitoring the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia. During her 1L year, Sasha was an associate with the Georgetown Human Rights Institute where she helped draft a chapter on using the UN system for human rights advocacy for a practitioner manual. In her first year of graduate studies, Sasha worked as a research intern at the Council on Foreign Relations and spent her first summer as a Programme Analyst with the Peacebuilding Office / UN Peacebuilding Fund Secretariat in Liberia, assisting with medium- and long-term strategic planning, conflict mapping, and monitoring and evaluation of projects. Sasha is a staff member of the Georgetown Journal of International Law and a board member of the Georgetown International Arbitration Society. Sasha's professional and academic interests include conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction, with a particular focus on transitional justice, rule of law, and human rights. Having grown up in Moscow, she speaks fluent Russian, is proficient in French, and is learning Spanish. Sasha loves to travel (with a camera at her side), explore new foods, dance salsa, and play squash.

### **Sarah Fink**

Sarah is from San Diego and has extensive work and travel experience in Latin America. Most recently, she worked in Matagalpa, Nicaragua with American Jewish World Service and Fundación Denis Ernesto Gonzalez Lopes, a non-governmental organization that promotes and teaches sustainable agricultural practices in an effort to increase access to food in rural Nicaraguan communities. Sarah also worked for the Woodrow Wilson Center's Latin America Program where she researched democratic reform and citizen security. Sarah graduated *magna cum laude* from George Washington University in 2007 with a major in International Affairs and concentrations in Latin America, International Development, and Conflict and Security. Sarah also attended university in Buenos Aires where she studied Argentine human rights issues. Sarah would like to study international trade and its intersection with global food security issues. She is fluent in Spanish and conversational in Hebrew.

### **Ashley Gaillard**

Ashley graduated cum laude from the University of Florida in 2009. In three years, she completed a double major in History and French, with minors in Russian and Business Administration. Through her French studies, Ashley earned her Diplôme de Français des Affaires from the Paris Chamber of Commerce in 2007. She also studied abroad in Moscow at the Russian State University for the Humanities during the summer of 2008. She has worked with the Guardian ad Litem program in Gainesville as a volunteer advocate for children in the dependency court system. Ashley graduated with her Master's degree in International Business from the University of Florida in 2010. Her thesis project analyzed the competitive profile and corporate strategies of Russia's largest private oil company, Lukoil. She returned to Russia with the UF MBA Program on a study tour, which examined the growth and development of Russian business and capital markets. This past summer, Ashley worked in the International Migration Law Unit at the International Organization for Migration in Geneva, Switzerland. She is currently

involved in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic, where she is working on litigation challenging discriminatory provisions of Kenya's inheritance laws, and in the International Migrants' Bill of Rights project at Georgetown. Ashley's foreign languages are French, Russian, and beginning Spanish and her legal interests include project finance and the intersection of human rights and development.

### **Thayer Hardwick**

Thayer spent her 1L summer working at International Rights Advocates in Quito, Ecuador, where she worked on issues related to multinational corporate accountability litigation. Prior to law school, Thayer spent four years working in the non-profit sector in Washington, DC. At the Inter-American Dialogue, a think tank for Western Hemisphere affairs, her work focused on women's involvement in politics and press freedom in Latin America, particularly in Mexico and Colombia. She then spent a summer at the Harvard School of Public Health studying global health delivery before moving to BIO Ventures for Global Health, where she advocated for greater biotech involvement in research and development for neglected diseases. Thayer graduated from Yale University in 2006, where she majored in history and received the Andrew D. White Prize in History for her senior thesis on the Nicaraguan Literacy Crusade of 1980. She has spent time abroad in Nicaragua, Cuba, and Paraguay. Her language is Spanish.

### **Frederick Gaston Hall**

Frederick graduated from Princeton University *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* in 2009, majoring in History and minoring in Chinese Language and Culture. His undergraduate thesis compared two Chinese constitutions in the context of the Civil War period. In 2010, he graduated from Harvard University with a master's from the Regional Studies – East Asia program. His master's thesis studied China's interaction with other states on security issues in the ASEAN Regional Forum by studying the annual reports submitted to the Forum. This past summer, Frederick served as an extern in the Chambers of the Honorable Sandra S. Beckwith, Senior U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. He currently serves as the Logistics Director for the Appellate Advocacy division of Georgetown's Barristers' Council and is a member of the Georgetown Journal of International Law.

### **Hilary Harris**

Hilary Harris spent this past summer in Sierra Leone, providing free legal services and education in rural areas with the organization Timap for Justice. Before joining the Georgetown Law community, she interned with The Hunger Project, an international development organization dedicated to ending world hunger, and served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. Hilary graduated *magna cum laude* and Alpha Eta Mu Beta Honors in 2007 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) with a degree in Bioengineering. During her undergraduate time she underwent summer study abroad programs at the University of Technology in Compiegne, France as well as the East Stroudsburg

University in Grudig, Austria. Her languages include advanced proficiency in Swahili, and conversational Kipare, Spanish and French. She is interested in a variety of areas of international law including litigation, investor-state arbitration, and project finance.

### **Dina Jerebitski**

Dina is currently pursuing her JD-MPH degree at the Law Center and Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received her undergraduate degree with distinction from the University of Virginia in 2010, where she majored in Biology and Foreign Affairs, with a minor in French. During her time at UVa, she spent a semester studying politics and language in Lyon, France. In addition to having a fair command of the French language, Dina is fluent in Russian, having immigrated to the United States at the age of five. She has interned at a microbiology research laboratory, the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence, and the science and technology consulting company Battelle. Her interests focus on global health, as well as biological warfare security and relations between Russia and the US.

### **Mia Psorn**

Mia spent her 1L summer in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, interning for the Boston Center for International Justice and, on an *ad hoc* basis, for the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she worked on issues related to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University in 2007 with honors in International Relations. Her honors thesis analyzed the evolution of international humanitarian law in prosecuting sexual violence committed during conflicts, with Bosnia and Herzegovina as a case study. Before her junior year, she spent half the summer interning in the chambers of Hon. Judge Richard Berman in the U.S. District Court for the SDNY, and the other half of the summer improving her Italian language skills at the Accademia Europea di Firenze in Florence, Italy. From Florence, she moved to Paris, France, where she spent her junior year. Prior to starting at Georgetown University Law Center, Mia worked for two years at Human Rights Watch as an associate in the International Justice Program. Afterward, she spent nine months in Zagreb, Croatia, as a Fulbright fellow researching war crimes trials conducted by the Croatian judiciary. She investigated what improvements had been made over the past two decades and what shortcomings still remained. At Georgetown, she is on the staff of the *Georgetown Journal of International Law*. She is also currently a student lawyer in Georgetown's International Women's Human Rights Clinic, where she is working on challenging the constitutionality of unequal inheritance rights of Muslim women in Kenya. Mia is a native Bosnian speaker, fluent in French, and proficient in Italian. She is interested in human rights and international criminal law, and is pursuing Georgetown's Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies Certificate.

### **Justin Schwegel**

Justin comes to the GLS Program from Minnesota State University Moorhead where he received a bachelor's degree in political science and cultural anthropology in the spring

of 2007. Following a brief internship with Congressman Jim Oberstar Justin moved to the Fouta Djallon Highlands of Guinea, West Africa where he served the United States Peace Corps for two years. As a public health volunteer he conducted trainings in topics ranging from nutrition and vaccination to malaria prevention and female genital mutilation. Justin also provided oversight for mosquito net distributions and taught English to local high school students in a combination of French and Fulani, both of which he speaks at an advanced level. After spending two months teaching French in Northern Minnesota, Justin volunteered in Chimbote, Peru for a Los Amigos del Padre Juan, a Catholic aid organization. While in Peru, Justin taught urban agricultural techniques to local youth and assisted in community hospice care. He also learned conversational Spanish. Inspired by the relationships he forged with refugees, both in Guinea and at home, he plans to focus on international human rights law.

### **Melissa Stewart**

Melissa is a second year law student pursuing a certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies. At Georgetown, she is a staff member of the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, International Migrants Bill of Rights, and has served as a coordinator of the Georgetown Haiti Coalition and as an Associate at the GULC Human Rights Institute. She also has an interest in constitutional law and spent her 1L summer as a research assistant for Professor Louis Michael Seidman. Melissa joins the Global Law Scholars Program from Boston, MA where she worked as the Assistant to Ophelia Dahl, the Executive Director of Partners In Health. Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Melissa worked with a team in Boston managing the response to the disaster, focusing on coordinating Ms. Dahl's media engagements, development work, and traveled to PIH's sites in Central Haiti and Port-au-Prince. Prior to her time with Partners In Health, Melissa worked as a Project Coordinator at the Harvard Initiative for Global Health managing global health research grants funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Melissa graduated magna cum laude from Butler University in 2006. During her undergraduate career, she was awarded the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship to attend the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy PPIA Junior Summer Institute. Melissa has spent time abroad in Haiti, France, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

## **Class of 2012**

### **Monica Ameeti**

Monica graduated from Georgetown University where she was in the School of Foreign Service and received a Bachelor of Science with a major in Science, Technology, and International Affairs, with a concentration on Technology and Business. During her time at Georgetown she studied abroad in Quito, Ecuador, at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito and in Fiesole, Italy, at Georgetown's Villa le Balze campus. While in school she was a leader in Georgetown's Outdoor Education program and led trips in backpacking, rock-climbing, and whitewater rafting. After her undergraduate degree, Monica worked in the Intellectual Property Litigation group at Steptoe & Johnson LLP, and continued this employment full-time while attending Georgetown University Law Center at night.

After her first year, Monica studied abroad at Georgetown's Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. Monica is a Senior Editor on the Georgetown Journal of International Law and is participating in the D.C. Law Students in Court clinic. This past summer she worked for the International Trade Commission on unfair trade practices matters relating to anti-dumping and countervailing duties cases as well as patent investigations. Monica's languages are Spanish and Italian and she begun studying Arabic after her undergraduate degree.

### **Maher Bitar**

Maher Bitar currently serves as a Foreign Affairs Officer with the Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace at the United States Department of State. In his final year as a Global Law Scholar at Georgetown Law, he is concurrently completing a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in International Relations from Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations. Maher has worked with the West Bank Field Office of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Jerusalem, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Malaysia, the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, and The Raben Group, LLC. A Marshall Scholar, he received a Master of Science (MSc) in Forced Migration from the Refugee Studies Center at Oxford University. Maher is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

### **Yolande Julia Bornik**

Yolande is in her final year of the joint JD-MSFS program at the Law Center and at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she is a candidate for the Landegger Honors Certificate in International Business Diplomacy. During her summer breaks and concurrent with her studies, Yolande has undertaken a variety of internships, including positions with: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in New York City, Van Bael and Bellis in Brussels, Judge Paul Friedman at the D.C. District Court, and White & Case LLC, in Washington, D.C. She looks forward to working at the World Bank's Office of Evaluation and Suspension this fall on internal anti-corruption proceedings.

Prior to her graduate studies, Yolande worked as a Management Consultant with Monitor Group's core strategy practice and with the National Economic Development and Security practice, based out of the firm's Toronto, Boston and Paris offices. Yolande graduated from Queen's University in Canada in 2004 with an Honors Bachelor of Commerce degree with first class honors, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with distinction. She grew up in a francophone home in Vancouver, Canada. In addition to French, she speaks Spanish and has begun her studies in German. An avid long-distance runner, Yolande has completed the New York, Philadelphia, and Boston marathons.

### **Emily Bruemmer**

Emily expects to graduate from Georgetown Law in 2012. She spent her 2L summer in the Washington, DC office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges and in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the Department of State, where she split her time between L/OES (Oceans, International Environmental, and Scientific Affairs) and L/EAP (East Asian & Pacific Affairs). She has also interned in the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs and in Senator Schumer's Judiciary Committee Office. She spent her 1L summer as a legal intern in the Office of International Affairs at the Federal Trade Commission, where she worked on international consumer protection law issues. She graduated *magna cum laude* with highest honors in field from Harvard with a B.A. in History and East Asian Studies. Her honors thesis examined the Japanese colonization of Korea and its effects on the formation of Korean civil society. She also completed a language citation in French, studying abroad for a summer in Paris, and minored in Social Anthropology. Before coming to Georgetown Law, she spent a summer in Seoul, South Korea, interning at the Korea Institute for National Unification, a think tank focused on unification and North Korean issues. At Georgetown, she is an Executive Editor on the *Georgetown Law Journal* and the director of the Appellate division of Barristers' Council. She is a peer advisor and is on the Equal Justice Foundation Board. She works part-time as an office assistant in the Office of Transnational Programs. Her languages are Japanese, Korean, French, and German. She is pursuing Georgetown's Certificate in Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies.

### **David Donnelly**

David balances his time between being a Russian translator and interpreter by day and a third-year evening student at Georgetown. A native of Pocatello, Idaho, David received his B.A. in Russian from Carleton College in 2004 and accepted National Security Education Program (NSEP) awards to study in Russia at Moscow and St. Petersburg State Universities. Having spent more than two years living, working, and studying in Russia, David then assumed a program specialist position at the Department of State to work on issues related to assistance to Europe and Eurasia, focusing on Russia and Azerbaijan. Today, as a translator and interpreter, David has two primary clients: the FBI and the Department of State. His experience as a linguist extends from interpreting during post-arrest interrogations to acting as a treaty comparison officer at the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) negotiations in Geneva and Moscow. David enrolled at GULC to pursue his interest in rule of law issues in the former Soviet Union and has augmented his studies with legal externships at the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the DOJ Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs (OIA). David loves spending time with his wife Irina and newborn son Liam, as well as enjoying the great outdoors as a hiker, distance runner and cyclist.

### **Robert Dura**

Robert comes to law school after working for the last two years as the Program Administrator at the Institute of Turkish Studies, an academic non-profit organization. In 2007 Robert received a M.A. from the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European

Studies at Georgetown's Graduate School of Foreign Service, where he focused his studies on the political and social development of the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the Republic of Turkey. He spent the summer of 2006 studying at Qerb Üniversitesi in Baku, Azerbaijan. Robert received his B.A. from Columbia University in 2004 with a major in East Asian Languages and Cultures and a minor in Russian Language & Literature. His language of proficiency is Russian, but he has also studied Mandarin Chinese, Turkish and Azerbaijani. He is interested in a wide range of issues related to international development and, after receiving his J.D., hopes to work in the public sector promoting reform and development initiatives in Eurasia.

### **Marik Frens-String**

Marik is an evening student at Georgetown University Law Center. He serves as Professional Staff Member for European and Eurasian affairs to Senator Richard Lugar on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he has worked since 2006. In addition to oversight of U.S. policy in the 55 nations of Europe and the former Soviet Union, his portfolio includes European institutions (NATO, OSCE, EU), regional arms control issues, U.S. force posture in Europe, and economic, institution-building, and military assistance programs in the region. He assisted with the Senate's consideration of the New START Treaty. Marik represents the Committee on delegations and Congressional oversight projects throughout the region. Previously, he worked on programs promoting Atlantic relations at the Aspen Institute Berlin in Germany. He studied European security affairs as a Fulbright Scholar at the Institute of International Law and International Relations in Vienna, Austria and earned a Master of Advanced International Studies from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. Marik received his B.A. in economics and German from the University of Notre Dame. His languages are German and French.

### **Hadia Hakim**

Hadia is a recent graduate of the University of California, Irvine (UCI) where she majored in Anthropology and minored in French. As part of the UCI Campuswide Honors Program, Hadia completed a thesis on identity formation in a Palestinian refugee camp based on research she conducted in the summer of 2008 in Damascus, Syria. The paper, entitled, "Palestinian Identity-Formation in Yarmouk: Constructing National Identity through the Development of Space," won the Malinowski Prize for Undergraduate Research and a Middle East Studies Student Initiative Policy Paper award. Also, through the University of California, Los Angeles', travel-study program, Hadia spent part of summer 2008 in Paris where she completed courses on multiculturalism in post-colonial France. During her senior year, Hadia interned at The Carter Center's Human Rights Program in Atlanta, Georgia where she reviewed intervention letters on behalf of Mr. Carter and assisted in organizing the annual Human Rights Defenders Conference. Upon graduating Magna Cum Laude, Hadia became a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded Order of Merit and a Scholars of Distinction Award. Furthermore, Hadia is fluent in Arabic and proficient in Spanish and French. Hadia spent her 1L summer interning at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland where she conducted legal research on issues arising under the ILO's Constitution and participated in the annual International Labour Conference. In addition

to her academic studies, Hadia is involved in many student organizations. She is currently co-president of both the Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA) and Amnesty International at GULC. She is also the Publicity Chair for Women of Color Collective. Upon receiving her J.D. Hadia hopes to pursue a career focused on the protection and promotion of human rights in the Middle East.

### **Thor Imsdahl**

Thor will join the Georgetown Law Center from Scheelholz, Germany. After graduating from Princeton University with a B.A. in Philosophy and a certificate in European Politics and Society, Thor plans to focus on European law at Georgetown. His experience touring Europe as a concert flautist sparked his desire in international cultures and its interactions. His focus was deepened by his exposure to politics through internships in the German Bundestag and European Parliament and to American politics through an internship for the *Obama for America* Campaign in Denver, Colorado. Thor has also spent the previous summer researching corporate interactions in antitrust law through an internship at Skadden LLP. Most of all, however, Thor loves to play soccer and will not miss a chance to kick around a ball with some friends.

### **Sarah Lavin**

Sarah Lavin is a member of the 2012 class of Global Law Scholars and acted as Co-coordinator of the group in her 2nd year. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Certificate of International Studies from the University of Notre Dame in 2006 and completed a 27-month term of service with the United States Peace Corps in Cameroon in 2008. Lavin has worked as a Program and Research Assistant for the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program at Georgetown and completed legal and historical research for Professor Wendy Webster Williams. She was a selectee for the Georgetown International Women's Human Rights Clinic in the spring of 2011 and spent the summer after as a law clerk in the General Counsel's Office for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

### **Victor Liang**

Victor is a third year student whose main area of interest is cross border commercial rights and dispute resolution systems. He is director for Georgetown Barristers' Council's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) division. During his 2L summer, Victor was a summer associate in Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy's Washington, D.C. office. His projects included writing memoranda and briefs for the firm's litigation groups, including arbitrations and IP litigations. He also participated in several transactional projects. During his 1L summer, he worked at Casalonga Avocats, a leading French intellectual property firm. There, he advised clients on French and EU trademark rights in both transactional and litigious matters. Prior to Georgetown, Victor was Communications and Marketing Associate for the French-American Chamber of Commerce's Northern California Chapter, based in the Bay Area. His role as the FACC's High Tech, Biotechnology, and Entrepreneur liaison enabled him to work

closely with international firms and startups looking to invest in these sectors. Victor graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Southern California, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French. A fluent French speaker, Victor retains a rudimentary understanding of Cantonese Chinese from his childhood.

### **Jesse Mosier**

Jesse is in the final year of a 4-year dual JD/Master's program. His JD studies are at Georgetown University where he is a Global Law Scholar and the president of the Georgetown International Arbitration Society. His Master's studies are at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University where he founded the Fletcher Political Forum and was an editor of Fletcher's international affairs journal. He has held legal internships at the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser-Economic and Business Affairs, The Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and The Humane Society International. He was a Summer Associate at White & Case, LLP. He has had non-legal jobs doing Corporate Social Responsibility and political affairs for CB&I, the company building the PeruLNG Export Facility, Peru's largest infrastructure project, and as the Director of Constituent Services for U.S. Representative Joseph Crowley. Jesse graduated with a BA in Globalization and Latin American Studies from the Gallatin School at New York University. He grew up (mostly) in Hermosa Beach, California. Jesse is an avid traveler and soccer player and if he weren't pursuing law would be a zoologist or custom motorcycle mechanic.

### **Sarah Plastino**

Sarah Plastino is pursuing a career in international human rights with a focus on forced migration, detention and removal and human rights norm promotion. Sarah chose to become an attorney while she was a Legal Assistant at the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, in Florence, Arizona, where she assisted detained noncitizens in seeking relief from detention and removal. As a law student, Sarah has interned at Asylum Access in Quito, Ecuador and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs. She was a Summer Associate with Allen & Overy, LLP in New York for Summer 2011, during which she also coordinated a successful *pro bono* effort to obtain stays of removal for three members of a Bangladeshi family with final orders of removal. Sarah is heavily involved in the Law Center's human rights community. She developed the 2010-2011 Human Rights Fact-Finding course on the repatriation of persons with mental disabilities from U.S. immigration detention and was an Executive Board Member and Director of Fact-Finding for Georgetown Human Rights Action. She is Co-Coordinator of the International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative and an Executive Editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law. As a Student Representative at Georgetown's Center for Applied Legal Studies, Sarah obtained asylum for an Eritrean client. Sarah was also a Community Health Education Volunteer with the Peace Corps in Guyana. Sarah graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina, where she obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Public Policy Analysis and International Studies with concentrations in Latin America, Global Economics and Development and Global Health. Sarah was a recipient of the UNC Burch Fellowship,

which funded her to travel to Mexico to research local/global aspects of migration from Guanajuato state to North Carolina. Sarah is from Wayne, Pennsylvania. She enjoys scuba diving, short stories, and international travel. Her language is Spanish.

### **Eugenia Pyntikova**

Eugenia Pyntikova will be pursuing a Juris Doctor at Georgetown Law Center and a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. She joins the Law Center from her position as a Deputy Chief Analyst, and senior analyst for Russia and Central Asia, at the Georgetown University ISIS Center on Integrated Biodefense. She has also worked as a research assistant at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown Law Center and as a project coordinator at the Georgetown Medical Center. Eugenia earned a Master of Science in Biomedical Science Policy from the Georgetown Medical Center in 2007. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from West Virginia University in 2002. A native speaker of Russian, Eugenia has also studied Spanish and French. She plans a career in global health law.

### **David Ribner**

David Ribner is a third-year student at GULC interested in national security. David has worked at the Washington, DC office of O'Melveny & Myers and the U.S. Attorney's Office - Southern District of New York, where he worked in the Narcotics Unit and the Terrorism Unit. During the school year, David has worked as a Research Assistant at Georgetown Law's Center on National Security and the Law, and externed for the Republican Majority Office of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives. David came to GULC from the New York State Banking Department's Holocaust Claims Office, where he worked on financial asset restitution claims. In 2007, David earned a Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College, University of London, focusing on conflict in Africa. David graduated from Columbia University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in European History and studied abroad at the Free University of Berlin and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. David's languages are German and Hebrew.

### **Shahin Rothermel**

Shahin joins the law center from New York University, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with a double major in Economics and International Relations. She wrote her senior honors thesis on rational choice theory in the European Union, examining which factors affect popular support for the EU. She spent her junior year studying at the Universität Bonn in Bonn, Germany. While in Germany, she was a volunteer English teacher at a German elementary school, and she worked for the City of Bonn in their international department and helped organize a United Nations Conference on Biodiversity. Her mother, an Iranian who immigrated to the United States before the revolution, instilled in her a passion for Persian literature and poetry. Shahin's languages

are Persian and German. Her interests are running, cooking, and traveling, and she plans to pursue a career in international human rights.

### **Jena Shoaf**

Jena comes to Georgetown from only a few blocks away at Arnold & Porter LLP, where she has been working as a paralegal in the firm's burgeoning International Arbitration Group. Before landing in Washington D.C., Jena pursued her undergraduate studies at UC Berkeley, graduating with a BA in Spanish and Portuguese and Latin American Studies in 2007. As a complement to her on-campus studies, she has spent more than 14 months in Brazil; practicing her Portuguese accent, interning for an environmental law firm, offering English lessons to disadvantaged students, visiting small sustainable farms to learn to harvest sugarcane, and even picking up a few Samba steps along the way. During her most recent visit to Brazil she was the recipient of a CASRD fellowship, which sponsored her interest in researching sustainable rural development and agro-ecology. The experiences from this trip not only cemented her interest in international development and agricultural policy, but also became the genesis for her senior honors thesis, "The Other Side of AID." Intending to pursue a dual JD/MPP during her time at GULC, Jena hopes to further develop her ability to impact issues of food policy and international development aid. Outside of academia, Jena most enjoys lacing up her running shoes and exploring Rock Creek Park's maze of trails, perusing the walls of books at Politics & Prose, and planning for her next adventure.

### **Paige Tucker**

Paige comes to us from Baylor University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2009. During her time at Baylor, she pursued a double major in Political Science and German. She graduated from the Baylor Honors Program as an Honors Scholar with Distinction and received a rating of Outstanding on her undergraduate thesis, which analyzed German immigration law in the 20th and 21st centuries. Paige spent five weeks in summer of 2008 studying at the Technische Universität in Dresden, Germany. Paige is a member of the Zeta of Texas chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Her other honors include being named the Richard D. Huff Distinguished Student in Political Science and winning the J.E. Hawkins Memorial German Award for Excellence in German Studies. Paige is currently the editor in chief of the Georgetown Immigration Law Journal.

### **Joanna Wasik**

A dual citizen of Poland and the US, Joanna is fluent in Polish, proficient in Spanish, and hopes to continue improving her Arabic. Before joining the Global Law Scholars, Joanna graduated *magna cum laude* from Amherst College, spent a year working at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey, and a summer volunteering in Nablus, Palestine. At Georgetown, she was a Legal Research Writing Fellow and is a Managing Editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law. During law school, she has interned at the International Center for Not For Profit Law, The Bureau of Consular Affairs at the Department of State, and is looking forward to being an intern at the Office of Overseas

Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training at the Department of Justice. Last year, she was part of a student-led human rights fact-finding mission that researched and published the report, *Sent "Home" With Nothing: The Deportation of Jamaicans with Mental Disabilities*. This summer, she is a Summer Associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, LLP. She is interested in rule of law development, international civil society, and human rights law.