

Global Law Scholars

2009 – 2010

First-Year Students (Class of 2012)

Monica Ameeti

Monica graduated from Georgetown University in 2007. She was in the School of Foreign Service and received a Bachelor of Science 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 completed an additional Nature and Culture program that included time spent in the Amazon and the Galapagos. She also studied abroad in Fiesole, Italy for a semester at Georgetown's Villa le Balze. While in school she was a leader in Georgetown's Outdoor Education program and led trips in backpacking, rock-climbing, and whitewater rafting. Monica currently works in the Intellectual Property group at Steptoe & Johnson LLP, and is studying Arabic at the International Language Institute. Monica's languages are Spanish and Italian and she hopes to pursue a career in intellectual property and transnational corporate law.

Yolande Julia Bornik

Yolande is pursuing a JD-MSFS degree at the Law Center and at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service, where her studies focus on international relations and security, and where she is a candidate for the Landegger Honors Certificate in International Business Diplomacy. Following the first year of her graduate studies, Yolande worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in New York, covering the negotiations of the High Level Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development.

Prior to her graduate studies, Yolande worked as a Management Consultant with Monitor Group's general strategy practice and with the National Economic Development and Security practice, based out of the firm's Toronto, Boston and Paris offices. Her consulting experience spans the private, public and non-profit sectors where she has advised on international market entry decisions, mergers and acquisitions, marketing excellence, and regional economic competitiveness.

Yolande's legal interests center on international trade dispute resolution, and on the intersection of international trade law with environment, health, and security policy. She graduated from Queen's University, Canada, in 2004 with an Honors Bachelor of Commerce degree with first class honors, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with distinction. Although she grew up in a francophone home in Vancouver, Canada, she also 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 is coming to Georgetown Law Center after spending a summer in Seoul, South Korea, where she interned at the Korea Institute for National Unification, a think tank focused on unification and North Korean issues. She received her B.A. from Harvard in 2009 in History and East Asian Studies, graduating *magna cum laude* with highest honors in field. She also completed a language citation in French, studying abroad for a summer in Paris, and minored in Social Anthropology. In July 2008, she received a Reischauer Center Travel Grant to conduct independent research at the National Diet Library and National Archives in Tokyo, Japan. Her subsequent honors thesis examined the Japanese colonization of Korea and its effects on the formation of Korean civil society. While at Harvard, she won first prize in the Korean Literature in Translation Essay Contest, sang in the chorus of German opera *Der Rosenkavalier* and twice danced in Ghungroo, the annual South Asian Association arts showcase. Her languages are Japanese, Korean, French, and German. She is interested in human rights and national security law.

David Donnelly

David Donnelly is a professional Russian translator working in the Washington, D.C., area. A native of Pocatello, Idaho, David received his B.A. in Russian from Carleton College in 2004. He accepted National Security Education Program (NSEP) awards to study in Russia at Moscow and St. Petersburg State Universities, the latter as a part of the NSEP's Russian Flagship Program, a new initiative to train professionally competent linguists in strategic languages. In total, David has spent more than two years living, working, and studying in Russia. Following the Flagship Program, David worked as a program specialist in the Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (EUR/ACE), where he helped manage the assistance portfolios for Russia and Azerbaijan. David currently holds two jobs - as a Russian linguist for Honeywell Technology Solutions, Inc., and as a Russian contract linguist for the FBI. He is also certified as a contract translator for the Department of State and as an eligible interpreter for the Maryland judiciary. David is enrolling in Georgetown University Law Center's evening JD program in the fall as a member of Georgetown's Global Law Scholars program to pursue his interest in rule of law issues in the former Soviet Union.

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.

Lauren Gaffney

Ms. Gaffney received her Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Philosophy from Wellesley College. After dabbling for a year in domestic public finance, she set off to complete a Master in International Affairs at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva, with a focus on gender and development. During the course of her studies, she interned at the Sarvodaya Women's Development Unit in Sri Lanka and was a researcher of Nigerian non-State armed groups for the Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding. While completing her thesis on *Affecting Women's Empowerment in Developing Countries through Enterprise*, Lauren explored a different means for advancing gender equality through protecting women from sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) at Geneva Call, a humanitarian NGO that advocates with non-State armed groups (NSAs). Lauren comes to Georgetown after completing an SGBV Programme Officer position with Africa Humanitarian Action, a Pan-African Healthcare NGO based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Through extended duty travel to project sites in Rwanda and shorter visits to field offices in Liberia and Uganda, she gained hands-on exposure to the legal, logistical, economic, cultural, religious, psychological and medical successes and obstacles to tackling SGBV in displaced and returnee populations. These experiences have reinforced her belief that interventions which involve behavior change and shifts towards positive cultural practices not only require strong legal frameworks but also the means for the norms to trickle down to everyday life. Further, she believes this can only be guaranteed when members of a community are enabled to take action and make changes themselves. In the future, Lauren hopes to alter her course slightly towards a more inclusive pursuit of gender equality, namely one that also protects and improves the quality of life of women, gender minorities, and sexual minorities. In order to do so professionally, she would like to contribute to stronger legal frameworks for their protection and the effective translation of the international norms of equality and freedom from discrimination, violence and fear into reality. Lauren's native language is English; she is nearly fluent in French and is a student of both German and, more recently, Amharic.

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 the languages of Spanish and French. Upon receiving her J.D. Hadia hopes to pursue a career focused on the protection and promotion of human rights in the Middle East.

Norman Ho

Norman comes to Georgetown Law from Harvard University, where he received both his Master's in Regional Studies-East Asia, with a focus on pre-modern Chinese intellectual and cultural history (2009), and his Bachelor's, *cum laude* in History (2007). His MA thesis on late 11th-century Chinese court politics and political philosophy was awarded an Honorable Mention for the Joseph Fletcher Memorial Prize for Excellence in the Master's Thesis. In the summer of 2009, Norman taught Chinese history as Lecturer in the Department of History at Peking University, and also served as an instructor of Chinese history and culture at Tsinghua University's Chinese Language and Culture Program (CLCP). From 2007-2008, he was a Harvard-Yenching Institute Fellow, based at the Peking University Department of History, conducting research on pre-Qin intellectual history. During that year, he also interned for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) office in Beijing, where he worked on Chinese legal reform issues, assisted with translation projects, and also wrote and presented a paper on comparative criminal legal aid systems to a judge on China's Supreme People's Court. He has also studied Chinese at National Taiwan University as a Victor Fung Scholar in 2006. During the 2008-2009 academic year, he served as Coordinator of the China Law Digest (an online publication reporting on Chinese legal development and judicial reform), overseeing a staff of translators and research assistants based at Harvard University, and continues to be involved as a translator.

A published author in both English and Chinese, recent publications include “Bu ying ‘zi jin zhi gu’ kandai Deguo lishi” [“Do Not Read German History Backwards”] in the *Zhongguo shehui kexueyuan yuanshao* [Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Review] (in Chinese); “Law and Literature in the Tang Dynasty: Imperial Scholar Bai Juyi (772-846) and the Concept of *Panwen*,” in the *Tsinghua China Law Review*; “An Alternative to Wang Anshi (1021-1086): the Political Thought of Lu Gongzhu (1018-1089)” in the *Tufts Historical Review*; and “Unlikely Bedfellows? Confucius, the CCP, and the Resurgence of *Guoxue*,” in the *Harvard International Review*. He has also written articles on Spanish domestic politics, French healthcare reform, and Taiwanese identity and politics, appearing in the *Harvard International Review* and the *Harvard Political Review*. He also authored a study guide on the history of Sino-Japanese relations and the Manchuria Crisis of 1931-32, which was published by the Harvard International Relations Council and disseminated to high school students across the US. Norman is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and has basic Spanish proficiency. His interests include international and comparative law, Chinese law, and Chinese legal history. Norman also enjoys classical music (especially the music of J.S. Bach) and playing the piano and violin.

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 joins the Law Center after two years abroad in Cameroon with the United States Peace Corps. As a Health and Community Development Volunteer in the rural village of Bibemi, Lavin worked extensively with women and mothers to develop programs and strategies to improve the quality of life and health of children and families, including a weekly health seminar for mothers and a Soy Supplement Initiative. She also designed and managed a village-wide water pump restoration project which resulted in the construction or repair of 12 pumps, 12 elected committees, and a team of trained hygiene educators. Lavin graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Science, Technology and Values. Her interest in international affairs began with a semester abroad in Western Australia, where she collaborated on several projects with Aboriginal populations and even spent a week in a traditional village, hunting with a spear and capturing souls through digital photos. While she studied mainly international environmental policy at Notre Dame, she plans to focus her studies here on women's rights issues in the developing world. She speaks (African) French and Fulfulde at an advanced level.

Victor Liang

Victor arrives at GULC having spent the last year working as a Communications and Marketing Associate for the French-American Chamber of Commerce's Northern California Chapter, based in the Bay Area. In particular, 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. He also organized the FACC's entrepreneur mentorship program, which coaches French entrepreneurs in the basics of startup development in the US market. Victor graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Southern California, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French. He is interested in both private international law as well as transnational trade policy. A fluent French speaker, Victor retains a rudimentary understanding of Cantonese Chinese from his childhood.

Jesse Mosier

Jesse joins Georgetown Law after completing the first year of a concurrent Master's program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Prior to beginning graduate

studies, Jesse was the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Joseph Crowley, working in his Bronx district office for two years. Jesse holds a BA from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University, where he focused on Globalization in Latin America. During his time at NYU, he studied abroad in Havana, Cuba and Santiago, Chile where he earned a certificate in Contemporary Latin American Studies. Jesse spent this previous summer working in Lima, Peru on Corporate Social Responsibility and Government Affairs for Chicago Bridge & Iron, an engineering and construction company building South America's first liquefied natural gas export facility. Jesse's academic and professional interests include international economic and financial regimes, natural resources and energy, and U.S. national security law and foreign policy. He plans to pursue a career in private international law and the U.S. government. In his spare time Jesse enjoys playing soccer, spending time with his family in Los Angeles, and good meals.

Sarah Plastino

Sarah joins the Georgetown Law community from the Southern Arizona borderlands, where she assisted detained non-citizens in seeking relief from deportation and detention with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. Her work focused heavily on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, prolonged detention issues, and asylum and refugee law. Prior to her work at the Florence Project, Sarah was a Peace Corps volunteer stationed in a remote Amerindian community in Guyana. Sarah graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of North Carolina with a Bachelors of Arts in Public Policy Analysis and International Studies. During her time at Carolina, Sarah received a fellowship to research the impact of migration in the principal sending community of Chapel Hill's migrants, Celaya, Mexico. She also led UNC's first international Alternative Spring Break focusing on local and global migration issues. Sarah's language is Spanish, and she is interested in the intersection of border issues, immigration enforcement, and human rights.

David Ribner

David Ribner comes to Georgetown Law from the New York State Banking Department's Holocaust Claims Office, where he worked on financial asset restitution claims. Prior to his work in New York, David earned a Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College, University of London in 2007. At King's, he focused on African security issues with an emphasis on intervention in conflict zones, and wrote his Master's thesis on regional intervention in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the late 1990s. David graduated from Columbia University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in European History, during which time he studied abroad both in Germany at the Freie Universität Berlin and in Israel at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. David's languages are German and Hebrew, and he enjoys playing squash and traveling in his free time. At Georgetown, he hopes to pursue his interest in the nexus between national security, the maritime space, and natural resources.

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.

Carly Stadum

Carly will be joining the Law Center after spending a year and a half living in Accra, Ghana, working for the US Refugee Resettlement Program. As part of her work, she traveled to several countries in the region, including Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Guinea, and Gabon, interviewing refugees from conflict zones in the region who were applying to be resettled to the United States. Prior to living in Ghana, she attended Concordia College-Moorhead, MN. In 2007, she graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in Global Studies, along with a French minor. While at Concordia, she organized a tutoring program for refugee students in local junior high schools around Fargo, ND, matching college volunteers with students new to the community and language. During her junior year, she spent a semester in Tanzania. While studying at the University of Dar es Salaam, she traveled to the Burundian refugee camps to conduct research on refugee education for repatriation. The summer after her junior year, she interned with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Washington DC, working on programs to promote American awareness of refugee issues. She is spending the summer of 2009 in France, working on organic farms with an organization called WWOOF, hoping to improve her French, while also taking many side trips in the region. She is interested in forced

migration/refugee rights issues and recently, in trade policy. Carly speaks French and basic Swahili, and in her free time, she enjoys traveling, gardening, sampling new cuisines, and spending time at the lakes in Minnesota.

Christopher Stucko

Chris comes to the Law Center from New York City, where he has worked as a litigation paralegal at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP for the past two years. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in 2007 with a major in International Politics. While at Georgetown, Chris was the Law & Ethics section editor for the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs. During the summer of 2006, Chris worked as a translator in Frankfurt, Germany for the Christian Democratic Union, a political party. He spent the previous year at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he studied international relations and law. While based in London, Chris traveled to Kiev, Ukraine as part of an international team monitoring the country's first national election since the Orange Revolution. Chris's language is German, and he is interested in public international law.

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. She participated in the National Model United Nations competition in New York City in spring of 2009, where she won Outstanding Delegation in Committee for her work in the conference's General Assembly 1st Committee. Paige is dedicated to community service, having completed over 170 community service hours during her undergraduate career. When not in school, Paige lives in Bryant, Arkansas.

Joanna Wasik

Joanna joins the Global Legal Scholars program from Ankara, Turkey, where she has been teaching English at Bilkent University for the past year. During her time there, she also started learning Turkish and continued her study of the Arabic language. Prior to that, Joanna graduated *magna cum laude* from Amherst College, where she wrote her senior thesis on Hamas and Hizbullah's evolution from armed resistance movements into political parties due to their participation in democratic systems. Joanna's other professional accomplishments include interning at the Women's Law Project, the Urban Justice Center, and the Foreign Policy Research Institute. Immediately before starting law school, she will spend a month teaching English in the West Bank with Project Hope, a nonpartisan NGO. A dual citizen of Poland and the USA, Joanna is fluent in Polish,

proficient in Spanish, and hopes to further develop her Arabic. She is interested in international human rights and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Second-Year Students (Class of 2011)

Maher Bitar

Maher Bitar joins the Law Center from Oxford University, where he is concurrently a candidate for a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in International Relations. As a Marshall Scholar, Maher received a Master of Science (MSc) in Forced Migration from the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford in 2007. He subsequently worked with the West Bank Field Office of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Jerusalem. Maher secured his undergraduate degree in 2006 from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, for which he completed a certificate program in Arab Studies and won the Thomas T. Helde Medal in German Studies. Palestinian-American, Maher is a native speaker of Arabic and French and attended a German primary and secondary school. Maher's languages are Arabic, French, and German. He is interested in issues relating to forced migration, refugee rights, and political representation.

Jing Cao

Jing comes to the Law Center from the Center for Industrial Ecology (CIE) where she has been a research associate at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for over three years. Before that, Jing was selected as a Presidential Fellow in the Yale University Office of International Affairs, and played a key role in organizing the "Yale-China University Leadership Program." In 2004, Jing earned a Master of Arts in Statistics from Yale University. Jing also graduated with a Bachelors of Science, with honors, in Statistics from Peking University in China. Her academic accomplishments include being the recipient of the prestigious Huichun Chin and Tsungdao Lee Chinese Undergraduate Research Endowment which allowed her to conduct a fifteen-month research project with a senior professor. Jing is a native Chinese speaker and she is particularly interested in international laws and relations with regard to China.

Jessica Cole

Jessica comes to the Law Center after working as an Assistant in Qualitative Research at *Socios en Salud*/Partners in Health in Lima, Peru. Before that, Jessica was a research assistant at Physicians for Human Rights in Cambridge, MA and a Staff Assistant/Assistant to the Director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Jessica graduated *magna cum laude* from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. Jessica's language is Spanish and she is interested in pursuing work in the human rights field and, in particular, in right to health violations.

Vanessa Doyle

Vanessa Doyle comes to Georgetown from Feldkirch, Austria where she has worked for the Fulbright Commission as an English language teaching assistant in two public high schools. Vanessa graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in German, *summa cum laude*, from Arizona State University. She spent her junior year studying at the Universität Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany. While in high school, Vanessa was an exchange student in a German Gymnasium through the Congress/Bundestag Youth Exchange. Vanessa's language is German and, after securing her law degree, Vanessa would like to work for the European Court of Justice or the International Criminal Court.

Justin Fraterman

Justin Fraterman arrived at law school from the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights (INTERIGHTS) in London where he served as the Information and Publications Officer and as Programme Coordinator for Commonwealth and Economic and Social Rights Programmes. Before that, Justin worked as a research assistant at the Institute of European Studies at the University of Toronto (2004) and the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht, the Netherlands (2005), where he authored a paper on EU-Canada cooperation in peace support operations. Justin earned a Master of Science in International Relations from the London School of Economics in 2006 and a Bachelor of Arts, First Class Joint Honours, in History and Political Science from McGill University in Montreal, Canada in 2004. While at McGill he served as editor-in-chief of the McGill International Review and completed a year abroad at the Université Libre in Brussels where he studied European foreign policy and worked for Canada's Mission to the European Union. Justin spent his 1L summer interning at the Office of the Legal Adviser of the International Labour Organization in Geneva. Justin is fluent in French and Dutch and his interests lie in international arbitration and litigation, international security studies, human rights and humanitarian relief.

Marik Frens-String

Marik Frens-String is an evening student at Georgetown Law Center. He serves as a foreign policy advisor on European, former Soviet and Central Asian affairs, and the Caucasus on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee under Senator Richard Lugar. He is responsible for oversight of U.S. foreign assistance programs and policies on NATO, the OSCE, and the EU and has represented the Committee on delegations to Africa, Asia, and the Caucasus. Previously, Marik 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. While in Austria, Marik worked at the U.S. Embassy to Austria, the United Nations, and the Austrian Ministry of Education. Marik received his B.A. in economics and German from the University of Notre Dame, where he won the John Sheehan Award for his senior essay in microeconomics. His languages are German and French. He focuses on public international law.

Daniela Garretón

Daniela Garretón comes to the Law Center having spent the last academic year on the main Georgetown campus in pursuit of the MA in Latin American Studies portion of her joint degree. Previously she earned a Masters in Pacific International Affairs with a focus on politics from the University of California, San Diego. Prior to that, Daniela worked in a variety of positions, including as an Executive Officer of Isabel Garreton, Inc. and as an Assistant Researcher at the think tank *Libertad y Desarrollo* in Santiago, Chile. Daniela graduated from the University of California, San Diego, with a Bachelor of Science in Management Science Economics and a minor in History focused in Latin America. Daniela's languages are Spanish and Portuguese. She hopes to use her passion and knowledge of Latin America to do consulting that combines economic, political, and legal analysis of the region for use in the private and public sectors.

Michelle Heisner

Michelle R. Heisner comes to GULC from Denzenhall Resources in Washington, D.C., where she is a counselor advising on public relations issue for clients in crisis. Prior to that, she worked as an executive assistant and office manager at NGP Software in D.C. and was a USRVI grantee studying civil society development with an NGO in Yekaterinburg, Russia. Michelle received a Bachelors of Arts, with highest honors, in Russian Language and, with high honors, in Literature and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy from Michigan State University Honors College. She spent her junior year in college in Russia studying post-communist civil and economic transitions in Eastern Europe; while there, she worked as an intern in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Michelle's language is Russian and, while her work is currently centered on trade issues, she is also interested in human rights.

Thomas Kelly

Thomas Kelly joins the GLS program from Kiev, Ukraine, where he works as an English teacher while using his free time to study Russian language and literature at the Kiev Linguistic University. Thomas graduated from Williams College with a Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology. He spent his junior year of college in the International Honors Program: Cities in the Twenty-first Century. In this program, Thomas traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Capetown, and Paris. Thomas's language is Russian and he is interested in the evolving relationships between the United States and the states of the former Soviet Union.

Ian Matthew Kysel

Ian Kysel comes to us from Algeria, where he interned for the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative. He spent the previous two years in Washington, D.C., working with non-citizens seeking asylum in the U.S. as a legal assistant at a low-cost immigration law firm. Ian's professional experience also includes working as a

freelance journalist in Moscow, as an election organizer in suburban Philadelphia, and at a torture treatment program in Chicago. Ian graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with High Honors from Swarthmore College with a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology. He also studied at the Université Stendhal in Grenoble, France. His senior thesis, an analysis of the relationship between torture committed during the Algerian War and French models of political and cultural membership, received highest honors. Ian is fluent in French and has also studied Russian. He is interested in refugee/migration and torture/national security issues and plans a career in international human rights.

Danielle Johanna Pals

Danielle Pals comes to law school from her position as an Advocacy Fellow at Jubilee USA Network, which educates and advocates for debt relief for impoverished countries and for just international economic policies. Danielle graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Idaho with a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations and Spanish in 2007. Danielle developed an interest in travel that later turned into a passion for international relations when, as a child, she accompanied her family to spend a year in Kenya. Danielle is fluent in Spanish and her experiences abroad also include spending a year studying in Spain, a semester living in Chile, and a summer in Mexico. Danielle hopes to work in shaping U.S. foreign policy, and her long-term ambition is to teach international law.

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.

Catherine Kwang-Hee Rhy

Catherine Rhy comes to us from her position as an equity trader with Rhy Capital, LLC. She has also worked in Seoul, Korea as a researcher at an international marketing research firm and a client service coordinator/paralegal at a Korean law firm. Catherine's other professional accomplishments include interning at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Community Legal Services, and the Center for Ethnicities, Social Work and Public Policy. Catherine received a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College. She is fluent in Korean and she plans to practice international law.

Jordan Sagalowsky

Jordan graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Harvard University where he completed the honors requirement in Foreign Literature. As a dual citizen of the United States and Denmark, Jordan Sagalowsky has always had a serious interest in international issues. After his junior year of high school, Jordan studied in Japan at Tsubuka University International Science School and before entering Harvard, he studied for a year as a full-time university student in Denmark.

There, he researched history, modern political structures, and business interests of Scandinavia. Jordan's languages are Danish and Japanese and he plans to work in transnational corporate law and trade policy.

Bianca Santos

Bianca Santos spent her first-year summer at Conectas Human Rights in São Paulo, Brazil, where she worked with the Foreign Policy and Human Rights Project. Prior to law school, Bianca was Director of Risk Management Programs at Zeichner Risk Analytics. Her professional experience also includes work at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History digital archive project and with Management Systems International, an international development consulting firm. In 2005, Bianca graduated *cum laude* from Rice University with a Bachelors of Arts in History. While in college, Bianca spent a semester studying in Brazil, where she researched a grassroots movement led by fishermen in Northeastern Brazil. Bianca also spent a semester in Mongolia, where she researched ecotourism in the Gobi Desert. Bianca's languages are Portuguese and Spanish.

Jacob A. Zenn

Jacob Zenn came to Georgetown Law off the heels of completing his work as a university administrator in Dohuk, Iraq in 2008. He is an avid traveler and linguist, having traveled to over eighty countries and learning up to ten languages. Among other adventures, Jacob studied at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China while working as an Independent Tutor at the homes of Korean students. During college he studied abroad in Japan and China and is scheduled to spend the second semester of his 2L year as a visiting student at Korea University College of Law. His first international experience was in South Africa in 2003 when he was a National Youth Leadership Forum delegate studying post-Apartheid reconciliation. Since then Jacob has also joined NGO projects in Iran and Ecuador and he is interested in international civil society law in the public sphere and commercial arbitration in private practice. He spent the summer between his 1L and 2L years in Malaysia working at UNHCR where most of his work was with Myanmar refugees. He has visited closed and strife-ridden countries such as Myanmar, North Korea, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Zimbabwe and would like to work to enhance the rule of law -- as opposed to rule by law -- in those countries and improve their relations with the United States. In 2005, Jacob received his Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and History with a minor in Mandarin from Emory University and he grew up in New Jersey.

Third-Year Students (Class of 2010)

Andrea Massiell Alegrett

Andrea graduated *summa cum laude* from Purdue University in 2007. She majored in Political Science and Spanish with a minor in Psychology. During her academic career at Purdue, she graduated with full honors and was awarded Outstanding Senior in Political Science and Outstanding Senior within the Honors Department. Andrea spent the summer before her 1L year working as a Law Clerk for Nealon & Associates, a law firm in Alexandria, VA. There she was able to gain valuable experiences through working with attorneys who specialize in various fields of law. During the summer of 2006, Andrea volunteered in Recife, Brazil working with the children from the neighboring *favelas*. She assisted in dispersing clothing and food, taught the children about hygiene, and organized various games. Growing up with a mother who was a political refugee from Guatemala, Andrea has always had a strong passion for human rights. She is interested in international political and legal issues affecting Latin America and the underdeveloped world. Andrea speaks fluent Spanish and conversational Portuguese.

Brian Cooper

Brian Cooper spent the summer of his second year working at Van Bael & Bellis in Brussels. Brian's participation in the Global Law Scholars program reflects a long-time interest in global cultures and a commitment to humanitarian concerns that crystallized during his visit last year to Rwanda. Brian's undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin included a year abroad at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom. He graduated *magna cum laude* with degrees in English and Business. Prior to his decision to study Law, Brian pursued dual careers as an information technology consultant and as a fiction writer. He has provided IT services in a number of environments including NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, several non-profit organizations, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nakuru, Kenya, and, over the past couple months, at the law firm of Dickstein Shapiro. Brian has published his short stories in a number of literary journals, most recently in the Kenyan journal *Kwani*. Bennington College awarded Brian an MFA degree in writing and literature, but his novel still needs a good agent. In High School and College, Brian studied Latin and French without learning much of either language, but he very much enjoys speaking Swahili, which he knows well enough to describe how to set up a network router. Brian is an active member of Luther Place, a Christian church with a strong commitment to social justice, and with an expanding ministry in support of reconciliation projects in Rwanda. Brian lives in east Capitol Hill with his wife Joan and their son Nate.

Solomon Ebere

Prior to enrolling in Georgetown University Law Center, Solomon completed a Master's degree in Anglo-American Business Law and a J.D. in International Business Law at the University of Paris "Pantheon-Sorbonne." Throughout his French legal education he

focused on transnational and corporate issues. While finishing his Masters, Solomon worked for the International Branch of the Judicial Department of the French Ministry of Economy and Finances where he had the opportunity to deal with transnational and corporate issues involving the French government and common law countries. As part of his Masters degree program, he wrote a dissertation for the Ministry centered on a pending case in which U.S. Jews sued the French government for its actions during the Second World War. This work enabled him to explore the 1976 Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act. In 2006, Solomon was selected to be one of the pleaders of the University of Paris' team in the international commercial arbitration moot competition "C.Vis Moot", held in Vienna, Austria. Solomon's team's memorandum received an honorable mention. In summer 2005, he attended the Cornell Law Summer Institute of Comparative and International Law, focusing on Comparative Corporate Law and International Commercial Arbitration. In parallel to his French legal studies, Solomon worked for the last four years for the NGO "Children of the World-Human Rights" as a social worker and as the director of a video documentary on young isolated minors living illegally in France. Solomon is French-Nigerian-American and he is bilingual (French/English) and understands Spanish. His legal interests are international commercial arbitration and corporate law. As for non legal interests, he loves to travel, to dive, and to listen or play music.

Katherine Fennell

Katherine is simultaneously pursuing a joint degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where she is focusing on International Economics and Latin American Studies. Katherine spent the summer of 2007 working at the American Chamber of Commerce in São Paulo, Brazil. During the 2006-2007 academic year, she completed her first year of studies at SAIS. While there, she worked as a research assistant in the Latin American Studies department and participated in student delegations to Chiapas, Mexico and to China. Prior to beginning her graduate studies, Katherine lived in Argentina and Mexico. She was awarded a Fulbright grant to research higher education in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2005, and in 2004, she received a Fox International Fellowship to conduct research at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City. Katherine graduated *cum laude* from Yale University in 2004 with majors in History and International Studies. As an undergraduate, she spent a semester abroad in Argentina and wrote her senior thesis on the history of the Argentine student movement. Katherine is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese.

Jonathan Robert Ference

Jonathan matriculated at Georgetown University Law Center in 2007 and expects to receive his JD in 2010. He is a Global Law Scholar who is particularly interested in linguistic policy, endangered languages and the right to use minority languages. Jonathan is spending the fall of 2009 as an intern in the chambers of the Hon. Judge John D. Bates at the District Court for the District of Columbia. During the summer of 2009, he worked as a summer associate at Ropes & Gray, LLP, in its Boston and San Francisco offices. He spent the summer of 2008 as a summer associate at Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. in Minneapolis, MN. In the spring of 2007, Jonathan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore College with high honors in a special major in linguistics and languages. His

undergraduate honors thesis, entitled "Sell ase ur gudenn dit: A comparison of two minority language communities in France," was awarded the prize for best thesis in applied linguistics. That thesis was inspired by the time he spent living in Paris during his junior spring; Jonathan worked as an intern at CEVIPOF, the political science research center at Sciences Po, and served as a TA for an English class on Musicals at Sciences Po. At Swarthmore, Jonathan was the editor in chief of The Phoenix, the college's weekly newspaper, and was on the staff of the National High School Model United Nations conference for four years. Jonathan is fluent in French and Spanish and can speak German at a basic conversational level. He enjoys traveling and watching sports, particularly soccer and ice hockey.

Julia Follick

Julia Follick spent her second-year summer working at the immigration firm of Freilicher & Hoffman in the summer of 2008. She also worked as a research assistant for Professor Schoenholtz. Julia grew up and attended high school in Piedmont, California, where she took classes in both Spanish and French. However, it wasn't until she began studying at Rice University in Houston, Texas that she discovered her true passion for the German language and culture. This was confirmed and solidified during her junior year, when Julia took a semester off for an unforgettable three months as an intern at the U.S. Consulate General in Leipzig, Germany. Other work experience during her undergraduate studies included positions with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Office of Foreign Missions of the U.S. Department of State, and she still found time to compete on two club and four intramural sports teams and hold various volunteer positions within the student government and the Office of Admissions.

After graduating from Rice in 2005, Julia returned to the former East Germany on a Fulbright grant to work as a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant at a high school in Rostock. Though she had planned to enter law school in the fall of 2006, she enjoyed her time in Germany so much that she decided to defer her admission to Georgetown and accept a position with Atlantik-Brücke, a transatlantic networking organization. There she helped organize events and conferences for politicians, academics, and business people in both countries, met political celebrities such as Condoleezza Rice and Helmut Kohl, saved money for law school, and fell in love with the city of Berlin. She also met a number of transatlantic lawyers and discussed the contrasts between the U.S. and German legal systems and public policies with anyone who would listen, two activities she looks forward to continuing at Georgetown. In addition to all things German, her interests include running, swimming, playing water polo and most other sports, eating peanut butter and Mexican food (but not together), wine and cheese receptions, meeting interesting people, and having fun.

Rachel Gross

For a year and a half prior to entering Georgetown, Rachel worked for D&R International, an energy efficiency consulting firm in Silver Spring, MD. As a member of D&R's Market Research Team, she supported the U.S. Department of Energy's development of new energy efficiency standards for certain products as directed by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. She conducted research on the markets for these products and was a major contributor to the market assessment chapter in DOE's

“Current and Projected Future Market for External Power Supplies and Battery Chargers,” released as part of the Department’s determination analysis on battery chargers and external power supplies. At D&R, Rachel became interested in the use of law as a policy tool to achieve environmental objectives.

Rachel graduated *magna cum laude* from Arizona State University (ASU) with degrees in economics and political science, a minor in Spanish, and a certificate in International Studies. As an undergraduate, she spent a semester studying international environment and development issues at American University’s Washington Semester program, where she conducted research for her honors thesis in both Washington and Brazil. Her thesis compared community conservation projects with large, multinational-sponsored projects in Brazil. While at ASU, she interned for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Rachel studied abroad in Chile for a semester at la Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, volunteered in Peru for a summer mapping tree species for a community conservation project, and also spent a summer in Ecuador studying the Quechua language. She has traveled through much of Latin America, as well as Western Europe and East Africa. Rachel is fluent in Spanish, reads Portuguese, and speaks beginning conversational French.

Michal Leah Kanovsky

Michal Leah graduated *summa cum laude* from Yeshiva University in 2002 with a double major in History and Philosophy and awards in both subjects upon graduation. From 2002-2004, she received a fellowship to do a Masters program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. From 2005 until now, she has been working as a translator analyst for Motley Rice, a law firm based on South Carolina with a terrorism practice group. Michal Leah is fluent in Hebrew and proficient at translating Arabic. She enjoys traveling and over the years has visited most of Western Europe, Poland, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, and most recently, Costa Rica.

Jihae Kim

Jihae is a full-time 3L student currently studying Chinese law at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. She spent her 2L summer working for the Employment Department at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker in Los Angeles, and externed at the Department of Justice Community Relations Service during the spring semester of her 2L year. Jihae spent her 1L summer splitting her time working for General Electric Commercial Finance in Paris, and for the Constitutional Court of Korea in Seoul. Before entering law school, she spent a year abroad, working in Paris for a non-profit organization promoting minority rights in France, and prior to that, in Berlin with a global public policy think tank. The summer before leaving for Europe, Jihae participated in a trans-Atlantic fellowship program in New York with 40 American and European students, attending a series of lectures and site visits to learn about historic and current institutional abuse of minority populations in the United States. In 2006, Jihae graduated with a B.S. in International Politics from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She also spent one semester of her junior year in Paris, studying at the Institut d'études

politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po). Jihae is fluent in Korean and French, speaks conversational Italian, and has an elementary knowledge of Chinese.

Lorinda Laryea

In 2006, Lorinda moved to Brazil to work with ASHOKA-Innovators for the Public-to help develop and coordinate the Law for All Initiative (LFAI). The objective of LFAI is to narrow the gap between citizens and the legal system and help them access the rights guaranteed to them under their constitutions and laws. Lorinda traveled throughout Brazil and to Peru and Argentina to interview and work with Social Entrepreneurs in those countries to develop workshops and programs to accomplish the goal of LFAI. Upon returning to the United States, Lorinda began working with the Journey through Hallowed Ground Partnership, an NGO dedicated to increasing awareness of the unparalleled history in the region from Gettysburg, PA to Monticello, VA and ensuring that these historic resources are available to educate and inspire generations to come. Originally from Ghana, Lorinda graduated from Brown University in 2004 with a double concentration in Political Science and Hispanic Studies. She received honors for her senior thesis; an analysis of the foundations of authoritarian rule in developing countries, focusing on Ghana as a case study. In 2003, she spent a semester in Salamanca, Spain. While at Brown, Lorinda performed with several dance groups and taught Ghanaian drumming. After graduation, Lorinda spent a little over a year working for the Fixed Income Sales and Trading Division at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Lorinda is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish and enjoys traveling.

Larry Malm

Larry Malm is a student in the part-time program, with an expected graduation date of 2011. During the day, Larry works full-time as a Research Analyst at the Brookings Institution on a project involving weak states, transnational threats and U.S. National Security. Larry's previous education includes a Masters degree in International Relations from Yale (2005), and a BA in government from Harvard (2000). He has worked in international development here in Washington and as a program officer at the World Affairs Council of Northern California in San Francisco. Larry spent 2000-2001 on a Rockefeller Fellowship volunteering in Jerusalem and traveling throughout the region. He also managed a judicial election campaign in California. During college, Larry worked at the Seeds of Peace International Camp, enjoying four summers of summer camp and conflict resolution with teenagers from the Middle East, Cyprus, and India/Pakistan. Larry speaks Spanish and has traveled throughout Guatemala and Mexico. He has also studied Arabic and traveled in various locations throughout the Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa. Larry's legal interests include international legal development and the rule of law, corruption, private sector investment in the developing world, and national security law. A native of Maine, Larry enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities. He was a member of an improvisational comedy group at Harvard and still enjoys a good laugh. Larry was married to Debby Rager, a clinical social worker, in August of 2005.

Kate Mitchell-Tombras

Kate, a Global Law Scholar, spent her first-year summer working for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Panama City, Panama. Kate graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* from Duke University in 2004. She received highest honors in her major of Public Policy Studies. She earned minors in Spanish and Women's Studies. After graduation, Kate received a Hart Fellowship to conduct community-based research in Moshi, Tanzania in East Africa. She focused on haki za watoto, Swahili for "children's rights," in partnership with a local legal aid organization that focuses on improving the status of Tanzanian women and children. Upon returning from Tanzania, Kate worked in D.C. as a research analyst for the Atlantic Media Company and then as a Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow with the Congressional Hunger Center. She then worked as a congressional aide for the House of Representatives Hunger Caucus in the Office of Congressman James P. McGovern. During college, Kate spent a semester studying at La Universidad San Pablo in Madrid, Spain and participated in service trips to the Dominican Republic and Mexico. She also interned with an environmental justice organization in Cape Town, South Africa. Kate received Highest Distinction honors for her senior thesis on "Constitution vs. Culture: Barriers to Equal Education for Girls in Post-Apartheid South Africa." In addition to speaking Spanish, Kate is proficient in Swahili.

Randy Nahle

Expecting to graduate with a J.D. from Georgetown in January 2011, Randy is also pursuing a double degree program at Sciences Po and the Sorbonne (Paris I) in Paris, culminating in two Master's degrees (LLM equivalent) in International Business Law. In summer 2009, he was a summer associate at Shearman & Sterling in their New York and Paris offices, focusing on international arbitration and international project finance. His first-year summer, he interned at The Hague Conference for Private International Law in The Hague, Netherlands. Entering law school straight out of college, Randy received his BA in Political Studies from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon), where he graduated at the top of his class and was awarded the AUB Merit Scholarship, the Founder's Day Award, and the Hussein Oweini Memorial Award.

At Georgetown, Randy helped to establish and coordinate the Global Law Scholar project aiming to create an International Bill of Migrants Rights, in conjunction with a seminar taught by Dean Alex Aleinikoff. The project has become a focal point of the Global Law Scholar program. Randy is also a member of the Georgetown Moot Court team and participated and won the European and International Tax Moot Court championship in Belgium, while also earning a special award for Best Oral Advocate.

One of his strongest interests has been youth empowerment. Randy was founder and chairman of LebYouth, a prominent youth NGO in Lebanon, which he helped establish with the backing of the European Union and which has received its major financial and technical support from the Lebanese Ministry of Finance, UNDP, and the World Bank. Randy has participated in several international conferences, at the invitation of the European Commission, the World Bank, UNESCO, the German government, and the Anna Lindh Euro-Med Foundation. Randy began as a youth representative with UNICEF in Lebanon at the age of 15, working on different projects and conferences. He was also a producer for CNN Student Bureau for two years. At the

age of 12, Randy published a mystery fiction novel, "Revenge", followed by "Mirror Image" at the age of 14. He also completed a third book, entitled "The Dancing of the Butterflies", which remains to be published. Consequently, he earned the title "World's Youngest Series Writer" (Guinness Book of World Records, 2002). In recognition, Randy has been invited to give talks to school and college students and has received the Presidential Insignia from the President of Lebanon, the Gold Medal of the late Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and the Arab Thought Foundation Award, among others. Randy was born in Los Angeles and grew up between California and Lebanon. He is fluent in Arabic and French and has completed a summer course in German at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in 2004 and a summer course in Spanish at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2009. An avid traveler, Randy has visited 34 countries and can't wait to see more.

Lew Jan Olowski

From Fall 2006 to Summer 2007, Lew Jan Olowski was a professor of "International Economic Law" and "International Trade Practice" at the Hebei Engineering University in the People's Republic of China. He was also head coach of the English Language Speech Competition teams at the undergraduate, post-graduate, and faculty levels of competition. Lew graduated *magna cum laude* from Rockhurst University in 2006, where he majored in Economics and Political Science. He was a staff writer and photographer for the *University News* in Kansas City, as well as a writer and copy editor for the *Rockhurst Sentinel*. From January 2004 through August 2005, Lew lived in Beijing, where he studied Chinese political and economic reform and the Mandarin language. He wrote his course thesis about the social and economic effects of China's internal migration and employment laws. Lew volunteered at the Chaoyang District Mental Hospital as a recreational activity coordinator and has traveled across China extensively. Lew is interested human rights issues, history, and science. His hobbies include exercising, reading nonfiction, and sampling ethnic cuisine with friends. Lew is fluent in Mandarin and Polish.

Erin Reid

Erin graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2006, where she majored in Culture and Politics. While at Georgetown, her desire to work within the international commercial and political sphere prompted her to take the written and oral Foreign Service exams and join the candidate pool for the US Foreign Service. After graduation, Erin spent a year working at the Federal Trade Commission, in the Bureau of Consumer Protection's Honors Paralegal program. Her wonderful experiences at the FTC confirmed her decision to join the class of 2010 at Georgetown rather than wait for a position with the Foreign Service. She hopes to specialize in international trade law. Erin spent her elementary school years in Tokyo and her high school years in London. She speaks advanced French and beginning Japanese.

David Suozzi

David was first attracted to law through the courtroom antics of Joe Pesci in *My Cousin Vinny*. While volunteering one summer building infrastructure in rural Nicaragua, he

realized that having an international law degree would be the ideal means to achieving his goals of working with developing nations on trade issues. He has since been keenly interested in the economic and legal affairs of developing nations. David graduated with honors from the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia with a double major in international business and finance and a minor in international relations. He spent his junior year abroad at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His most memorable experience was playing as the only non-Cantonese member of the school varsity soccer team. During the summer of 2006, David mountain biked 800km from Lhasa, Tibet to Mount Everest Base Camp with two Chinese friends. His senior year he was selected to represent Sauder School of Business at international business case competitions in Austin, Texas and Copenhagen, Denmark. David spent his past three summers interning at Sandia National Laboratories, working on systems dynamic modeling in the hydrology and renewable energies division. Specifically, he spent a summer investigating radionuclide content of central Asian rivers and is a contributing author for a paper that will be published in a NATO journal in the fall of 2007. This past summer, he examined the nexus of energy and water needs in Singapore, collaborating with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. In his spare time, David enjoys long-distance bike trips, sports, Broadway musicals, traveling, movies, and international cuisine.

Markus Thomi

In addition to receiving a JD degree, Markus is also considering pursuing a concurrent degree in International Affairs. Markus graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* from the University of Washington in Seattle majoring in International Studies. A native of Switzerland, Markus immigrated to the United States in 2003 after living in Latin America (Colombia, Brazil, and Argentina) for nearly two years. Passionate about international affairs, Markus has further traveled throughout Europe, North America, and the Middle East, is fluent in German, English, French, Spanish, and has conversational skills in Portuguese and Arabic. During his undergraduate studies, Markus participated at the 2005 Model UN Conference in New York, where he represented the Czech Republic as head delegate to UNESCO. While at the University of Washington, Markus focused on issues related to International Law with an emphasis on International Human Rights Law and International Trade. He hopes to eventually pursue a career in a related field. In his free time Markus enjoys traveling, learning about foreign cultures, studying languages, and an occasional soccer game.

Rachel Westropp

Rachel served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria from 2005-2007. For two years she lived in a remote town in the Rodopi Mountains, where she taught English as a foreign language to primary and secondary students. She also offered adult classes, ran a conversation club for advanced students and organized an English language summer program for children in a nearby village. She wrote grants to acquire badly needed equipment for her school and participated in the Peace Corps anti-trafficking in persons initiative. Before joining the Peace Corps, Rachel worked as a directing intern at the Cleveland Playhouse. Rachel graduated *summa cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University in 2005, where she double majored in Philosophy and Theatre and minored in

English. At CWRU she was an officer in the Philosophy Society and the Players Theatre Group. She also participated in several Eldred Theatre productions. During her time in Bulgaria, Rachel became particularly interested in issues of human rights and rule of law. She is fluent in Bulgarian and has been studying Russian. In her free time Rachel enjoys walks in the woods, board games, and books.

Timothy Work

Timothy Work is pursuing a joint JD-MSFS degree at the Law Center and Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service. A native of Virginia Beach, Tim earned degrees in history and art history from Virginia Tech. He spent a year in Austria on a Fulbright scholarship before returning to Virginia Tech to teach German for a year. His other languages are French and Spanish. During his time at Georgetown, Tim has worked at the Embassy of Liechtenstein in Washington, the Peterson Institute for International Economics, the World Bank, Siemens AG, Wilmer Hale LLP, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. This spring, he will intern at the U.S. State Department. He enjoys traveling, running, and Virginia Tech football.