



## 2010-2011 IIEL FELLOWS

Georgetown Law's Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL) is pleased to share the following list of 2010-2011 IIEL Fellows. Each year, the IIEL invites a select number of outstanding students and visiting professors and researchers to be IIEL Fellows. This year's Fellows come from 20 different countries. The goal of the IIEL Fellows Program is to encourage scholarly research in the field of international economic law and to create a forum for discussion of these issues. Fellows are involved in several activities, including research projects, a biweekly research workshop, and a weekly luncheon speaker series, which attracts well-known scholars, current and former government officials, practitioners and other experts to discuss prominent issues in international economic law.

### IIEL Distinguished Senior Fellows

#### **A. Jane BRADLEY (USA), Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law**

Jane Bradley retired as the Executive Director of IIEL in June 2010, after serving at IIEL for more than six years. Prior to joining IIEL, Professor Bradley served in the Executive Office of the President of the United States for more than twenty years, primarily in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). She began her career at USTR in 1981 as a White House Fellow, after four years in private law practice. While at USTR, Ms. Bradley was the lead U.S. negotiator on the agreement that created the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement procedures, and the chief U.S. lawyer for the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations. She held various senior positions at USTR, including Deputy General Counsel, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Dispute Resolution, Legal Advisor to the USTR delegation in Geneva, and Chair of the interagency "Section 301" Committee. After the creation of the WTO in 1995, she was tapped to establish and head a new office of Monitoring and Enforcement at USTR, to oversee litigation of trade disputes under the WTO and other trade agreements. She was appointed as the first Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement in 1996, and served in that position until her retirement from government service in 2002.

Professor Bradley has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law since 2003. She is currently an IIEL Distinguished Senior Fellow, consulting with IIEL on various research projects, including an oral history of the world trading system.

#### **R. Michael GADBAW (USA), Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law**

Mr. Gadbow serves as Co-Chair of the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund, and he is a Board member of the National Bureau of Asia Research, Partners for Democratic Change, the World Affairs Council and the European Institute. In February 2008, Mr. Gadbow retired after seventeen years as Vice President and Senior Counsel for General Electric's International Law & Policy group. In that position, he was responsible for supporting the global operations of GE's businesses, particularly in the areas of public policy, transaction advocacy, regulatory reform, global funding and compliance. He served as Chairman of GE's International Practice Group and was the internal champion for GE policies on Improper Payments and International Trade Controls. He continues to support GE's corporate citizenship work and Public Policy Committee of the GE Foundation. Mr. Gadbow was founding Chairman of the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (1994-2008); Chairman of the U.S.-Malaysia Business Committee of the US ASEAN Business Council; founding Chairman of the India Interest Group; a Trustee of the

U.S. Council for International Business; and a member and former Chairman of the U.S.-Egypt Presidents' Council. Before joining GE, Mr. Gadbow was in private practice (1980-1990), initially as a partner in Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand and then as a partner at Dewey Ballantine, where he helped form that firm's international trade group. Mr. Gadbow began his legal career as Counsel in the General Counsel's office in the U.S. Treasury Department and later served as Assistant and then Deputy General Counsel in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

**Jennifer A. HILLMAN (USA), WTO Appellate Body Member**

In December 2007, Jennifer Hillman was appointed as a member of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) for a four-year term. Since February 2008, she also has been a Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. In March 2007, she completed nine years of service as a Commissioner on the U.S. International Trade Commission. She was originally appointed to the Commission in 1998 by President Clinton, and from June 2002 to June 2004 she served as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Prior to her appointment to the USITC, she served as General Counsel at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) from 1995-1997, and before that she served as USTR's Chief Textile Negotiator with the rank of Ambassador. Prior to joining USTR, Ambassador Hillman was the Legislative Director and Counsel to U.S. Senator Terry Sanford of North Carolina, responsible for international trade and international finance issues. She began her professional career as an international trade attorney in the Washington firm of Patton, Boggs, LLP. Ambassador Hillman taught at Georgetown Law as an adjunct professor from 2006-2008.

**IIEL Visiting Fellows**

**Dukgeun AHN (Korea), Associate Professor of International Trade Law, Seoul National University**

Dukgeun Ahn is Associate Professor of International Trade Law and Policy at the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) and Adjunct Professor of the Law School, Seoul National University. He works as Director of the Center for International Commerce and Finance at GSIS. Professor Ahn has actively published in the area of trade remedy systems, WTO trade dispute settlement, and FTA policies. He also has advised many developing country governments and international organizations. Currently, he serves as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of International Economic Law. Professor Ahn holds both a Ph. D. in Economics and a J.D. from the University of Michigan.

**Grant ALDONAS (USA), Adjunct Professor and Visiting Senior Fellow, Georgetown Law**

Grant Aldonas is a Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC, and is the founder and principal managing director of Split Rock International, an international consulting and investment advisory firm. In addition to his work with CSIS and Split Rock, Mr. Aldonas co-chairs the Atlantic Council's Project on Transatlantic Leadership in the Global Economy and serves as a member of the board of directors of two non-governmental organizations – the Center for International Private Investment (CIPE) and the Global Fairness Initiative. He serves as an adviser to the RAND Institute's Global Pharmaceutical Policy Project and the US Council on Competitiveness' National Innovation Initiative.

Mr. Aldonas also teaches international economic law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law, where he sits on the IIEL Advisory Committee. He has served as an arbitrator in claims brought before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, an affiliate of the World Bank's International Finance Corporation. Mr. Aldonas has formerly served as a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Transparency International – USA. His prior government work includes serving as Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. Prior to his service as Under Secretary, Mr. Aldonas was Chief International

Trade Counsel to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee from 1997-2001, as well as a partner with Miller & Chevalier and a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.

Mr. Aldonas is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he received both a baccalaureate degree in international relations in 1975 and his law degree in 1979. He serves on the University of Minnesota Law School's Board of Visitors, which oversees the Law School's programs and operations.

**Flávio Campestrin BETTARELLO (Brazil), Professor of Economics and Chair and Head of Applied Economics, Instituto Rio Branco; Head of Trade Policy, Intellectual Property and Civil Aviation, Embassy of Brazil in Washington**

Flávio Campestrin Bettarello is a Full Professor of Economics, as well as Chair and Head of Applied Economics at Instituto Rio Branco, the Brazilian diplomatic academy. Professor Bettarello is also a career diplomat, currently serving as Head of Trade Policy, Intellectual Property and Civil Aviation at the Embassy of Brazil in Washington. He is responsible for the Embassy's trilateral cooperation and services negotiation portfolios. Before being posted to the United States, Professor Bettarello was a Senior Press Officer and Advisor to President Lula da Silva and the Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim. He has pursued graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University, the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, New York University and University of California at Berkeley. He has doctorate and master's degrees in both Law and Economics.

**Elisabetta CERVONE (Italy), Visiting Researcher, Georgetown Law**

Elisabetta Cervone (JD, MA, PhD) has been an Adjunct Professor at LUISS University, Rome and a Lecturer at University of Rome III. She also has held a visiting position at Harvard Law School. Professor Cervone has published articles on financial markets regulation and EU law, among which are "Regulating Credit Rating Agencies in a Transatlantic Dialogue" and "EU Conducts of Business Rules and the Liberalization Ethos" in *European Business Law Review*. Professor Cervone has served as Deputy Counselor in a listed company. Her research focuses on global standards and financial market regulation. She has presented her work at international conferences, including the VI Global Administrative Law Seminar.

**Jennifer HAWKINS (Ireland), Editorial and Research Assistant to Professor John H. Jackson (Editor-in-Chief) of the Journal of International Economic Law**

Ms. Hawkins holds a B.C.L in Irish Law and French Law from University College Dublin (Ireland) and a Diploma in French Law from Université Paul Cézanne (Aix-Marseille III, France). She then worked for Ernst & Young's Restructuring/Insolvency department in Ireland for over three and a half years, during which time she was admitted to the Bars of New York and Ireland. Most recently, she completed an LL.M. at the University of Melbourne (Australia) where her principal focus was on international economic law

**Meredith Kolsky LEWIS (USA), Visiting Professor, Georgetown Law**

Professor Lewis is currently a Visiting Professor at Georgetown Law. She teaches at the Victoria University of Wellington Law School, in Wellington, New Zealand. Before joining Victoria, Professor Lewis was a senior associate practicing litigation and international trade with Shearman & Sterling LLP in Washington, DC and Tokyo. Professor Lewis is a founding member and currently Executive Vice President of the Society of International Economic Law. She is also Co-Director of the New Zealand Centre of International Economic Law; New Zealand's alternate member of the International Trade Law Committee of the International Law Association; and a member of the Asian WTO Research Network. Professor Lewis has previously been an IIEL Fellow and has also been an International Visiting Research Fellow at the Melbourne Law School. Professor Lewis has engaged in trade-related capacity building projects in Vietnam and Indonesia, and provides WTO-related training to New Zealand government officials. Professor Lewis's research focuses on

international economic law issues. Her publications include *International Business Law* (co-authored with Bryan Mercurio, Leon Trakman and Bruno Zeller) (Oxford, 2009), *International Economic Law and National Autonomy* (co-edited with Susy Frankel) (Cambridge, 2010) and articles in leading journals including the *Journal of International Economic Law* and the *Chicago Journal of International Law*. She is a double Georgetown alumnus, having received her JD from the Law Center and her MSFS from the School of Foreign Service.

**Shin-Yi PENG (Republic of China), Professor of Law, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan**

Professor Shin-yi Peng (S.J.D., University of Wisconsin) is currently a Professor of Law at National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan. Professor Peng has previously taught the course “Legal Aspects of Doing Business with Greater China” at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She actively publishes articles in Asia, the United States, and Europe, which include “Liberalization of Trade in Television Services--The Negotiation Dilemma and Challenges for the Future” (*Journal of World Trade*, 2009) and “Trade in Telecommunications Service--Doha and Beyond” (*Journal of World Trade*, 2007). Professor Peng is the Case Author “Teleland—Measures Affecting Telecommunications Service” of the 6th ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law. She is also a frequent speaker at various international conferences, including conferences organized by the Society of International Economic Law.

**Luca RUBINI (Italy), Lecturer in Law, University of Birmingham, UK**

Luca Rubini (JD, MA, PhD) is Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Institute of European Law at Birmingham Law School. He holds visiting positions in various academic institutions in the UK, Switzerland and Italy. Luca served as legal secretary to Advocate General Francis Jacobs at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He is the author of various works in the areas of international economic law and European law, most recently *The Definition of Subsidy and State Aid: WTO and EC Law in Comparative Perspective* (OUP, 2009). His current research interests focus on the control of public subsidies and climate change regulation. Presently, he is working on a monograph for CUP on the regulation of legitimate subsidies in the WTO.

**Russell STEVENSON (USA), Visiting Professor and Visiting Senior Fellow, Georgetown Law**

Professor Stevenson is a Visiting Senior Fellow at IIEL. He has been engaged for nearly 40 years in a variety of legal occupations including law professor, regulator, private practitioner, and in-house counsel. He recently retired as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of CIENA Corporation, a leading provider of communications networking solutions. Before joining CIENA, Professor Stevenson served as General Counsel of ARBROS Communications, an early stage communications service provider. From 1996 to 2000, he was General Counsel of CyberCash, Inc., a provider of software and services for electronic commerce. Prior to that, he practiced law in Washington, D.C., concentrating on securities and corporate law. From 1971 to 1981, Prof. Stevenson was a member of the full-time law faculty at George Washington University, where he taught corporations, securities regulation, international business transactions, international economic development and civil procedure. During that time he also was a visiting professor at Cornell Law School and, in 1977-78, a Fulbright Professor at the University of Paris II (Sorbonne). In 1981, Professor Stevenson joined the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, where he served as Deputy General Counsel.

Professor Stevenson holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and received his J.D. from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and the United States Supreme Court. He is the author of two books on corporate law and has published numerous articles on securities regulation, corporate law, and the law of electronic commerce. He has spoken often at conferences on securities regulation, corporate governance and

related topics, and been active in the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar, the International Law Association, and various community organizations.

**Ben VAN ROMPUY (Belgium), Visiting Researcher, Georgetown Law**

Ben Van Rompuy is spending one year at Georgetown Law as a Visiting Researcher. In early 2011, he will defend his Ph.D. in Law at the Free University of Brussels (VUB), Belgium, on the balancing of economic and non-economic values in EU antitrust policy and enforcement. He holds an M.A. in International and European Law, *magna cum laude*, and an M.A. in Communication Studies, *summa cum laude*, from the Free University of Brussels (VUB). He comes to Georgetown Law to further his research on the evolving role and purposes of EU and U.S. antitrust policies in an international context, and to work on a monograph based on his doctoral dissertation. He also serves as a consultant for the FTC's Office of International Affairs. He is the author of several book chapters and articles on competition and trade-related questions of normative conflict resolution, particularly in the context of the audiovisual sector.

**IIEL Consulting Senior Fellow**

**Rosine M. PLANK-BRUMBACK (France/USA), Consulting Senior Fellow**

Ms. Plank-Brumback is the principal interviewer in the IIEL's history project on the world trading system. She works at the Organization of American States (OAS), where she serves as the senior advisor to the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, helping assure that its activities in the areas of trade, competitiveness, tourism, corporate social responsibility, science, technology and innovation are coherent with the department's strategic vision and fulfill the mandates from the member states. She is the focal point for coordinating collaborative activities within the Tripartite Committee (OAS-IADB-ECLAC). Previously she worked in the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, and was Chief of the Ministerial Meetings Follow-up Section. From 1998 to 2006, she provided the lead substantive support to the FTAA Negotiating Group on Dispute Settlement and to the Technical Committee on Institutional Issues. She has participated in numerous trade capacity-building and training programs.

Ms. Plank-Brumback has held positions in the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, at the U.S. Mission to the European Communities in Brussels, and at the GATT Secretariat in Geneva where she was a counselor in the Agriculture Division during the Tokyo and Uruguay Rounds. She was panel secretary to three GATT panels. She has been an international trade consultant, including senior legal advisor in a USAID-sponsored project helping Nicaragua implement its obligations under DR-CAFTA. She is on the roster of arbitrators under the Chile-Central America Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the Chile-MERCOSUR FTA, the Costa-Rica Mexico FTA, and the Nicaragua-Mexico FTA.

Ms. Plank-Brumback holds a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University and a J.D. degree *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami, where she was the Edward D. Berger scholar.

### IIEL Student Fellows

**M.S. ANANTH (India) LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

After graduating in commerce from Madras University and law from Delhi University, Mr. Ananth commenced practice as a litigating lawyer in New Delhi. Initially focusing on property, matrimonial and testamentary cases, he later emphasized practice in taxation and commercial laws at the Supreme Court of India. He has also assisted a former Attorney General for India in several cases at the Supreme Court of India. At Delhi University, Mr. Ananth was an active participant in and organizer of student activities. Since graduation, he has authored several articles for newspapers and other publications in New Delhi.

**Ben AUSTRIN-WILLIS (USA), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Mr. Austrin-Willis is an LL.M. Candidate in International Business and Economic Law as well as a Candidate for the WTO Certificate. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Austrin-Willis attended Phillips Exeter Academy. He earned his B.A. in international relations, French, European studies, and broadcast journalism at the University of Arkansas *summa cum laude* on a Sturgis Fellowship. He taught English language and American culture in Alès, France, on a Fulbright Scholarship before earning his J.D. at Wake Forest University. He clerked for the Honorable Albert Diaz on the North Carolina Business Court prior to attending Georgetown Law.

**Juan David BARBOSA (Colombia), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Juan David Barbosa received both his J.D. and Tax degrees from the Universidad Javeriana, Colombia. Prior to attending Georgetown, where he is an LL.M. and WTO Certificate Candidate, Mr. Barbosa worked as Deputy Director of Trade Remedies for the Colombian Government directing several antidumping and safeguard investigations. He also worked for several years for Ernst & Young in the foreign tax area in Colombia and in Araujo Ibarra & Asociados structuring foreign trade zones in countries such as the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Ecuador. Mr. Barbosa's experience also includes the publication of articles regarding transfer pricing, international taxation and WTO issues. His research focuses on the relationship between international trade and taxation.

**Hanna BOECKMANN (Germany), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Boeckmann is an LL.M. and WTO Certificate Candidate at Georgetown Law. She pursued earlier legal studies in Berlin, Germany and Lyon, France. Before obtaining her Second State Examination in Law in 2009, Ms. Boeckmann worked as a law clerk for the Berlin Office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and for the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, as well as interning in the European Commission's Directorate General for Trade (Legal aspects of Trade policy). From 2009 to 2010 she practiced in a large German Commercial Law firm.

**Hayane DAHMEN (Brazil), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Hayane Dahmen is an LL.M. Candidate in the International Business and Economic Law program at Georgetown. She also is a Candidate for the WTO Certificate. Originally from Brazil, Hayane has spent the past ten years in Canada, where she attained her BA (Hons) from McGill University in Political Science and Philosophy, and her LLB/JD from the University of British Columbia. During her law studies, Hayane participated in a year-long exchange program to the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland, and interned at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva, Switzerland. Since graduation Hayane has been practicing as an antitrust attorney at a major Canadian law firm, and is a Member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

**Renato GOMES (Brazil), S.J.D. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Mr. Gomes is an S.J.D candidate (CAPES-Fulbright scholar) focusing on the democratic impacts of WTO rules in developing economies. He also serves as research assistant to Professor John H. Jackson and as director of the ABCI Institute (Brazilian International Trade Scholars). Before coming to Georgetown, he worked as legal officer for Nobel Peace laureate Martti Ahtisaari at the United Nations Office of the Special Envoy for Kosovo in Vienna. In 2004, he was on the winning team in the final oral round of the ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law in Geneva, and he won the Best Oralist award in the United Kingdom's national round of that same competition. Mr. Gomes also won Best Oralist awards in the Brazilian rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2003, 2002 and 2001, and was on the winning team in 2003. Mr. Gomes holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University (Instituto Ling scholar), an LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (Graduate Merit Award and Alban scholar) and a Bachelor of Laws from Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil. He is a member of the Bar in Brazil and Portugal.

**Abhimanyu George JAIN (India), Exchange Student, Georgetown Law**

Mr. Jain is a final year student at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore. He has served as the Chief Editor of the Student Editorial Board of the Indian Journal of International Economic Law for its third issue (2010) and a special issue on space law and international economic law. In 2009, Mr. Jain won the Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition and was judged the best speaker at the Asia-Pacific Regional Round. His internships include a clerkship at the Supreme Court of India, research assistance for the trial of Radovan Karadzic at the ICTR and various policy internships on issues of financial and international law. He also has several publications and conference papers to his credit.

**Eeva KOROLAINEN (Finland), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Korolainen is an LL.M. Candidate in International Business and Economic Law, as well as a Candidate for the WTO Certificate. Ms. Korolainen received her first legal degree from the University of Helsinki, Finland, and has since pursued a career in trade policy, concentrating mainly on international services trade and, more recently, China. She is on leave of absence from the leading business organization in Finland, where she works as an adviser. She has previously worked for the Finnish government, most recently for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, where she developed Finnish positions in trade negotiations and represented Finland in the EU Council Committee responsible for international services trade. She chaired the Committee during Finland's six-month Presidency of the EU in 2006.

**Luis Armando LÓPEZ LINALDI (Mexico), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Mr. López Linaldi obtained his law degree from Universidad de las Américas Puebla, México in 2002. He also holds a Bachelor of International Commerce and worked for four years in one of the major Customs Broker Agencies in Mexico, where he advised companies on international trade and customs related issues. Mr. López Linaldi studied European Union Competition Law and International Trade Law in Italy and also obtained an LL.M. degree in International Dispute Settlement from Geneva University Law School (Switzerland). In Geneva, he interned at CUTS Geneva Resource Centre and at the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO Agency). Prior to attending Georgetown, he was a trainee at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the WTO where he assisted in WTO disputes. At Georgetown, he is an LL.M. and WTO Certificate Candidate.

**Cynthia LIU (USA), J.D. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Cynthia Liu is a J.D. and WTO Certificate Candidate in the Georgetown Law class of 2011. She received her B.A. from Yale University where she double-majored in Political Science and Economics. While an undergraduate, Cynthia participated in the Lee Shiu Socio-Economic Study Project, sponsored by Hong Kong University, and interned at the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research Taiwan WTO Center. She completed a senior thesis in Political Science on China's aid strategy to Africa and an Economics thesis on the filing strategies of certain industries against China in anti-dumping cases. She also studied at Peking University during the fall of 2006. Cynthia has recently interned at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency and the U.S. State Department's Office of Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law. She was a 2010 summer associate in the DC office of Hughes Hubbard & Reed.

**Jenna MALABONGA (Switzerland), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Malabonga is an LL.M. student and WTO Certificate Candidate. Prior to Georgetown, she studied Law at the University of Geneva where she received both her bachelor and master's degrees. During the latter, she focused on international economic law and wrote her thesis on the interpretation and scope of application of GATT Article XXIV. Ms. Malabonga also worked as a paralegal assistant at the law firm of Bär & Karrer Ltd. in Geneva during her studies and full time upon graduation.

**Gareth MCCASKER (Australia), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Gareth McCasker is an LL.M. and WTO Certificate Candidate at Georgetown Law. He is an Australian lawyer with degrees in Law (Hons) from the Queensland University of Technology and Commerce from the University of Queensland. Whilst in the employ of the Asian-Pacific law firm Minter Ellison, Gareth gained considerable experience in privatizations, mergers and acquisitions and commercial litigation. He assisted a WTO consultant engaged to provide technical assistance to the Government of Nepal regarding WTO compliance and notification and worked on international business transactions whilst an intern at Indian law firm Fox Mandal Little. Gareth has a keen interest in the development and application of international economic law in the Asian-Pacific region.

**Laura MIRANDA (Honduras), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Miranda holds a Law Degree from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras and a Masters in Corporate Law from the Universidad Tecnologica Centroamericana. She is expected to hold a Masters in International Relations and Foreign Commerce from the Universidad Catolica de Honduras by year's end. After clerking for three years in the Constitutional Room of the Supreme Court of Honduras, Laura was the Head of the Legal Department of Inversiones Miranda-Flefil, Legal Director of Solidaridad Honduras (NGO) and Vice President of the Honduran Association of Japanese Scholarship Recipients.

**Dennis MUHAMBE (Kenya), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Dennis Muhambe obtained his LLB from Moi University, Kenya in 2005. He later enrolled for a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies at the Kenya School of Law and was admitted to the Roll of Advocates of Kenya in 2007. Mr. Muhambe joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya in 2007 as a legal advisor. He has advised the Ministry widely on international trade issues, including drafting and negotiating bilateral trade agreements. Serving as the legal advisor to the Kenyan Embassy in Washington DC since October 2009, Mr. Muhambe is keenly following legal developments in the U.S. trade policy on Africa, particularly the Africa Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA). His research interests while pursuing the LL.M. in International Business & Economic law at Georgetown Law include a particular focus on dispute settlement mechanisms of the multilateral trading system.

**Christian PANGILINAN (Canada/Philippines), J.D. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Christian Pangilinan is a J.D. Candidate at Georgetown Law. He has a B.A. in English Honours from the University of British Columbia and an M.A. with distinction in English Literary Studies from the University of York. Before coming to Georgetown, he studied at the Ateneo de Manila Law School in Makati City, Philippines. He is also a 2010-2011 Human Rights Associate at the Georgetown Human Rights Institute and managing editor of the Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law Annual Review.

**Rahim PUNJANI (Canada), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Prior to earning an LL.B from the University of Windsor, Mr. Punjani obtained trade policy experience as an analyst in the Trade Section at the Canadian Embassy in Mexico, the Mexico Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and at Agriculture and AgriFood Canada. Mr. Punjani was also a member of Canada's delegation to the June 2004 WTO Agriculture Market Access negotiations. As a lawyer at a major Canadian law firm, he practiced in the area of commercial litigation. Additionally, Mr. Punjani held a clerkship at the Federal Court of Canada.

**Iulia Magdalena SANDU (Romania), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Sandu received both her J.D. and B.Sc. in Economics degrees from Babes-Bolyai University, Romania. She also holds an M.B.A. degree from the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies. Ms. Sandu has interned with the Department of Safety and Security of the United Nations Secretariat, with the Romanian European Integration Commission and with the Embassy of Romania in Madrid, Spain. She also performed pro bono work for Amnesty International's Office in Madrid. At Zamfirescu Racoti Predoiu LLP, Ms. Sandu worked closely on certain projects with the current Minister of Justice of Romania. She also practiced as a corporate lawyer at Casandra Burz-Pinzaru, a Romanian law firm.

**Deborah SY (Philippines), LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law**

Ms. Sy is the Executive Director of Health Justice, a non-profit organization that aims to bridge the gaps between health science and law. She works closely with the Department of Health (DOH) where she served as the Chair of the Regional Committee on Tobacco Control (RCTC) for the National Capital Region, and the Vice-Chair of the 5.3 Committee, which was created by the DOH to implement Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

Ms. Sy also served as a Legal Consultant at the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Law and participated in the negotiations on the WHO FCTC Protocol on the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. She earned her Bachelor of Laws with honors (Dean's Medal & Outstanding Intern) at the University of the Philippines (UP) and is a member of the Philippine Bar. After law school, she engaged in private practice at the SRGFF Law Firm and served as a consultant to policymakers.

Prior to her law career, Ms. Sy worked as a Product Manager at Citibank and for Unilever, Philippines. She earned her undergraduate BS in Business Economics (*cum laude*). At Georgetown Law, she is pursuing both the LL.M. and the WTO Certificate.