



## ***Justice & Accountability for Atrocity Crimes Facing Tough Challenges and Forging Innovative Responses***

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### **Speaker Bios**

The Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights was established by Professor Dash's family and friends, Georgetown Law alumni, and the law firm of Cozen O'Connor following his passing in 2004 to honor his contributions to international and domestic human rights.

**Philippe Sands** QC is Professor of Law at University College London and a practicing barrister at Matrix Chambers. He appears as counsel before international courts and tribunals, and sits as an international arbitrator.

#### **Philippe Sands Keynote Speaker**



He is author of *Lawless World* (2005) and *Torture Team* (2008) and numerous academic books on international law, and has contributed to the *New York Review of Books*, *Vanity Fair*, the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian* and the *New York Times*.

His latest books are *East West Street: On the Origins of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide* (2016) (awarded the 2016 Baillie Gifford Prize, the 2017 British Book Awards Non-Fiction Book of the Year, and the 2018 Prix Montaigne) and *The Ratline: Love, Lies and Justice on the Trail of a Nazi Fugitive* (2020), also available as a BBC podcast.

Philippe is President of English PEN and a member of the Board of the Hay Festival of Arts and Literature.

**Tom Andrews  
Panelist**



**Tom Andrews** is the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. A former member of the US Congress from Maine, Tom Andrews is a Robina Senior Human Rights Fellow at Yale University Law School and has a Washington DC based consulting practice, Andrews Strategic Services. He has worked with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and parliamentarians, NGOs and political parties in several countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Algeria, Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine and Yemen.

Andrews served as General Secretary of "The Nobel Peace Laureate Campaign for Aung San Suu Kyi and the People of Burma" in 2001 and was a consultant for the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma and the Euro-Burma Network. He has run advocacy NGOs including Win Without War and United to End Genocide, led an education institute at the University of Maine and served in the Maine House of Representatives and the Maine Senate. He lives with his wife and son in Fairfax, Virginia outside of Washington DC.

**Todd Buchwald  
Panelist**



**Todd F. Buchwald** served as Special Coordinator for the State Department's Office of Global Criminal Justice from December 2015 through July 2017, and was conferred the rank of Ambassador by President Obama in July 2016. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Buchwald served as a career lawyer in the Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, including as the Assistant Legal Adviser for Political-Military Affairs during the Clinton and Bush Administrations, and the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs during the Bush and Obama Administrations.

Before becoming Assistant Legal Adviser, Mr. Buchwald served as an attorney in the Office of White House Counsel under President Reagan. Following his departure from the State Department, Mr. Buchwald was appointed as the inaugural Tom A. Bernstein Genocide Prevention Fellow at the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and he is currently a Professorial Lecturer in Law at George Washington University Law School and a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. Mr. Buchwald has been the recipient of numerous Presidential Rank Awards, Superior Honor Awards, and State Department performance awards, as well as recipient of the Justice Tom C. Clark Award

(outstanding attorney in the federal government).

He has published a variety of scholarly articles, including on the legality of use of force in Iraq, United States security assistance programs, and the crime of aggression. Most importantly, he was "Coach of the Year" in McLean Little League (2007) and McLean Youth Basketball (2015). He is a graduate of Cornell University and the Yale Law School.

**Margaret M. deGuzman** is James E. Beasley Professor of Law at Temple Law School. She specializes in criminal law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and transitional justice. She also teaches a course on mindful lawyering. Her scholarship examines the role of international criminal law in the global legal order, with a particular focus on the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

**Margaret M.  
deGuzman  
Panelist**



Professor deGuzman's publications include *Shocking the Conscience of Humanity: Gravity and the Legitimacy of International Criminal Law*, *The Elgar Companion to the International Criminal Court*, and *Arcs of Global Justice: Essays in Honour of William A. Schabas*. Her work has appeared in numerous other books and journals, including the *Journal of Criminal Law and Philosophy*, *Virginia Journal of International Law*, and *Yale Journal of International Law*. Professor deGuzman is a Senior Peace Fellow at the Public International Law and Policy Group, a consultant with Global Rights Compliance, and serves on the editorial board of the *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*.

Before joining the Temple Law faculty, Professor deGuzman clerked on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law in San Francisco, specializing in criminal defense. She served as a legal advisor to the Senegal delegation at the Rome Conference on the ICC and as a law clerk in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Darou Ndiar, Senegal.

Professor deGuzman received a Ph.D. (human rights) from the National University of Ireland, Galway, a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

**Scott Gilmore** is of Counsel at Hausfeld LLP and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. He practices international litigation, representing victims of human rights abuses, terrorism, environmental damage, and gross corporate misconduct at the global claimants firm Hausfeld LLP.

Professor Gilmore's work addresses some of the most challenging issues in transnational civil litigation, from the domestic application of international law to jurisdiction through cyberspace. As lead counsel to the family of Marie Colvin, a war correspondent killed in 2012 by Syrian armed forces, he secured the first ever judgment against the Syrian government for violations of the law of armed conflict during the civil war, *Colvin v. Syria*.

**Scott Gilmore  
Moderator**



Professor Gilmore represents Greta Thunberg and youth from around the world in the first climate-change case before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Sacchi et al., v. Argentina, et al.* He represents survivors of the 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis in *Roeder v. JPMorgan Chase*, and represents Sudanese atrocity survivors in *Kashef v. BNP Paribas*, class action litigation against BNP Paribas for the bank's admitted role in enabling the Sudanese government to evade U.S. sanctions at the height of the Darfur crisis.

Professor Gilmore has published on corporate responsibility under international humanitarian law, foreign sovereign immunity for torts committed through cyberspace, and common-law immunities for foreign officials. He has lectured and presented at Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, the American Society of International Law, American Society for Legal History, UN Economic and Social Council, and UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

He has been recognized as a leading plaintiff lawyer by *Lawdragon* and as "Lawyer of the Week" by *The Times of London*.

Prior to law school, Professor Gilmore was a professional musician, theater performer and co-founder of *Le petit théâtre de l'absolu*, a Franco-American performance troupe.



**Charles C. Jalloh** is Professor of Law at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, USA, a member of the United Nations International Law Commission, and founding Editor-in-Chief of the *African Journal of Legal Studies* and the *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*.

A prolific scholar, he has published widely on issues of international law, including in journals such as *American Journal of International Law*, *International Criminal Law Review*, *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, *Penn State Law Review*, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, and *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*. He has books with prestigious university presses and other leading publishers. His recent works include *The International Criminal Court in an Effective Global Justice System* (with Linda Carter and Mark Ellis); *The International Criminal Court and Africa* (with Ilias Bantekas) and *The African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights in Context: Development and Challenges* (with Kamari Clarke and Vincent Nmehielle). His monograph, *The Legal Legacy of the Sierra Leone Tribunal*, was published by Cambridge University Press in July 2020.

**Charles Jalloh  
Panelist**



He has advised states and international organizations on issues of domestic and international law and appeared in proceedings before international tribunals. His practice experience includes as counsel in the Department of Justice Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, an associate legal officer in the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda working on high profile cases involving the 1994 Rwandan genocide, a legal adviser in the Special Court for Sierra Leone where he was duty counsel and head of the public defender's office in The Hague trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor, and as a visiting professional, in the International Criminal Court (ICC).

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Guelph, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Civil Law degrees from McGill University, and a Master's in International Human Rights Law, with distinction, from Oxford University, where he was a Chevening Scholar. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) specializing in International Law from the University of Amsterdam.

**David Luban** is a University Professor and Professor of Law and Philosophy. Since 2013, he has also served as Class of 1984 Distinguished Chair in Ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy's Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. His research interests center on moral and legal responsibility in organizational settings, including law firms, government, and the military. In addition to legal ethics, he writes on international criminal law, national security, and just war theory. His current project is a book on the moral and legal philosophy of Hannah Arendt.

Luban is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center, and has received prizes for distinguished scholarship from the American Bar Foundation and the New York State Bar Association. In 2011 he was a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University.

**David Luban**  
**Panelist**



Luban's books include *Lawyers and Justice: An Ethical Study*, *Legal Modernism*, and *Legal Ethics and Human Dignity*. His most recent book, *Torture, Power, and Law*, won the American Publishers Association PROSE Award for professional and scholarly excellence in philosophy. Other books include edited anthologies and casebooks on international criminal law and legal ethics. Along with many scholarly articles, Luban has written for *The Boston Review*, *The New York Review of Books*, and *Slate*; he blogs on *Balkinization* and *Just Security*.

Luban joined the Georgetown faculty from the University of Maryland. He has held visiting chairs at the Fordham, Harvard, Stanford, and Yale Law Schools; and has been a visiting professor at the Interdisciplinary Center (Israel), Dartmouth College, and the University of Melbourne. A frequent speaker in the United States, Luban has also lectured in eighteen other countries.

Luban is on the editorial boards of *Ethics & International Affairs*, *Legal Ethics*, and the *Just Security* blog. He has served on the D.C. Bar's ethics committee, and chaired the AALS Sections on Professional Responsibility and on Law and Interpretation, as well as the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Law and Philosophy. He has testified before both houses of Congress.

**Beth Van Schaack** is the Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor in Human Rights at the Law School and a faculty affiliate with Stanford's Center for Human Rights & International Justice.

Professor Van Schaack returned to Stanford after stepping down as Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues in the Office of Global Criminal Justice of the U.S. Department of State. In that capacity, she helped to advise the Secretary of State and the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights on the formulation of U.S. policy regarding the prevention of and accountability for mass atrocities, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. In this position, she worked extensively within the inter-agency to help coordinate the deployment of a range of diplomatic, legal, economic, military, and intelligence tools to help expose the truth, capture and judge those responsible, protect and assist victims, enable reconciliation, deter atrocities, and build the rule of law.

**Beth Van Schaack  
Panelist**



Prior to her State Department appointment, Van Schaack was Professor of Law at Santa Clara University School of Law, where she taught and wrote in the areas of human rights, transitional justice, international criminal law, public international law, international humanitarian law, and civil procedure. She has been a member of the U.S. Department of State's Advisory Council on International Law and served on the United States inter-agency delegation to the International Criminal Court Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda in 2010.

Van Schaack joined the Santa Clara faculty from private practice at Morrison & Foerster LLP. Prior to entering private practice, Van Schaack was Acting Executive Director and Staff Attorney with The Center for Justice & Accountability. She was also a law clerk with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. She continues to advise a number of human rights organizations, including: the Documentation Center of Cambodia, the National Institute of Military Justice, the International Justice Resource Center, the Commission for International Justice & Accountability, and Accountability Counsel.

Van Schaack is a graduate of Stanford University (B.A.); Yale Law School (J.D.); and Leiden University (PhD).

**Andrew I.  
Schoenholtz  
Speaker**



**Andrew I. Schoenholtz** is a Professor from Practice at Georgetown Law, where he co-directs the Center for Applied Legal Studies, the asylum clinic in which students represent refugees fleeing persecution who seek asylum in the United States. He also directs the Human Rights Institute and the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies. He has taught courses on Refugee Law and Policy, Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies, and Immigration Law and Policy, as well as a practicum on the rights of detained immigrants. Prior to teaching at Georgetown, Professor Schoenholtz served as Deputy Director of the US Commission on Immigration Reform. He also practiced immigration, asylum, and international law with the Washington, DC law firm of Covington & Burling. He has conducted fact-finding missions in Haiti, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Croatia, Bosnia, Malawi, and Zambia to study root causes of forced migration, refugee protection, long-term solutions to mass migration emergencies, and humanitarian relief operations.

Professor Schoenholtz researches and writes regularly on refugee law and policy. His publications include: *The End of Asylum* (co-author); *The Promise and Challenge of Humanitarian Protection in the United States: Making Temporary Protected Status Work as a Safe Haven*; *The New Refugees and the Old Treaty: Persecutors and Persecuted in the Twenty-First Century*; *Lives in the Balance: Asylum Adjudication by the Department of Homeland Security* (co-author); *Rejecting Refugees: Homeland Security's Administration of the One-Year Bar to Asylum* (co-author); *Refugee Roulette: Disparities in Asylum Adjudication* (co-author); *Refugee Protection in the United States Post-September 11th*; *The Uprooted: Improving Humanitarian Responses to Forced Migration* (chapter on "Improving Legal Frameworks"); and *Aiding and Abetting Persecutors: The Seizure and Return of Haitian Refugees in Violation of the UN Refugee Convention and Protocol*.

Dr. Schoenholtz holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a PhD from Brown University.

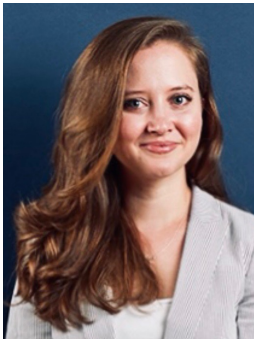
**Param-Preet Singh**  
**Panelist**



**Param-Preet Singh** is associate director in the International Justice Program. She focuses on creating paths to credible national and international justice for victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. She has conducted on-the-ground fact-finding missions and authored reports and briefing papers on accountability efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, Singh has worked on advocacy campaigns to address the mass human rights violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and in Myanmar. She was also chair of Human Rights Watch's Fellowship Program from 2016-2020.

Before joining Human Rights Watch, Singh worked as a lawyer with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo and the Federal Department of Justice in Toronto, Canada. She was also a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School and a Schell Center Senior Visiting Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School. She is a graduate of the University of Alberta and McGill Law School.

**Melissa Stewart**  
**Moderator**



**Melissa Stewart** is the Dash-Muse Teaching Fellow and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law's Human Rights Institute

Prior to her transition to academia, Professor Stewart spent several years in private practice at Foley Hoag, where she advised clients on matters related to international law, human rights, corporate social responsibility, law of the sea, and international environmental law. She represented clients before various UN bodies and was co-counsel to the Republic of the Philippines in the South China Sea arbitration. Her human rights work included securing legal protection for a client under the Convention Against Torture; filing an amicus brief in the 11th Circuit in an Alien Tort Statute case; and addressing legal issues related to accountability for ethnic cleansing, genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

Professor Stewart is the author or co-author on publications related to international law, immigration law, refugee law, statelessness, human rights, law of the sea, and investor-state arbitration. Her work is forthcoming in or has appeared in the *Virginia Journal of International Law*, *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, and the *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*.



Professor Stewart received a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a Global Law Scholar. She received her Masters in Law from SciencesPo in Paris. Professor Stewart was also a Public Policy and International Affairs fellow at the University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy and a Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace at the Middlebury Language School.

**Jane Stromseth** is the Francis Cabel Brown Professor of International law. She teaches and writes in the fields of constitutional law, justice and accountability for atrocity crimes, and international human rights. From 2013 to 2015, she served at the U.S. Department of State as Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large in the Office of Global Criminal Justice and then as acting head of the office. She previously served in government as Senior Adviser on Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy at the Department of Defense, where she worked on establishment of the Atrocity Prevention Board; as Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs at the National Security Council; and as an Attorney-Adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

**Jane Stromseth  
Moderator**



Dr. Stromseth has written widely on topics including post-conflict justice and rule of law building, humanitarian intervention, constitutional war powers, and international law and the use of force. She is co-author of *Can Might Make Rights? Building the Rule of Law After Military Interventions* (2006); editor of *Accountability for Atrocities: National and International Responses* (2003); and author of *The Origins of Flexible Response: NATO's Debate over Strategy in the 1960s* (1988); as well as numerous articles and book chapters.

Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, Dr. Stromseth served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and to Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Dr. Stromseth is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Counsellor of the American Society of International Law. She received her doctorate in International Relations at Oxford, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and her law degree at Yale.

**William M. Treanor** is the Dean and Executive Vice President of Georgetown University Law Center, and he holds the Law Center's Paul Regis Dean Leadership Professorship.

**William M. Treanor**  
Speaker



Treanor's areas of academic expertise include constitutional law, property law, criminal law, intellectual property, and legal history. At Georgetown Law, he has taught a first-year legal justice seminar, an upper-level course on the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, and most recently leadership courses. His writings have principally been in the area of constitutional history, and he has been recognized as one of the 10 most-cited legal history scholars in the United States by the University of Chicago Law School's Brian Leiter. His early work largely focused on the history of constitutional protections of private property. His articles were selected three times by the *Land Use and Environment Law Review* as among the year's finest, and his article "The Original Understanding of the Takings Clause and the Political Process," *95 Colum. L. Rev.* 782 (1995), was recently recognized by the Land Use Professors Blog as the most cited land use article of the past 30 years. Treanor's more recent work, including "Judicial Review before *Marbury*," his doctoral dissertation, has focused on the emergence of judicial review and on constitutional interpretation in the early republic. His forthcoming article, "The Case of the Dishonest Scrivener: Gouverneur Morris and the Creation of the Federalist Constitution," a study of the changes that constitutional convention delegate Gouverneur Morris and the Committee of Style made in preparing the Constitution's final draft, will be published in the October 2021 issue of the *Michigan Law Review*.

Before coming to Georgetown, Treanor was Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. He also has served in a variety of positions in the government, including Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice; Associate Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel during the Iran/Contra investigation; Speechwriter to the United States Secretary of Education; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia United States Attorney's Office; and Special Assistant to the Chair of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity. He was law clerk to the Honorable James L. Oakes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Treanor has a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and a B.A. from Yale College (*summa cum laude*).

## **Members of the Human Rights Institute's Fact-Finding Practicum**

**Dennis Blumenfeld (L'22)** is a third-year J.D. candidate in the evening program at the Georgetown University Law Center. He has a Master's of Latin American Studies from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and a Bachelor's of Arts in International Affairs from the University of Georgia. As a graduate student, Dennis conducted qualitative research in Venezuela. During Dennis's first year of law school at American University, where he studied before transferring to Georgetown, Dennis was on the International Law Review during which he wrote a journal comment concerning Brazil's obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, a human rights treaty.

**Aysha Chowdhry (L'23)** is a Senior Director at RiceHadleyGates (RHG). Before joining RHG, Aysha worked as a Professional Staff Member for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee covering South and Central Asia for then Senator John F. Kerry (D-MA). At the committee, she covered U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Previously, she was the Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs at USAID. Prior to her time in government, she worked at the Brookings Institution and at the World Bank. Aysha has also served as a pro bono advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Washington where she has traveled to Syrian refugee camps throughout Lebanon in an effort to inform Washington policymakers on the devastating effects of long-term displacement. Aysha received a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.A. from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. She is currently a second year law student at Georgetown University Law Center.

**Jacob Demree (L'22)** is a second-year J.D. candidate at the Georgetown University Law Center. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Medical Anthropology from Swarthmore College, where he studied ethnographic and public health research methods. He has participated in and conducted research with migrants, persons seeking healthcare, refugees, and other human subjects. Last summer, he worked with International Rights Advocates to support class actions against multinational corporations for international human rights abuses.

**Elizabeth Fray (L'22)** is a second-year J.D. candidate at Georgetown University Law Center. She worked at the Center for Civilians in Conflict this past summer, and continues her work there as a research consultant this Fall. She holds a B.A. in Communication Studies from the University of San Francisco, through which she studied qualitative research methods and ethics, and participated in several research projects that involved interviews with human subjects. She was trained in interviewing vulnerable populations as a nonprofit program coordinator in 2016, and conducted interviews with individuals struggling to access healthcare for a report to the Congressional Committee on Care. Most recently, she has continued to build these skills as an intake volunteer for a veteran's legal clinic based in Washington, D.C.

**Juliana Lord (L'22)** is a second-year J.D. candidate at Georgetown University Law Center. She worked for Women's Refugee Commission this past summer. She holds a B.A. in International Studies from Macalester College, where she studied international human rights, refugee issues, atrocities and other conflicts, and transitional justice. She also studied abroad in Ecuador in 2017, where she conducted research about the influence of Catholicism on views of women's human rights issues. Before law school, she worked for an immigration lawyer and was trained in interviewing clients and taking affidavits to compile family and humanitarian immigration applications.

**Hibah Siddiqui (L'22)** is a second-year J.D. candidate at Georgetown University Law Center pursuing a career in immigration defense. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in History from Centre College, where she studied the long-term impacts of European colonialism and American imperialism in the post-War context. This past summer, she worked as a Law Clerk for Washington's chapter of the Council for American-Islamic Relations. She has training in interviewing and working with migrant populations in Kentucky and abroad.