



Research Centers Newsletter, March 2018



Featured Event: WILJ Symposium



Margarete May Macaulay

The Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) will host its annual symposium on **Friday, April 6th**. This year's symposium, entitled "Sustainable Development Goals and International Law: Intersections of Environmental Law, Human Rights and Environmental Justice," will feature keynote speaker Margarete May Macaulay, Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). The Symposium, which includes speakers from across the globe, will explore how the Sustainable Development Goals intersect with environmental law, human rights, and environmental justice. The Symposium will run from **8:30am - 5:30pm in Law School Room 2260**. CLE credit for Wisconsin Attorneys will be available.

The WILJ Symposium is sponsored by the Wisconsin International Law Journal, Global Legal Studies Center, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University Lectures Committee, Office of Sustainability, Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence, Laurie

Carlson Progressive Ideas Forum, UW Law School JD Grants, and Wisconsin Experience Grant.

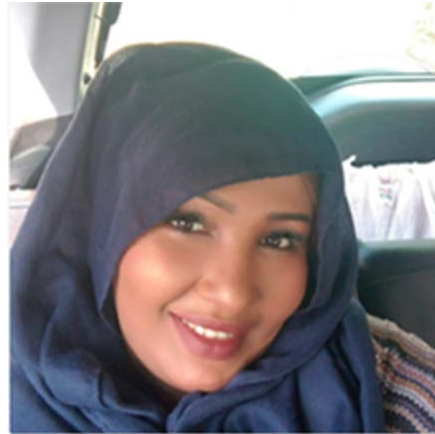
Register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Rmu8VBLz6u7q4t

For more information, please visit: http://law.wisc.edu/gls/wilj_2018.html

Featured Speaker: Soffa Lecture

Najma Ahmed Abdi

The Human Rights Program, the Global Legal Studies Center, and the International Division welcome Najma Ahmed Abdi, Chair of the Somali Youth Leadership Forum (SYLF), to campus on **Thursday, April 12th** to deliver the J. Jobe and Marguerite Jacqmin Soffa Lecture. Ms. Abdi founded SYLF in 2003 as a response to frustration at the lack of visible political participation of youth and women in Somali politics. The title of her lecture is "Young Women's Political Inclusion and Participation in a Country Recovering from Civil War and Years of Terror." The lecture will be held at **4:00pm at the Chazen Museum**. It also serves as the keynote of the annual 4W Summit on Women, Gender and Well-being. Visit here to learn more about the 4W Annual Summit: <https://4w.wisc.edu/events/>



[Najma Ahmed Abdi](#)

Upcoming Events

- **March 16-17, 2018:** Coming Together of Peoples' Conference (GLS/HRP)
- **March 23, 2018:** Administrative Law Conference hosted by Professor Jason Yackee, "New Frontiers in the Empirical Studies of Agency Policy Making" (ILS)
- **April 4, 2018:** Professor Nestor Davidson, "The Dilemma of Localism in an Era of Polarization" (Dean's Office)
- **April 20, 2018:** "Symposium on Many Faces and Facets of Migration" (GLS/HRP)

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit: <http://law.wisc.edu/researchcenters/events.html>

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Mitra Sharafi

GLS affiliate professor Mitra Sharafi is working on a book project entitled "**Fear of the False: Forensic Science in Colonial India**." Between 1840 and 1947, a wave of treatises and institutions emerged to detect crime in South Asia. India's new experts in poison, blood, forgery, and explosives were supposed to cut through the perjury and forgery of "mendacious natives" to extract objective scientific truth in the service of a neutral vision of justice. However, the new forensic science invited increasingly complicated and conflicting answers to the questions, "what is truth?" and "what is justice?" Drawing upon archival research in Delhi and London, Professor Sharafi's study reveals that a system initially structured along fault lines of racial difference morphed into a site for competing conceptions of truth and justice among men of science and of law, both British and Indian. It explores both the opportunities for adaptation and the curtailment of complexity that accompanied forensic knowledge production in the colonial setting.



[Professor Mitra Sharafi](#)

Student Spotlight



Frank Donahue

Frank Donahue, 3L

Frank Donahue interned at YKVN in Hanoi, Vietnam during the summer of 2016 as part of the internship program coordinated by EALSC. YKVN is a full service international law firm that does transactional work for Vietnamese entrepreneurs and international investors. As an intern, Frank helped the Vietnamese lawyers with document editing and research on American Law. Frank enjoyed the opportunity to work in the heart of Hanoi and experience all that Vietnam's capital city had to offer. He counts visits to Ha Long Bay and the mountain town of Sapa as highlights of his time in Vietnam. In addition to his internship in Vietnam, Frank also studied abroad at Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile in his 2L year.

Ryan Gladych, 3L

Ryan Gladych is studying at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy during the 2017-2018 academic year. Studying at the EUI has provided Ryan with the opportunity to engage with a community of Ph.D. and LL.M. researchers and faculty in diverse areas of interest. Attending seminars across a broad range of legal topics, including Intellectual Property, International and European Climate Change Law, and Transnational Economic Law, has allowed him to study the law through a social-scientific lens and build a broad base of knowledge and appreciation for the diverse perspectives of scholars of various nationalities and legal educational systems. Ryan is enjoying the food, the language, the art, and the music that Italy has to offer. The location of the EUI has provided him with an idyllic setting for the study of law.



Ryan Gladych

Visiting Scholar Spotlight



Sung-Bae Kim

Sung-Bae Kim, EALSC (February 2018-February 2019)

Sung-Bae Kim (S.J.D. '07) is a visiting scholar from the Kookmin University College of Law in Seoul, South Korea. His faculty liaison is Professor Steph Tai. During his time in Madison, he will be working on three separate research projects:

- a) The EPA's Role on CERCLA and Land Contamination Regulation - This research project seeks to improve the risk assessment program component of the South Korean Soil Environment Act through comparative study between Korea and the US.
- b) Recent Developments Relating to the Toxic Substances Control Act - This research project looks at EPA regulations and the chemical inventory.
- c) President's Power over Immigration Policy and Application of Laws and Regulations - In the United

States and South Korea, major immigration policies are often set by presidential decree or administrative legislation, not by law. This study examines the recent US immigration policy changes in the Trump Administration and compares this to the situation in Korea.

Law and Society Graduate Fellow Spotlight

Camilla Reuterswaerd

Camilla Reuterswaerd is a Law and Society Graduate Fellow from the Political Science Department. Camilla, who is being advised by Professor Aili Tripp of the Political Science and Gender and Women Studies departments, studies gender and politics in Latin America focusing on gender policy reforms in subnational Mexico. Her work centers on reproductive health and family policies. She is interested in how political parties approach these issues and how the region's dominant religious institution--the Catholic Church--influences policymaking processes. Camilla has found her experience as a Graduate Fellow to be incredibly enriching. She has enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the work of students in other disciplines who share her interest in law in society. In addition, she appreciates the useful feedback that the Fellows have provided.



Camilla Reuterswaerd

News and Announcements

- The **2018 Midwest Law & Society Retreat call for proposals** is out. To submit a proposal, please complete the **[Midwest Retreat registration form](#)**. For more information, visit the **[Midwest Retreat page](#)**
- **Law School Alumna Pareena Srivanit (S.J.D. '02)** was appointed the first female dean at one of Thailand's leading law schools. **[Read more about her accomplishments](#)**
- The **2018 South Asia Legal Studies Workshop call for proposals** is out. To learn more, please visit the **[South Asia Legal Studies Workshop page](#)**