

**11th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat
February 20-21, 2009**

**“Global Social Justice Lawyering”
Program Agenda**

The Trina Grillo Retreat, co-sponsored by SALT and a consortium of West Coast law schools, honors the memory of Trina Grillo, a dedicated social activist and justice advocate. The Retreat offers public-interest minded law school students an opportunity to interact with lawyers, legal academics, and other professionals and to spawn creative ways of using the law to make social change.

This year's Retreat, “Global Social Justice Lawyering,” will promote an informative exchange among practitioners, students, and academics about a broad range of themes including: the intersection of international human rights law and environmental law; the application of international human rights law to civil legal services; and international criminal justice work.

FRIDAY, February 20th

3:30 pm **Check-In** begins

4:00 pm **International Human Rights Careers**

Panelists will discuss various post-graduate fellowships and funding opportunities for students and lawyers pursuing careers in public international law.

Moderator: Laura Cosovanu, *Affiliate of Stanford Law School's Levin Center for Public Interest and of Freeman Spogli Institute's Program on Global Justice*

Panelists include:

- Viviana Krsticevic, *Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law*
- Barbara Olshansky, *Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor of Human Rights, Stanford Law School*
- Maran Turner, *Executive Director, Freedom Now*

6:00 pm **Dinner and Keynote**

Introduction: Stephanie Wildman, *Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Santa Clara University School of Law*

Keynote speaker: Kyong-Whan Ahn, *Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea*

SATURDAY, February 21st

8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am **International Pro Bono Plenary Session**

Panelists will discuss a variety of programs that use volunteer attorneys to advance democracy and the rule of law, protect human rights, promote equitable economic development worldwide and advance the social and economic well-being of people in developing countries.

Moderator: Diana Singleton, *Director, Seattle University School of Law's Access to Justice Institute*

Panelists include:

- Jared Genser, *President, Freedom Now & Attorney, DLA Piper US LLP*
- Marcia Levy, *Pro Bono Counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell*
- Beverly Watson, *CEO, Global Imprints*

10:30 am **Concurrent Sessions**

Scanning the Globe for Criminal Justice

Panelists will explore the wide range of international criminal justice work ranging from advocacy under the Alien Tort Claims Act to policy work with international criminal tribunals.

Moderator: Marsha Mavunkel, *3L, Seattle University School of Law Student*

Panelists include:

- Jennifer Martinez, *Professor of Law, Stanford Law School*
- Pamela Merchant, *Executive Director, the Center for Justice and Accountability*
- Ronald Slye, *Associate Professor of Law and Director of International and Comparative Law Programs, Seattle University School of Law*

Torture: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective

In a *Stanford Daily* interview published on October 23, 2006, Professor Phillippe Zimbardo, author of the 1971 *Stanford Prison Experiment*, said, "I think students at Stanford are clueless about torture. I think they could care less about it except to be against it on principles of vague human rights. I mean one of the problems with Stanford—I've been at Stanford for nearly forty years—is that there's too much sun; there's too much

beauty. It is hard to get people motivated." How much has this changed since 2006? Four Bay Area panelists will discuss their involvement with torture-related projects from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Moderator: Laura Cosovanu, *Affiliate of Stanford Law School's Levin Center for Public Interest and of Freeman Spogli Institute's Program on Global Justice*

Panelists include:

- Gerald Gray, *Co-Director, The Institute for Redress and Recovery, Santa Clara University*
- Cheryl Koopman, *Associate Research Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University*
- Barbara Olshansky, *Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor of Human Rights, Stanford Law School*
- Daryn Reicherter, *Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry, Stanford University*

12:00 pm

Lunch and Table Topic Discussions

Retreat participants are invited to enjoy their lunch while continuing discussions from previous panels and sharing public interest ideas. Table topics include:

- International Pro Bono
- International Careers
- Criminal Justice
- Torture: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective
- Student Public Interest and Human Rights Organizations Exchange

1:00 pm

Concurrent Workshops

Prisoner of Conscience Pro Bono Training

Jared Genser from Freedom Now will provide an interactive training through which students will learn the basics of international human rights law, how cases are litigated before the United Nations, various approaches to applying pressure on offending governments, and the most effective ways to publicize cases. All participants will receive a training manual, containing key documents to understand and advocate in prisoner of conscience cases and sample documents from two previously successful cases.

- Jared Genser, *President, Freedom Now & Attorney, DLA Piper US LLP*

Human Rights and Reproductive Rights Discussion

Martha Davis and Jill Adams will lead a discussion about recent developments in reproductive rights. They will exchange information and

strategize about the status of reproductive rights in U.S. law schools. In addition, with an eye on recent U.S. trends to cut back on reproductive rights, they will provide background on a dynamic new initiative to apply human rights frameworks in domestic reproductive rights advocacy.

- Jill Adams, *Executive Director, Law Students for Reproductive Rights*
- Martha Davis, *Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law*

For Faculty Participants Only: Teaching International Human Rights

Faculty participants and presenters are invited to come together for an informal discussion about teaching international human rights to share ideas and discuss challenges.

Facilitated by:

- Raquel Aldana, *Professor of Law, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas*
- Neta Ziv, *Professor of Law, Tel Aviv University and Visiting Professor of Law, Stanford Law School*

3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Eco-Justice: Linking Human Rights and the Environment

Panelists will explore the intersection of international human rights law and environmental justice and discuss a variety of themes including: environmental issues that cross national borders; a human rights framework for sustainable development; and environmental justice.

Moderator: Maria Fernanda Parra Chico, 3L, *Seattle University School of Law Student*

Panelists include:

- Svitlana Kravchenko, *Professor of Law, University of Oregon*
- Tim Hanstad, *President and CEO, Rural Development Institute*

The Impact of Human Rights Law on Civil Legal Services

Panelists will explore the application of economic and social human rights to domestic issues, a cutting-edge area of law in the United States. Panelists will also explore how human rights law can contribute to achieving economic and social justice the promises and limits of this approach and how it might contribute to achieving economic and social justice in our own country.

Moderator: Beverly Watson, *CEO, Global Imprints*

Panelists include:

- Martha Davis, *Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law*
- Raven Lidman, *Clinical Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law*
- Constance de la Vega, *Academic Director of International Programs, University of San Francisco School of Law*

5:00 pm

Closing Reception