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ASIL HOSTS EVENT WITH *BRINGING HUMAN RIGHTS HOME* AUTHORS

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in conjunction with the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, will host a luncheon program featuring several human rights activists speaking about a three-volume study entitled *Bringing Human Rights Home*. The event, entitled ***Human Rights in the United States: Domestic Application of International Human Rights Law***, will take place Wednesday, **November 12, 2008, noon to 2:00 p.m.**, at ASIL headquarters, **2223 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC**. Members of the press are invited to attend by responding to sward@asil.org.

With the approach of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, lawyers and advocates across the United States are increasingly using international human rights language, standards, and mechanisms in their domestic rights work. Authors of the three-volume book series *Bringing Human Rights Home* (Praeger Perspectives 2008) will examine this growing movement by exploring current efforts to bridge the divide between civil rights and human rights in the U.S. domestic context. The

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panelists will also discuss opportunities and challenges for the future of human rights in the U.S. and address human rights strategies on a range of issues, including reproductive rights, health care, counter-terrorism, immigration, and racial discrimination.

The presenters will be **Ajamu Baraka**, Executive Director, U.S. Human Rights Network; **Wendy Patten**, Senior Policy Analyst, The Open Society Institute; **Leonard Rubenstein**, President, Physicians for Human Rights, and Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace; and **Cynthia Soohoo**, Director, Domestic Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights. ASIL Executive Director **Elizabeth Andersen** will moderate.

The event will begin with lunch at noon, followed by the presentation and then a brief question and answer session. ASIL hosts such programs on an occasional basis as an informational service to bring experts on current international law topics together with those who have an interest in them.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL's mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The Society's 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law.

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International Human Rights Law, generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration. For more information, visit www.asil.org.