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ASIL 102nd ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) held its 102nd Annual Meeting, with the theme “The Politics of International Law,” April 9-12, 2008, in Washington, DC. The four-day event, with attendance of more than 1,000, included the awarding of several honors and prizes, as follows, for work in the field of international law.

Honors

The **Manley O. Hudson Medal**, first awarded in 1956, is given on an occasional basis in recognition of exceptional contributions to scholarship and achievement in international law. The medal is awarded, without regard to nationality, for pre-eminent scholarship and achievement in international law. ASIL’s 2008 Hudson Medal winner is Georgetown University Law School **Professor John Jackson**, based on his contributions to the field of international trade law.

The **Goler T. Butcher Medal** has been awarded each year by the Society since 1997 in recognition of outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law. This year’s award goes to University of Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies **Professor Virginia Leary**, who is

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known particularly for her work in the areas of international labor law and workers' rights.

The Society bestows the award of **Honorary Member** on an occasional basis to non-US citizens who have rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. International Law Commission member **Professor John Dugard** won that honor this year for his work to promote human rights, particularly in South Africa, both during the Apartheid regime and in the transition period.

ASIL's Women in International Law Interest Group gives a **Prominent Woman in International Law Award** at its Annual Meeting luncheon. This year's honoree was former Panamanian Supreme Court Chief **Justice Graciela Dixon**, who spoke on her career as the first woman of African descent to lead Panama's highest court.

ASIL Book Awards

Each year a committee of the Society recognizes with a Certificate of Merit outstanding books in three specific areas. This year Oxford University **Professor Christopher McCrudden** and his book *Buying Social Justice: Equality, Government Procurement, and Legal Change* (Oxford) have won the ASIL Certificate of Merit for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship. The Certificate of Merit in a specialized area of international law went to **Dr. Nikolas Stürchler** of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his book *The Threat of Force in International Law* (Cambridge). For high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars, Trade Law Bureau of Canada **Attorney Patrick Dumberry** has won a Certificate of Merit for his book *State Succession to International Responsibility* (Martinus Nijhoff).

Lieber Prizes

The **Lieber Prize** is awarded annually since 2004 by ASIL's Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict to an author less than 35 years of age for outstanding scholarship in that field. This year's award goes to **Dr. Eve La Haye** with the Arms Unit of the International Committee of the Red Cross for her book *War Crimes in Internal Armed Conflicts* (Cambridge, forthcoming 2008). Two additional authors were cited for excellence: Boston University School of Law **Associate Professor Robert D. Sloane** for his article "**Prologue to a Voluntarist War Convention**," 106 Michigan Law Review 433 (2007), and University of York RCUK Fellow in Law and Human Rights **Michael G. Kearney** for his book *The Prohibition of Propaganda for War in International Law* (Oxford U. Press, 2007).

The **Lieber Society Military Prize** recognizes a paper or article that significantly enhances the understanding and implementation of the law of war. The prize is given for exceptional writing in English by a member of the regular or reserve armed forces, regardless of nationality. This year's Lieber Society Military Prize goes to **Brigadier General Kenneth Watkin**, a Judge Advocate General for the Canadian Forces, for "**Assessing Proportionality: Moral Complexity and Legal Rules**." Two other authors recognized for their outstanding works were **Major Chris De Cock**, Legal Advisor, Belgium Armed Forces, for "**The Use of Air Assets and Military Operations in Urban Terrain: Legal Constraints**," and **Commander Rob McLaughlin**, Royal Australian Navy Legal Advisor for Military Strategic Commitments, for "**The Legal Regime Applicable to Use of Lethal Force When Operating under a United Nations Security Council Chapter VII Mandate Authorizing 'All Necessary Means'**."

"ASIL is extremely proud to announce all of these deserving award winners for

2008,” said ASIL Executive Director Elizabeth Andersen. “The selection committees for the various honors had a difficult time choosing from the many excellent candidates who were considered this year. The Society thanks the supporters of these annual prizes and sincerely congratulates the exceptional individuals who received them.”

For more information about any of the above honorees or their work, please contact Sheila Ward, ASIL Director of Communications and Member Relations, at ward@asil.org or +1.202.939.6018.

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