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ASIL 104th ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) held its 104th Annual Meeting, with the theme “International Law in a Time of Change,” March 24–27, 2010, in Washington, DC. The four-day event, with attendance of more than 1,200, 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 occasionally basis in recognition of exceptional contributions to scholarship and achievement in international law. The medal is awarded without regard to nationality for preeminent scholarship and achievement in international law. ASIL’s 2010 Hudson Medal winner is the Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law at Georgetown University Law Center, **Edith Brown Weiss**. Weiss is an outstanding legal scholar who has taught and published widely on issues of international law, particularly issues concerning international environmental law. Her unique contributions in the area of trade, sustainable development, human rights, and the environment have opened new modalities in thinking about international economic law and its broader implications. She has received many

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awards for her international and environmental law work, both in the U.S. and abroad. Her lecture at the Annual Meeting focused on her recent work as a chair of the World Bank Inspection Panel, which has authority to review complaints about Bank projects. The lecture is viewable at www.asil.org/foratv.

The **Goler T. Butcher Medal** has been awarded by the Society each year since 1997 in recognition of outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law. This year's award went to **Juan E. Mendez**, President of the International Center for Transitional Justice and Former Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, who was recognized for his work strengthening international human rights law and as a voice for victims of human rights abuses.

The Society bestows the award of **Honorary Member** on an occasional basis to non-U.S. citizens who have rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. This year's Honorary Member, Ambassador **Julio Lacarte-Muro** of Uruguay, won the award in recognition of his efforts in developing international law and diplomacy.

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 is ASIL Vice President **Dinah Shelton**, Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law at the George Washington University Law School. A renowned professor and prize-winning author, Shelton was the first woman nominated by the U.S. (in 2009) to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission.

ASIL Book Awards

Each year a committee of the Society recognizes with a Certificate of Merit outstanding books in three specific areas. This year **Beth A. Simmons** of Harvard University won the ASIL Certificate of Merit for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship for her book *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics* (Cambridge). Simmons' book is important both for its theoretical and empirical efforts and for shedding new light on a crucial area.

The Certificate of Merit in a specialized area of international law went to **Mark Osiel** of the University of Iowa Law School for *The End of Reciprocity: Terror, Torture, and the Law of War* (Cambridge). Osiel mustered a wide range of sources, including extensive review of social science literature, to provide helpful and interesting insights with respect to a deeply contested subject.

The Certificate of Merit for high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars was awarded to **Chester Brown** for his book *A Common Law of International Adjudication* (Oxford). Brown focuses meticulously on doctrine in surveying an area of growing importance

Prizes

The **Francis Deák Prize** is awarded annually to a young author for meritorious scholarship published in *The American Journal of International Law*. The prize was established in 1973 by Philip Cohen in memory of Francis Deák, former head of the international law program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and editor of *American International Law Cases, 1783–1963*, the first volume of which was published in 1971, the year before his death. The award is sponsored by ASIL Publishing Partner Oxford University Press. This year's winners of the Deák Prize are **Jacob Katz**

Cogan of the University of Cincinnati College of Law for “**Representation and Power in International Organization: The Operational Constitution and Its Critics**,” (103 AJIL 209, 2009), and **Galit A. Sarfaty** from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania for “**Why Culture Matters in International Institutions: The Marginality of Human Rights at the World Bank**,” (103 AJIL 647, 2009).

The **Lieber Prize** has been awarded annually since 2004 by ASIL’s Francis Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict to an author less than 35 years of age for outstanding scholarship in that field. The 2010 book award was given to **James A. Green** of the University of Reading for his work *The International Court of Justice and Self-Defense in International Law* (Hart Publishing, 2009). **Robert Sloane**, of Boston University School of Law, was awarded the Lieber Prize for his article “**The Cost of Conflation: Preserving the Dualism of the *Jus ad Bellum* and the *Jus in Bello* in the Contemporary Law of War**” (34 Yale Journal of International Law 47, 2009).

The **Lieber Society Military Prize**, awarded annually since 2007, recognizes a piece that significantly enhances the understanding and implementation of the law of war. The prize is given for exceptional writing in English by an active duty or retired member of the regular or reserve armed forces, regardless of nationality. This year’s Lieber Society Military Prize award went to **Sean Watts** of Creighton University School of Law for his essay “**Combatant Status and Computer Network Attack**.” Two other authors recognized with honorable mentions for their outstanding works were **Laura Beth Wrzesinski** of the William & Mary School of Law for her essay “**A *Jus Post Bellum* for the U.S. Military: Facilitating the International Legal Debate on Post-Conflict**

Reconstruction” and Paul A. Walker, U.S. Navy, for his essay “Rethinking Computer Network ‘Attack.’”

For the first time the Society’s Private International Law Interest Group also sponsored an award at the Annual Meeting. The ASIL Private International Law Prize recognizes the best essay submitted by someone 35 years old or younger on any topic in the field of private international law. The inaugural award went to **Alex Mills**, the Slaughter and May Lecturer in Law at Selwyn College, University of Cambridge, for his article **“Subsidiarity and the Conflict of Laws in the European Union and United States.”**

“ASIL’s several and diverse award selection committees considered so many excellent candidates for the 2010 awards,” said ASIL Executive Director Elizabeth Andersen. “We are proud to host these honors and to announce this year’s exceptional group of honorees. The Society thanks the supporters of these annual prizes and sincerely congratulates the 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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