

# Women in International Law Interest Group

## Note from the Co-Chairs

Dear WILIG Members,

This summer, the Women in International Law Interest Group (WILIG) launched the seventh year of our Mentoring Program and co-hosted a career roundtable breakfast with the Minorities in International Law Interest Group as part of our efforts to foster the next generation of female lawyers in international law.

The fall is shaping up to be just as exciting. This season, we will co-sponsor a lecture by Monica Pinto with The University of Baltimore School of Law, one of ASIL's partner schools. We're also seeking nominations for the Prominent Women in International Law Award. We urge you to consider nominating someone to help us celebrate the accomplishments of women in the field. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact your Co-Chairs, Nienke Grossman and Milena Sterio, at [WILIG@asil.org](mailto:WILIG@asil.org).

## The Career Roundtable Breakfast



On July 18, 2019, WILIG and MILIG welcomed an all-star group of speakers at a career roundtable breakfast providing young attorneys with a unique opportunity to learn about developing careers in international law.

Angelita Baeyens, Program Director of Advocacy & Litigation at the Robert F.

Kennedy Human Rights Center, Christina Beharry, Counsel at Foley Hoag, LLP, Lieutenant Ashley Belyea, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, and Professor Karen Brown from the George Washington University Law Center all participated as speakers. Nienke Grossman, Professor at University of Baltimore School of Law, and WILIG Co-Chair, moderated the panel.

The event afforded both members and non-members alike a chance to forge connections with others in the field of international law. The conversation is available on-line for those who missed it.

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## The WILIG Mentoring Program Enters its Seventh Year

WILIG launched the seventh year of our Mentoring Program. Over the years, more than 550 women from 13 countries and 35 cities have joined as mentors and mentees, creating a strong, interconnected, and global network promoting women in international law.

We hope that you will consider joining this incredible network. Application forms are available on the WILIG web page in the Public Documents section located here: <https://www.asil.org/community/women-international-law>. For more information, and to sign up, please visit <http://www.asil.org/asil-women-international-law-mentoring-program>, or contact Luli Hemmingsen, [wiligmentorship@gmail.com](mailto:wiligmentorship@gmail.com). Completed forms should be sent to [wiligmentorship@asil.org](mailto:wiligmentorship@asil.org).

## Women's Rights in the Inter-American System

On October 23, 2019, Monica Pinto, President of the Administrative Tribunals of the World Bank and of the Inter-American Development Bank will deliver the John Sumner Stead Annual Lecture at an event co-hosted by WILIG and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Professor Pinto, a respected and distinguished scholar in international human rights, will discuss Women's Rights Standards in the Inter-American System.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. with a reception to follow, at the University of Baltimore School of Law, 1401 N. Charles St., 12th Floor.

We hope to see you there! Please RSVP at <http://www.ubalt.edu/calendar/EventDetail.cfm?eventId=18030&darequest=10/23/2019>.

## Call for Nominations! Prominent Women in International Law

WILIG is inviting nominations for the 2020 Prominent Women in International Law Award.

For the past 27 years, this award has honored those who have advanced women, gender, and women's rights in international law.

The diverse accomplishments of previous awardees illustrate the many ways in which honorees have advanced these issues over the years. Past awardees include judges of the International Court of Justice and other international tribunals, founders of women's rights NGOs, business leaders, government officials, and scholars. Some have shattered glass ceilings. Others worked tirelessly to promote women and women's voices in international law. Still others have advanced, researched, or advocated for women's rights in other spheres.

We hope you will consider nominating someone who meets some or all of the following criteria:

- Employs international law to advance women and women's rights (awardees need not be attorneys, though most are);
- Breaks the glass ceiling for women in international law;
- Promotes women and women's voices in the field;
- Contributes substantively to advancing, researching, advocating for, or promoting women's rights and/or gender justice;
- Is considered prominent in the field of international law—or whose accomplishments merit further recognition through this prestigious award.

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## International Arbitrators in their own Words: Lucy Reed



On November 7, 2019, Professor Susan Franck will interview Professor Lucy Reed as part of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) and its Academic Council program—Preserving Perspectives—to record the oral histories of the leading and most influential arbitrators in the world to provide a

record for the future about the evolution of modern international arbitration.

Lucy Reed is currently a Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore, a Vice-President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, and sitting on a variety of arbitration tribunals. Professor Reed has served as the head of Freshfields' global international arbitration group, President of the American Society of International Law, Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, and U.S. Agent to the Iran-US Claims Tribunal while with the Legal Advisor's Office of the U.S. Department of State.

Advanced registration is required, as seating is limited for this event and space will be allocated on a "first registered, first seated" basis. Please click [here](#) to register.

## Request for Thoughts and Feedback

We would like to hear from you. What would you like to see WILIG do in the next few months or years? Would you like to co-sponsor an event with WILIG involving women and international law at your law school, law firm, NGO, international organization or elsewhere? If so, please reach out to Nienke or Milena at [WILIG@asil.org](mailto:WILIG@asil.org).

If you are running an event that may be of interest to WILIG's membership, please contact Tatiana Sainati, at [TSainati@wileyrein.com](mailto:TSainati@wileyrein.com), and we will share information about it in our next newsletter.

## Call for Nominations! Prominent Women in International Law —continued from page 2

Letters of nomination should be addressed to WILIG's Prominent Women in International Law (PWIL) Committee and should be submitted by October 15, 2019 to [wilig@asil.org](mailto:wilig@asil.org).

Please submit nomination information in a PDF document titled with the nominee's name and "PWIL Award." Letters and supporting materials should not exceed a total of five pages per nominee.

A complete list of previous awardees can be found [here](#).