Reaching Out and Speaking Up for International Law and Institutions

Notes from the President

The Society's mission is to educate about international law and promote international relations on the basis of law and justice.

Often, our conversations about issues of international law and international relations, through the Society’s programs, publications, and other activities, are with each other or with others who share similar levels of expertise, values, and interests. Those conversations are valuable and important. And many join our Society to be part of that dialogue. Our interest groups comprise members with common interests in specific topics of international law. Through our community, we engage with other like-minded communities, such as our sister societies around the world, in furtherance of our shared belief in the importance of international law and institutions.

Although talking with each other is important, we also are living in times when engagement with thought leaders and the larger public (including through both traditional and non traditional media), has become critical. We have long engaged in dialogue with U.S. policymakers, judges, and international officials. But that engagement, too, must be enlarged to include all branches and all levels of government. Internationally, too, our engagement has taken on broader urgency.

There is an art to such engagement. It is not a matter of “dumbing down” our ideas or dropping the footnotes. It is a matter of refining our communication tools so that we can effectively engage with a larger set of constituencies.

This is not easy. As every good writer knows, page limits require sharper analysis and a trimming of excess. Effective communication to a broader audience may also require finding terminology that is accessible to the audience, framing issues in terms that will be meaningful, and leaving behind the esoterica, the specialized language, and assumptions that, while appropriate when we speak to each other, are not helpful when we seek to communicate to other audiences.

As you may have seen from our many communications, we have embarked in 2017 on a multi-pronged outreach initiative as part of our new “100 Days” program. On February 1, we inaugurated, to record registration and attendance, a webcast series designed to explore what may happen with international law in the Trump administration. (See related story on this page.) By the time you read this column, we will have had three webcasts: the first on treaties; the second on international institutions, especially the U.N.; and the third on trade. Still to come in the series will be

First 100 Days Projects Address International Law and the New U.S. Administration; Record Audience for New Online Briefing Series

ASIL has launched a live webcast briefing series geared toward policymakers, journalists, and the public on “International Law and the Trump Administration.” Conceived by ASIL President Lucinda Low and the Society’s new Strategic Initiatives Committee, this series is taking place over the course of the first 100 days of the new U.S. administration. The webcasts bring together respected experts to provide concise, nonpartisan background and perspectives on basic international law related issues. This free public education project has reached new audiences beyond the Society’s membership.

Part One, on “The Future of International Legal Agreements,” took place on February 1 and featured ASIL members Catherine Amirfar (ASIL Law Firm Leadership Circle Member Debevoise and Plimpton LLP partner and former international law counselor to the U.S. State Department legal adviser) and John Bellinger (Arnold and Porter Kaye Scholer partner and former U.S. State Department legal adviser). The two experts addressed fundamental questions such as the status of treaties and other international agreements under international and U.S. law; the

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No Ordinary Time
Notes from the Executive Director

We cannot tell from day to day what may come. This is no ordinary time. No time for weighing anything except what we can do best for the country as a whole, and that responsibility rests on each and every one of us as individuals.

—Eleanor Roosevelt, Address to the Democratic National Convention, July 18, 1940

This year’s Annual Meeting comes at a moment of deepening uncertainty for international law and institutions. For the first time since the end of World War II, the world has been given cause to doubt whether America will continue to be the guarantor of the post-war order of which it was the principal architect.

The early signs are extremely troubling, with the administration taking steps to curtail support for the United Nations and other multilateral organizations; to call into question the continuity of U.S. security commitments to its NATO allies; to make drastic cuts in funding for the State Department and other domestic agencies with foreign policy responsibilities; to slash the foreign aid budget and eliminate altogether agencies that provide various forms of foreign assistance; to terminate or withdraw from multilateral agreements, from NAFTA to the Paris Agreement; and to curtail U.S. cooperation with international courts and tribunals.

It is too soon to know what to make of all this. Will the administration step back from the brink, and embrace the broad bipartisan consensus that has prevailed for the past 70 years? Or are we witnessing what former Bush Administration official Jack Goldsmith has called “the greatest presidential onslaught on international law and international institutions in American history?” (“The Trump Onslaught on International Law and Institutions,” Lawfare, March 17, 2017.)

What we do know is that many claims being advanced in support of these policy changes bear little relationship to reality. There also is ample evidence that the level of public awareness of these matters is extremely low, leaving most Americans ill-equipped to separate fact from fiction.

For an organization whose founding mission is “to foster knowledge of international law,” this situation is a call to arms. And indeed, the coming months may prove to be a defining moment for our Society.

Since January, we have undertaken efforts to engage with the media and the public in new ways. As the new administration began its first 100 days in office, the Society launched a public education initiative developed by our Strategic Initiatives Committee, chaired by Catherine Amirfar, on “International Law and the Trump Administration,” hosting a series of live webcasts and related webpages that offer factual information, historical background, and thoughtful, bipartisan perspectives on the critical policy choices that will face America and the world in the coming months. (See related story on page 1.) We will be continuing these efforts with additional programs to take place during the Annual Meeting and beyond.

We have expanded our use of social media to communicate with the public about the importance of international law. We have revived our centennial publication, International Law: 100 Ways It Shapes Our Lives in a Twitter campaign, #100Days100Ways, that disseminates daily illustrations of the often invisible yet indispensable role that international law plays in our lives, from the most mundane interactions to the security and wellbeing of our planet. A working group co-chaired by Anna Spain Bradley and Perry Bechky is updating that publication, and we will be relaunching it as an online learning tool in the near future.

We also have taken steps to demonstrate our support for our members and colleagues outside the U.S. who have experienced difficulties in traveling to the U.S. or —continued on page 3
ASIL-ICCA Task Force

In collaboration with the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), the Society has launched a Task Force on Damages to develop a damages tool of practical application for practitioners. The Task Force brings together a panel of leading legal and economics experts from jurisdictions across the globe to think creatively about how to promote consistency and rigor in the field’s approach to damages while using an interdisciplinary model to analyze the legal and policy issues underpinning damages computations. This is the third such task force established by ASIL and ICCA in recent years.

The ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages is co-chaired by ASIL Vice President and Debevoise and Plimpton LLP partner Catherine Amirfar and Homburger partner and ICCA member Gabrielle Nater-Bass. ASIL members on the Task Force are Sarah Grimmer, Mark Kantor, Irmgard Marboe, and Jennifer Vanderhart.

2016 President’s Appeal Nearly Doubles Amount Raised in 2015

The 2016 President’s Appeal received more than $303,000 in gifts and pledges for the year and included the participation of 94% of the ASIL Executive Council and 81% of the American Journal of International Law Board of Editors. Total gifts this past year nearly doubled the amount raised in 2015.

While the Society aspires to achieve 100% participation of ASIL leadership in personal giving, and indeed 100% participation of its members across the globe, this rate of response is a very strong showing of support. It also signals members’ commitment to ASIL’s mission “to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice,” especially during these uncertain times for international law.

Among the highlights of the 2016 campaign were 13 new multi-year gifts, including five new additions to the Society’s Patron community. (See related “Patron Profile” on page 3.)

The Society extends its sincere thanks to the more than 230 members who expressed their support of ASIL and its mission through their generous personal giving.

Patron Profile: Andrea Bjorklund

Andrea Bjorklund has been an ASIL member since she was a law student and is one of the Society’s newest James Brown Scott Patrons. As a student, Bjorklund studied under Society leaders Michael Reisman and Harold Koh and describes them as major influences. She also worked under current ASIL President Lucinda Low as a summer associate at Miller & Chevalier and describes Low as someone who has been a “mentor and friend ever since.” Bjorklund’s leadership in the Society has included serving on the Executive Council, the Executive Committee, and the Nominating Committee, and co-chairing the Annual Meeting Committee. She says that her involvement with ASIL has been an enriching experience that nourishes her professional development, and she considers it a wonderful place to meet and interact with leaders in the field from around the world.

Bjorklund is the L. Yves Fortier Chair in international arbitration and international commercial law at McGill University Faculty of Law. She holds a J.D. from ASIL Academic Partner Yale Law School, an M.A. in French studies from New York University, and a B.A. in history and French from the University of Nebraska. She served for three years as editor in chief of the Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy and is currently rapporteur of the International Law Association’s Committee on International Investment Law and the Rule of Law and an adviser to the American Law Institute’s Restatement on the U.S. Law of International Commercial Arbitration.

To learn more about the Society’s Patron program, contact ASIL Director of Development Michael Farley at mfarley@asil.org

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have been reluctant to do so as a result of the imposition of new, restrictive immigration policies. When the President issued his (first) executive order on immigration, we responded with a statement from our president (see related story on page 11), expressing “solidarity with our members and colleagues around the world who have been put at risk by this new policy” and reaffirming our commitment to “the values of openness, tolerance, and the free and lawful movement of persons and the free exchange of ideas that are essential to the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.” We will continue to stand up for these values.

The response to these efforts has been enthusiastic. But there is much more to do. Even before the November elections, our 2016 member survey indicated that a significant number of our members thought it important to increase our educational outreach activities. We welcome your thoughts as we work to share our message with new audiences and in new ways.

Mark Agrast
2017 Book Awards

The ASIL Executive Council has approved the recommendation of the Book Awards Committee for three books, in three distinct categories, to be recognized at the Annual Meeting (see related story on page 12), where their authors will be awarded Certificates of Merit during the second annual Assembly.

Chantal Thomas chaired the 2017 Book Awards Committee. Other members were Margaret deGuzman, David Gantz, Gary Horlick, and Peter Tomka.

For “a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship,” the Committee recommended David Sloss’s The Death of Treaty Supremacy: An Invisible Constitutional Change (ASIL Publisher Partner Oxford University Press, 2016). In its report, Committee members stated that the book “speaks to the historically troubled relationship between domestic civil rights and international human rights.” The Committee also stated that the book provides a “powerful case study with profound implications for our understanding of the relationship between international and foreign relations law in the United States.”

For “a specialized area of international law,” the Book Awards Committee recommended Petros Mavroidis’s The Regulation of International Trade, Volumes One and Two (The MIT Press, 2016). According to the Committee, the book “presents a picture of the law, including primary, secondary, and case law, along with analysis of relevant literature and Professor Mavroidis’s own critique,” which draws on his “lifetime of studying and teaching international trade law.” In its report, the Committee also commended Mavroidis’s accomplishment in reaching his goal to, in his own words, “write a book that would be accessible to lawyers, political scientists, and economists.”

For “high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars,” the Committee recommended The 1959 Geneva Conventions: A Commentary (Oxford University Press, 2015) by Andrew Clapham, Paolo Gaeta, and Marco Sassoli. The Committee noted that the book’s “exemplary technical craftsmanship,” along with its “thorough analysis,” make it “an accessible research tool for academics and practitioners alike.”

RECENT EVENTS

Holiday Open House

ASIL President Lucinda Low welcoming Holiday Open House guests.

On December 6, ASIL once again opened the doors of Tillar House – the Society’s headquarters – to members and friends for its annual Holiday Open House. More than 100 people attended the event, which featured welcome remarks by ASIL President Lucinda Low and Executive Director Mark Agrast.

Young Arbitrators Debate Series Continues

On February 9, the Society and ASIL Leadership Circle Law Firm Member Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer cohosted the fourth installment of the Young Arbitrator Debate Series at Tillar House. The motion for the debate was, “This house believes that the new U.S. administration would be ill-advised to withdraw from the investment chapters of existing free trade agreements.” Clovis Trevino (ASIL Law Firm Counselor Member Covington & Burling LLP) debated Rebecca Hekman (Clifford Chance), with Elizabeth Snodgrass (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) as moderator. The event was followed by a reception.

From left, Elizabeth Snodgrass, Rebecca Hekman, and Clovis Trevino.
American Classics in International Law

General Editor: W. Michael Reisman

From the earliest days of the republic, American international legal scholars have produced a rich and comparably varied corpus of scholarship. Much of it has provoked significant innovations in international politics and all of it provides insights into American conceptions of international law and, for better or worse, the distinctive role many of the scholars believed the United States plays – or should play – in the international legal system. The American Classics in International Law series is intended to explore that literature.

The series will present a number of thematic volumes of classic American articles on international law which are reproduced and discussed by eminent scholars in their respective fields.

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General Theory of International Law

Edited by Siegfried Wiessner, St. Thomas University School of Law

The introductory volume to the American Classics in International Law series, General Theory of International Law is intended to present, put into context, and critically appraise specifically American general theories of and about international law.

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International Investment Law

Edited by José E. Alvarez, New York University Law School

International Investment Law, edited by Professor José E. Alvarez, presents the most important contributions made by U.S. based scholars, policy-makers and treaty-makers to the field and includes a comprehensive introduction that sets the various elements in a broader context.

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Interest Group Spotlight:
News from Some of the Society’s 35 Interest Groups

International Criminal Law

The International Criminal Law Interest Group (ICLIG) held its annual works-in-progress workshop on December 9, 2016, at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas, TX. The workshop featured presentations by 14 international criminal law scholars from the United States and abroad. To get involved with future ICLIG activities, contact group Co-Chairs Margaret deGuzman (deguzman@temple.edu) and Jenia Turner (jenia@smu.edu).

Private International Law

The Private International Law Interest Group (PILIG) is proud to announce that Roxana Banu, from the University of Toronto, has won the latest PILIG Prize for her submission, “A Relational Feminist Approach to Private International Law.” The competition generated a wide variety of submissions, and PILIG Co-Chairs Cristián Giménez Corte and Frédéric Sourgens wish to thank all those who sent in their work for consideration as well as the members of the PILIG Prize Committee – Lucas Lixinski, Jacob Jorgensen, and Kabir Duggal – for their hard work and diligence in reviewing the submissions.

International Economic Law

At the upcoming ASIL Annual Meeting, the International Economic Law Interest Group (IEcLIG) will present a roundtable on the World Bank’s new Environmental and Social Framework. Charles Di Leva, former chief counsel for environmental and international law at the World Bank and now adjunct professor at ASIL Academic Partners American University Washington College of Law and George Washington University Law School; Mac Darrow, representative of the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Washington, DC, Liaison Office; and Carla García, director of the People, Land, and Resources Program at the Center for International Environmental Law, will discuss the process through which the Framework came about, its objectives, and its potential impact on other international lenders, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the BRICS Bank, and regional development banks. IEcLIG Co-Chair Sonia Rolland will chair the roundtable, to take place during the group’s business meeting. (See the online Annual Meeting program at www.asil.org/am for specific time and room.) Additionally at the business meeting, IEcLIG Co-Chairs-elect Julie Maupin and Jarrod Wong and Co-Vice Chairs-elect Kathleen Claussen and Julian Arato will present their agenda and invite member suggestions for group activities over the next two years. IEcLIG members and nonmembers alike are invited to attend.

Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict

On January 12, the Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict co-sponsored an event with the American Red Cross on the “Legal Prohibitions of Torture.” The speakers were Juan Méndez, former U.N. special rapporteur on torture; Alberto Mora, former general counsel of the U.S. Navy and senior fellow at Harvard University’s Carr Center for Human Rights Policy; and Annie Sovcik, director of the Washington office of the Center for Victims of Torture. Lieber Society Chair Christie Edwards moderated the panel. The discussion focused on the recent landmark U.S. Fourth Circuit Appellate Court decision proclaiming the illegality of torture, former President Barack Obama’s presidential memorandum on
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the use of force and national security operations, and the McCain-Feinstein Anti-Torture Amendment. The event highlighted the extensive jurisprudential, legislative, and treaty-based restrictions on torture, as well as the United States’ commitments to refrain from using any methods of torture in the future. The event video is available at www.asil.org/tortureprohibitions.

Space Law

The Space Law Interest Group (SLIG) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Outer Space Treaty with a January 27 symposium that attracted 80 attendees. Held at ASIL Academic Partner Georgetown University Law Center, with financial support from the Secure World Foundation, the event was organized by SLIG Co-Chairs Oonagh Sands and Charles Stotler, with assistance from SLIG member Jessica Sweeney.

Christopher Johnson of Secure World Foundation started the discussion with a multimedia, historical account of the signing of the Treaty that was followed by a conversation on the workings of the U.N. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with Kenneth Hodgkins, director of the Office of Space and Advanced Technology at the U.S. Department of State. Steve Mirmina of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Georgetown University Law Center led a discussion with David Koplow, also of Georgetown, and Robert Dalton, senior advisor on treaty practice at the U.S. Department of State. They discussed how to interpret the Treaty in light of developments unforeseen when it was drafted, such as commercial companies and the application of criminal law in outer space. To view a recording of the event, visit www.asil.org/spacelaw.

Left to right, Oonagh Sands, Steve Mirmina, Christopher Johnson, Alexander Dunn, Charles Stotler, and Jessica Sweeney at SLIG’s symposium celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty.

NEW TITLES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

- International Law Theories: An Inquiry into Different Ways of Thinking
  Andrea Bianchi
  9780198725114 | Hardcover $99.00
  9780198725121 | Paperback $34.95

- The Oxford Handbook of International Organizations
  Edited by Jacob Katz Cogan, Ian Hurd, and Ian Johnstone
  Oxford Handbooks
  2017 | 1,344 pp.
  9780199672202 | Hardcover $210.00

- Satow’s Diplomatic Practice
  Seventh Edition
  Edited by Sir Ivor Roberts
  2017 | 816 pp.
  9780199739104 | Hardcover $195.00

- Human Rights and Personal Self-Defense in International Law
  Jan Arno Hessbruegge
  2017 | 400 pp.
  9780190655920 | Hardcover $85.00
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- National Security and Double Government
  Michael J. Glennon
  2016 | 312 pp.
  9780190663995 | Paperback $14.95

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  Empire and Legal Networks
  Dr. Juan Pablo Scarfi
  The History and Theory of International Law
  2017 | 280 pp.
  9780190622343 | Hardcover $85.00

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  Anthony J. Bellia Jr. and Bradford R. Clark
  9780199841257 | Hardcover $85.00

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  Essential Rights
  Thomas M. Antkowiak and Alejandra Gonzalez
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  9780199888683 | Hardcover $95.00

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  Principles and Norms Applicable in Transnational Disputes
  Charles T. Kobus, Jr. et al.
  2017 | 304 pp.
  9780190642709 | Hardcover $85.00

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obligation of nations to comply with the agreements into which they have entered; and the procedures under which parties are permitted to withdraw from such agreements or repudiate their obligations under them. Michael Goldhaber, who served for 16 years as senior international correspondent for The American Lawyer, moderated the program. More than 500 people streamed the first webcast live, and it has now been viewed over 2,000 times, setting a record for attendance at a non-Annual Meeting event.

Part Two, on “U.S. Engagement with the United Nations,” took place on February 23. Bathsheba Crocker (former U.S. assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs) and Mark P. Lagon (Centennial fellow and distinguished senior scholar at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University and former U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs) discussed the structure of the U.N. system, possible reforms of the United Nations, and how the United States benefits from its U.N. participation. Former ASIL Vice President Susan Karamanian (associate dean for international and comparative legal studies at ASIL Academic Partner George Washington University School of Law) moderated the discussion.

Part Three of the series took place on March 15, on “U.S. Participation in Global Trade Agreements.” The speakers were Grant Aldonas (senior fellow and adjunct professor at ASIL Academic Partner Georgetown University Law Center’s Institute for International Economic Law and former U.S. under secretary of commerce for international trade) and Miriam Sapiro (partner and head of the Washington, DC, office of Finsbury and former deputy U.S. trade representative and acting U.S. trade representative). President Low (partner and head of the Compliance, Investigations, Trade and Enforcement Department at ASIL Law Firm Counselor Member Steptoe & Johnson LLP) moderated the program.

This initiative will continue with three panels on international law and the Trump administration at the upcoming Annual Meeting. (See related story on page 12.)

The webcast series is accompanied by a related, first-of-its-kind Twitter project that repurposes ASIL’s 2006 public education booklet International Law: 100 Ways It Shapes Our Lives. Since Inauguration Day, January 20, 2017, the Society has tweeted one “Way” from the publication each weekday. The project, which is being conducted during the first 100 days of the Trump presidency, has been dubbed “100 Ways in 100 Days.” In February, the hashtag “#100Ways100Days” reached over 40,000 unique Twitter users, including many who are not among the Society’s Twitter followers.

To view recordings of the webcasts and to sign up for upcoming installments in the series, visit www.asil.org/100days. To follow and participate in the project, visit Twitter and tweet the Society at @asilorg with “#100Ways100Days.” Finally, to learn more about the background of these projects, read the “Notes from the President” column found on page 1 of this issue of the ASIL Newsletter.

111th Annual Meeting Focuses on “What International Law Values” —continued from back cover

The Meeting also has its own app. The app, “ASIL Meetings,” includes session, speaker, sponsor, and exhibitor information. The app is already available on the Google and Apple app stores.

Visit www.asil.org/am for the latest program details, registration (increased onsite rates start on April 12, 2017), and a list of sessions to be streamed live. For assistance, contact the ASIL Service Center at services@asil.org or +1-202-939-6001.

A Sampling of Session Topics at the Upcoming 111th ASIL Annual Meeting

- The Emerging Law of Energy Transition
- Valuing Women in International Adjudication
- Duty, Disobedience, and the Law of Armed Conflict
- The Future of International Criminal Justice
- The Bases for Jurisdiction in Private International Disputes
TALLINN MANUAL 2.0 ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW APPLICABLE TO CYBER OPERATIONS
SECOND EDITION

General Editor:
Michael N. Schmitt, United States Naval War College

Prepared by the International Groups of Experts at the Invitation of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence

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Tallinn Manual 2.0 expands on the highly influential first edition by extending its coverage of the international law governing cyber operations to peacetime legal regimes. The product of a three-year follow-on project by a new group of twenty renowned international law experts, it addresses such topics as sovereignty, state responsibility, human rights, and the law of air, space, and the sea. Tallinn Manual 2.0 identifies 154 ‘black letter’ rules governing cyber operations and provides extensive commentary on each rule. Although Tallinn Manual 2.0 represents the views of the experts in their personal capacity, the project benefitted from the unofficial input of many states and over fifty peer reviewers.

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MEMBER NEWS

On behalf of German President Joachim Gauck, Germany’s ambassador to the United States, Peter Wittig, awarded former International Court of Justice Judge and former ASIL Honorary President Thomas Buergenthal the Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit on February 23. Buergenthal received the Order for his lifelong commitment to protecting human rights. This award is the highest tribute Germany can bestow on individuals for services to the nation and is the only honor awarded in all fields of endeavor. Buergenthal has been an ASIL member since 1959. He received the Society’s Manley O. Hudson medal in 2002 and the Goler T. Butcher medal in 1997.

Former U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed Olufemi Elias of Nigeria as registrar of the U.N. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, effective January 1, 2017. Elias, who has been an ASIL member since 2010, has served as the executive secretary for the World Bank Administrative Tribunal and director of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. He also worked at the U.N. Compensation Commission.

Hari Osofsky is to become the dean of ASIL Academic Partner Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and School of International Affairs. Osofsky currently teaches at the University of Minnesota Law School and has published more than 50 books, chapters, and articles with a focus on international environmental law. Osofsky, who joined the Society in 2002, is due to start her new position in July 2017.

Surya Subedi has been appointed an Honorary Queen’s Counsel in recognition of his contribution to international law and human rights in the United Kingdom. The award of Honorary Queen’s Counsel is made to lawyers and legal academics who have contributed to the law of England and Wales outside courtroom practice. Subedi has served as a member of the Advisory Group on Human Rights to the British Foreign Secretary and as the U.N. special rapporteur for human rights. He teaches at the School of Law of the University of Leeds and has been an ASIL member since 1992.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Herzstein died on February 12, 2015. Herzstein was the chief legal counsel for Mexico in negotiations leading to the North American Free Trade Agreement. As lead counsel to a group of journalists, historians, and political scientists in 1974, he played a vital role in protecting public access to documents and tapes from the Richard Nixon presidency. Herzstein had been an ASIL member since 1968.

Sir Elihu Lauterpacht died on February 8, 2017. Lauterpacht was an honorary professor emeritus of international law at the University of Cambridge and a fellow of Trinity College. He founded the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law in 1983. In 1993, he served as an ad hoc judge, appointed by Bosnia-Herzegovinia, in the genocide case filed against Serbia at the International Court of Justice and served on the World Bank administrative tribunal from 1980 to 1998. Lauterpacht was named an Honorary Member of the Society in 1992 and received the Hudson Medal in 2005.

Hope Lewis died on December 6, 2016. She was the faculty director of ASIL Academic Partner Northeastern University School of Law’s Global Legal Studies and a founder of its Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy. Lewis was a founding co-chair of the Society’s International Disability Rights Interest Group (begun in 2011) and served on ASIL’s Executive Council from 2010 to 2013. She joined the Society in 1994.

Sir Nigel Rodley died on January 25, 2017. He was a chair and founder of the University of Essex Human Rights Centre. Rodley served as the U.N. Commission on Human Rights’ special rapporteur on torture (1993-2001) and was a member of the U.N. Human Rights Committee (2001-2016), which he chaired 2012-2014. He was knighted in 1998 for services to human rights and international law and, in 2005, was a joint recipient of the Society’s Goler T. Butcher Medal for outstanding contributions to the field of international human rights law.

Bruno Ristau died on January 30, 2017. He was the former director of the Office of Foreign Litigation at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he had started working in 1979. He also served as an adjunct professor at ASIL Academic Partners American University Washington College of Law and George Washington University School of Law. Ristau had been an ASIL member from 1961 to 2008.
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sessions on climate change and the environment, torture, human rights and humanitarian law, and perhaps other issues.

The purpose of these sessions is to educate interested members of the public, the media, and policymakers about key issues of international law that are currently in the public eye. Registration for the webcasts is free, and those who cannot watch in real time can access the sessions at www.asil.org/100days.

We have also been using our Twitter account to provide links to supplementary ASIL materials relating to the topics of the webcast and, drawing from our centennial 100 Ways project, to disseminate examples of international laws that improve our daily lives.

And the hunt for additions to the 100 Ways is on as well. We have formed a task force to review and update the 100 Ways based on events of the past 10 years and in light of current issues and concerns. If you have suggestions for their consideration, please send them to me at lucindalow@asil.org.

Additional outreach projects are under development by our new Strategic Initiatives Committee. If you have ideas for how ASIL can enhance public engagement and dialogue on current issues in international law, please feel free to write to the same email address with your suggestions.

Will we have an impact? Will we be effective? You can help us by passing the word to people in your circles whom you believe may be interested – friends, family, colleagues, press contacts, policymakers. If you tweet, follow us at @asilorg, retweet our 100 Ways and announcements, or tweet at us using #100Ways100Days. Please give us feedback on what we can do to be more effective.

For those attending the Annual Meeting in April (and we hope that will be many of you), we will be devoting three special sessions to these topics at the meeting. (See related story on page 12.) The Annual Meeting is a time to come together. We especially hope our members and friends outside the United States will not be deterred from joining us by recent executive branch actions. Now more than ever it is important that we gather as a community, and we very much welcome your participation.

Finally, let me thank everyone who is donating time and money to the Society. The President’s Appeal at the end of 2016 reflected an unprecedented level of support for our activities from our members and leaders. (See related story on page 3.) This level of support is not only immensely gratifying but allows us to enter 2017 a stronger organization, better poised to pursue our goals.

That does not mean we will do so in a manner that is monochromatic. Rather, we will do so in a way that reflects our range of voices. We will also do so in a way that reflects the common values that bring us together.

Lucinda Low

STAFF NEWS

At the end of February, following nearly 11 and a half years of service, Director of Communications and Membership Sheila Ward retired from her position with the Society. Ward plans to spend more time volunteering on behalf of animals and traveling with her husband.

President Low Makes Statement on Executive Order Concerning Entry into the U.S.

On February 1, 2017, ASIL President Lucinda Low released a statement regarding President Donald Trump’s January 27, 2017, executive order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry to the United States.” Her statement is printed below and can be found on the ASIL website at www.asil.org/LowStatement.

The American Society of International Law is a global community whose members reside in over 100 countries in all parts of the world. We cannot stand silent in the face of recent events. We therefore take this opportunity to express our solidarity with our members and colleagues around the world who have been put at risk by this new policy. We stand with all those who cherish the values of openness, tolerance, and the free and lawful movement of persons and the free exchange of ideas that are essential to the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

Questions or comments about the statement may be addressed to Low at lucindalow@asil.org. The Society will update members on any further developments in this regard.
111th Annual Meeting Focuses on “What International Law Values”

The Society’s 111th Annual Meeting is fast approaching and promises to be an exciting gathering of the international law community. The conference will take place April 12-15, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Registration includes access to addresses by leading figures in the field, more than 40 program panels, debates, and roundtable discussions on current international law issues. (See page 8 for a sampling of session titles.) The Society will also hold its second ever Assembly, featuring a keynote address, officer elections and presentation of this year’s awards. ASIL interest group meetings, luncheons with keynote speakers, and daily networking receptions will round out the program, for which attendees may receive more than 30 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) credit.

On Friday, April 14, Blacks of the American Society of International Law (BASIL) will once again hold a speed mentoring event at the Annual Meeting. This session gives minority students and new professionals the chance to interact with and receive advice from BASIL members and other experienced international law professionals.

The Society is making frequent updates on the conference website (www.asil.org/am) and on its social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), using #ASILAM.

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**Keynote Speakers**

**Hudson Medal Lunch:**
Georges Abi-Saab of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

**Grotius Lecture:**
David Armitage of Harvard University, with Mary Dudziak of Emory University as the distinguished discussant

**WILIG Luncheon:**
Judge Rosemary Barkett of the Iran–U.S. Claims Tribunal and ASIL honorary president

**Sixth Annual Charles Brower Lecture on International Dispute Resolution:**
Judge David Caron of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal and former ASIL president

**Friday Keynote Address:**
Sandie Okoro, senior vice president and general counsel of the World Bank Group

**Assembly Speaker:**
Phillipe Sands of University College London Faculty of Laws

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