PRESENTERS

- Musah Abubakar: Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Botswana
- Kristen Elia: Irish Centre for Human Rights
- Kathleen Norris and Petra Ingerson Bergman: Special Tribunal for Lebanon
- Katherine McDonald and Rebecca Seipel: Universidad Pontificia Comillas
- Emily Roberts: Legal Resources Centre
Office of the Legal Advisor

Musah Abubakar
Our Objectives
Reduce Government’s Financial Risks
Enhance Teaching and Learning

My Job Description
• Reviewing contracts
• Conducting Legal Research
• Providing Legal Recommendations
• Participating in negotiation proceedings
• Drafting Briefs, Pleadings, Motions
• On call
When I was not at the Ministry
Back To Ghana After 8 years
Location: Galway, Ireland
- Assigned to one professor for (flexible) 8 weeks at Centre, located on NUI campus
- “Rate” potential projects and are assigned based on project preferences—projects are whatever professor needs at the time
Worked for Professor Aoife Duffy, Human Rights Lecturer at the Centre

Edited 2 chapters of Professor Duffy’s book on detention without trial in the United Kingdom

All Preliminary Research for Guggenheim Funding Application

- Project: looked at how international human rights law “remembers” and interprets violent events in history through its depiction of violence in UN treaties

- Work: Read through UN treaties to find and pull out references to: violence, genocide, atrocities, war, war crimes / criminals, etc.
Best for...

- Those interested in international human rights law in an academic setting
- Those interested in research (as opposed to a more “hands on” project)
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

Kathleen Norris
STL

- Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

- Duration: Must be at least 3 months (May 14 – August 14)

- Supervisors: Linda Murnane (Chief of CMSS), Kristina Carey (Interim Chief of CMSS), and Diane Brown (Legal Officer)
Tasks/Opportunities

- Court Management Services Section
- Legacy Project for Lebanon
- Memos and writing skills
- Practice reading/writing in French/Arabic
- Attend court
- Statistical/analysis skills
- Visit other Tribunals/ICC
- Access to lawyers in defense, prosecution, and victims participants units
Leidschendam
Holland
Sources:

• STL Crest
  • File: Emblem for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.svg
  https://www.google.com/search?q=special+tribunal+for+lebanon&client=safari&rls=en&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi9soSfi7XPAbWiB4KHQjnCbYQxAUICigD&biw=1240&bih=623#imgrc=7chR-Sp2mcgOjM%3A
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

Petra Ingerson Bergman
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON
BACKGROUND

• Located in Leidschendam, Netherlands- the suburbs of The Hague.

• Created in response to the assassination of Rafic Hariri, the former Prime Minister of Lebanon.

• The Tribunal has three working languages: Arabic, French, and English.
Worked in the Court Management Services Section, which acts within the Registry organ of the Tribunal.

Researched and drafted a memo on a novel legal problem.

Catalogued and audited the Tribunal’s legacy archiving project that will pass to the Lebanese government.

Formatted the Presiding Judge’s Oral Orders project.
Unique in the international tribunal realm because (1) the tribunal tries the crimes of terrorism, (2) tries individuals in absentia, (3) has a separate, autonomous Defence Office.

Our office wing was very internationally diverse including individuals from Kenya, Uzbekistan, Sierra Leone, Lebanon, France, Morocco, England, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, and the USA.

Amal Clooney (nee Alamuddin) interned at the STL.
Madrid, Spain
Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones
Cristina Gortázar Rotaeneche
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Travel & Learn!
International Criminal Court

Luke Woolman
The Court's founding treaty, called the Rome Statute, grants the ICC jurisdiction over four main crimes:

- **Genocide**: Is characterized by the specific intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members or by other means.

- **Crimes against humanity**: Serious violations committed as part of a large-scale attack against any civilian population.

- **War crimes**: Which are grave breaches of the Geneva conventions in the context of armed conflict.

- **Crime of aggression**: It is the use of armed force by a State against the sovereignty, integrity or independence of another State.
The Court
The Court, contd.
Intern Duties

- Provide legal advice and interpretation to legal officers and judges in the Chambers.
- Conduct legal research and analysis on questions of international criminal law, public international law, international humanitarian law, and human rights law.
- Prepare and provide legal memoranda for legal officers and judges.
- Prepare summaries of Court submissions and decisions.
Questions

Source: http://icc-cpi.int
Established in 1979

4 Offices around South Africa
- HQ in Jo’burg

Goal of the organization:
- Use the law as a mechanism to promote justice for vulnerable/marginalized populations and to advocate for those that suffer from discrimination based on race, class, gender, disability, or SES or historical circumstances

Background on the LRC
10 week internship
4 Staff Attorneys
3 Candidate Attorneys
1 Paralegal
2 Interns (both int’l and SA)

Focus Areas
- Land and Housing
- Equality/Non-Discrimination (END)
- Education/Health

LRC Durban Office
Field visits/client interviews
Workshops
Government meetings for ongoing land rights case
Worked with Association for the Advancement of Rural Development (AFRA—NGO)
Legal research—case law and argument formation/support
Fact portions of complaints
Experts
Compilation of interview data and case files

Variety of Work at LRC Durban
- **Mwelase**
  - Labour Tenants

- **Xolobeni**
  - Mining

- **Mdlala Village**
  - Informal housing/improper eviction

- **HIV Cases**

- **Laubschner v. Duplan**
  - END case on same-sex intestacy rights
  - Amicus Curiae
  - Waiting at the High Court

Cases
Labour Tenant case against SA Gov’t for failure to implement post-Apartheid land redistribution/ownership plan under 1996 Land Reform Act

Class Action certified in 2013—over 19,000 Labour Tenants

Various meetings with Department of Rural Development to attempt to reach agreement outside of Court

LRC/AFRA vs. Director General of Dept.

Labour Tenants want a say in making sure Gov’t does their job—Gov’t wants all the control

Negotiations failed—back to Court on 10 Oct.

Mwelase
Xolobeni

- Case against Australian mining company
- Rampant Gov’t corruption/threats against traditional agriculturalists
- Gov’t opposed—want the $$
- Community against
- Mine will destroy their livelihood and history—and create violence b/c of competition
- Visited home of 2 most outspoken community members

Madlala Village

- Unlawful destruction of 40 homes in informal settlement
- Suit for physical/psychological and Constitutional damages
- Used questionnaires of victims to establish intentional, targeted destruction by Gov’t
- LRC eventually decided not to take on
Other Travel

Hout Bay, CPT
Sani Pass, Lesotho
Hluhluwe/Imfolozi
Gaborone, Botswana
Shark Diving
Stellenbosch, Wine Country
Thanks!