

Biographies Presenters at the 35TH Anniversary Celebration Conference
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Caleb Benadum works for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center as the Program Manager for the Trafficking in Persons Report Heroes Global Network. He manages several websites pertaining to the Trafficking in Persons Report Heroes, a set of select modern-day abolitionists given a certain award from the U.S. Department of State, produces original content for the site and several related Freedom Center anti-trafficking projects, and has been able to visit several awardees in their home countries. He grew up in Ohio, but moved to Cambodia at a young age with his family. Upon returning to the states, he studied philosophy at Capital University, graduating summa cum laude. He then attended the University of Cincinnati College of Law as an Urban Morgan Fellow for Human Rights. During his time at UC Law, Benadum was an intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), he spent six months studying the law of international trade as well as the philosophical foundations of transitional justice at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, and he worked for Dow and Associates in Botswana. He was a cite checker, a summer editor, an assistant editor, and a senior articles editor with the Human Rights Quarterly.

Ann-Catherine (Cathy) Blank, Department of State, has been a diplomat for over 25 years. She will retire at the end of April 2015. Her legal training and experience at the Urban Morgan Institute supported and informed her varied career at State. She has worked directly for both an Under Secretary and Secretary of State and has participated in State's work on Bosnia, the Northern Ireland Peace Process, and on issues in the Middle East. Blank was twice detailed to other government agencies. From 2010 to 2013 she was a political advisor to the U.S. European Command, providing foreign policy guidance on issues throughout EUCOM's 51-country area of responsibility. In 2004-2005 she provided foreign policy guidance to a member of the U.S. Senate, where she helped to spearhead legislative activity on Darfur. Blank holds a JD, MA, and MBA from the University of Cincinnati.

Terry Coonan is a Notre Dame graduate and received his JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law where he was an Urban Morgan Fellow from 1992 to 1995. He was Managing Editor of the Human Rights Quarterly. Prior to his studies at Cincinnati, he did grassroots human rights work with survivors of torture in Pinochet's Chile under the auspices of the Catholic Church. Following the completion of his JD studies, he served with the U.S. Justice Department through its Honors Program. Coonan has gone on to practice immigration and human rights law for two decades. Since 2000, he has served as the founding Executive Director of the interdisciplinary Center for the Advancement of Human Rights at Florida State University, where he is also an Associate Professor of Criminology and Law. Under his direction, the Center has done leading national work on human trafficking, and offers pro bono legal assistance to asylum seekers, survivors of torture, and victims of trafficking. Professor Coonan continues to do policy and training work for the White House, the Justice Department, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Attorney General Office. Most recently he has served as a lead trainer for the National Judicial College, training state judges nationwide on human trafficking law and policy.

Sapphire Diamant-Rink practices federal Indian law for the U.S. Department of the Interior in the Office of the Solicitor and advises the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the state of California. She and another attorney are responsible for advising BIA on any and all issues involving the 105 federally recognized tribes in California. Her focus is on tribal government and tribal enrollment although she handles a variety of Indian law matters, all of which implicate human rights issues. She represents BIA in administrative litigation, and assists the Department of Justice in federal court litigation.

Heather L. Gomes started her own law practice in January 2015 to help consumer debtors get a fresh start through bankruptcy and defend homeowners in foreclosure in Maryland. Prior to starting her firm, Gomes was a Staff Attorney for six years with the Legal Aid Bureau of Maryland, where she worked to protect and promote the human rights of low-income clients in the areas of housing, consumer, and employment law. Prior to joining Legal Aid, she worked at a private law firm in Washington D.C., where

she handled primarily securities litigation and enforcement matters. Gomes received her JD and MA in Women's Studies from the University of Cincinnati, where she was an Arthur Russell Morgan Fellow at the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights at the College of Law; prior to coming to law school she attended The George Washington University, graduating summa cum laude with a BA in Psychology. After law school, Gomes clerked for the Honorable Irma S. Raker of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Honorable Andre M. Davis of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

Lisa Green After graduating from the University of Cincinnati Law School as a Fellow at the Urban Morgan Institute for International Human Rights, Green clerked for a district court judge in Boulder, Colorado. From 1987 to 1990, she then taught at Suffolk Law School in Boston, Massachusetts where she also worked with an organization aiding asylum seekers from El Salvador and Guatemala. Thereafter, Green joined the law firm of Stern and Elkind in Denver, Colorado where she specialized in immigration law from 1990 until 2006. During that time, she was instrumental in starting the Young Lawyers Division of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, where she has been a member since 1990. Green opened her own firm in Boulder, Colorado in October 2006 and continues to specialize and limit her practice to immigration law. Over the years, she has represented hundreds of people in front of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Executive Office of Immigration Review, the Board of Immigration Appeals and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. She has lectured on various areas of immigration law throughout the United States, and has taught asylum and refugee law at the University of Colorado School of Law as an adjunct professor since 2011. She is Vice Chair of the AILA National Asylum and Refugee Committee in which she has been a member for the past three years, and for the past seven years she has served on Colorado AILA's Asylum Committee, both as Chair and Vice-Chair. From 2013-14 Green was the Immigration Legal Advisor to the Colorado Health Equity Partnership (CHEP). She has been instrumental in starting the Colorado Asylum Committee (CAP), a clearinghouse matching indigent asylum seekers with pro bono

counsel. She serves as a mentor attorney for CAP as well as the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN).

Carrie Hagan joined the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law faculty as a Clinical Associate Professor of Law in the Fall of 2009. Currently she directs the Civil Practice Clinic, and has presented on and published her work involving interdisciplinary partnerships between law and social work locally, nationally and internationally. Prior to teaching at Indiana University, in 2008 – 2009 she was a Visiting Professor of Law at the Roger Williams University School of Law. From 2005 – 2007 she worked as a family law attorney and guardian ad litem with The Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, where she also was Supervising Attorney for the University of Cincinnati/Legal Aid of Southwest Ohio's Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic. While at The University of Cincinnati College of Law, Professor Hagan was an Arthur Russell Morgan Human Rights Fellow from 2002 to 2005 and Senior Articles Editor with Portfolio for the Human Rights Quarterly from 2004 to 2005.

Erica Hall is a 2005 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was an Arthur Russell Morgan Fellow in Human Rights. She is a member of the Bar of the State of New York and has worked for a range of UN agencies and international NGOs. Currently, Hall is Senior Policy Adviser at World Vision UK, where she leads work on gender issues and children affected by armed conflict. Her particular passions are preventing sexual violence and child recruitment in conflict-affected countries. Hall has provided technical advice to the UK Government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative and was recently accepted as a Deployable Civilian Expert for the government's Civilian Stabilisation Group. She has worked and conducted research on human rights issues in a wide range of countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia and Uganda.

Dina Francesca Haynes is Professor of Law at New England Law | Boston, where she teaches immigration, refugee and asylum law, international women's human rights and constitutional law. She has taught at Georgetown University Law Center and American

University's Washington College of Law. Prior to teaching law, Haynes spent a decade practicing international law within international organizations (Director General of the Human Rights Department for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Human Rights Advisor to the OSCE in Serbia and Montenegro, Protection Officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and has received assignments with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Professor Haynes was also an attorney for the United States Department of Justice and clerked on the Constitutional Court of South Africa. She researches, writes, and engages in policy work and legal advocacy in the areas of human trafficking, international organizations, post-conflict reconstruction, human rights law, immigration, refugee law and migration.

Michael Heflin is the Director of Equality for Open Society Foundation's Human Rights Initiative. He joined OSF in 2009 to launch a global grant making initiative on LGBT rights. Prior to that, Heflin was Campaigns Director for Amnesty International USA and founding Director of Amnesty's LGBT rights program. He holds a law degree with a focus on human rights from the University of Cincinnati and was an Arthur Russell Morgan fellow and article's editor of the Human Rights Quarterly.

Janine Kossen is the Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer for Women's Protection and Empowerment at the International Rescue Committee (IRC). In this capacity, she utilizes policy and advocacy strategies to design, support, and lead initiatives aimed at creating lasting and transformational change for women and girls who have experienced sexual and gender-based violence in crisis-affected countries and humanitarian emergencies. Kossen brings with her more than 15 years of experience in public policy and advocacy; women, gender, and youth; and global sexual and reproductive health and human rights. Prior to joining IRC, she held senior policy positions both within the U.S. government and within the non-profit sector. During her tenure as the Director of Public Policy for Advocates for Youth, she promoted rights-based U.S. foreign policy on youth sexual and reproductive health to members of Congress, the State Department, USAID, the United Nations, and the advocacy community. Her policy work over the past decade has been

directly influenced and shaped by her experiences in the field, first as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania, West Africa, and more recently as a policy consultant, advisor, and trainer for youth activists in the global south. Kossen has worked extensively with government officials, health professionals, women and adolescent girls, and community-based organizations on policies and programs related to gender equality, HIV and AIDS, family planning and reproductive health, female genital cutting, child marriage, and gender-based violence. She has spoken widely on these issues, served as a guest lecturer at numerous universities, and has been published in legal journals, leading reproductive health blog sites, and newspapers. She holds a BA in political science, a JD in international human rights law, and an MPH in health and human rights as well as maternal and child health.

Rebecca Landy is the Human Rights Outreach Coordinator at the US Human Rights Network, where she coordinates the work of the network to grow and deepen the engagement of grassroots and national groups in using international and domestic mechanisms to bolster human rights accountability in the United States. She has served as the Human Rights Advocate at Friends of Conscience, working for the freedom of political prisoners in China. She worked at the international human rights program of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and helped in the submission of a complaint to the International Criminal Court and the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Landy was also the Assistant Director for the Center for International Human Rights and the Ronald H. Brown Pre-Law Program, both at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she also served as an adjunct professor and conducted research for a book about utilizing international human rights mechanisms to combat domestic violence in Latin America. She also worked on articles published in the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* and *Human Rights Quarterly* on international human rights law.

She is a member of Amnesty's International USA Women's Human Rights Coordination Group, an advisory body to the organization. She formerly served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Council on American Students in International Negotiations (CASIN), and was a member of the New York City Bar Association's International

Human Rights Committee and the Sex and the Law Committee. Landy graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2008, where she was an Urban Morgan Human Rights Fellow. At UC Law, she worked at the Legal Aid of Cincinnati's Domestic Violence/Civil Protection Order Clinic and served as the Senior Articles Editor with Portfolio of Human Rights Quarterly. While at UC she clerked at the High Court of Botswana and interned at the US Program at Global Rights. Prior to law school she worked at NetAid and interned at the Research Unit of the South African Parliament.

Teresa M. Martinez is Directing Attorney of the Santa Barbara office of California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA). Martinez received her BA from the University of California, Los Angeles and her JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She was admitted to the bar in 2011. While at the College of Law, Martinez was the Editor in Chief of the Freedom Center Journal of Law and History and oversaw the publication of its special edition – “Illustrated Truth: Expressions of Wrongful Conviction”. She was the research assistant to the directors of the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice during its inaugural year. She was the recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Graduate Award for her graduating class and the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Hon. McLafferty Commitment to Public Service Award.

Prior to joining CRLA, Martinez was a law clerk at the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati and participated in UC's Domestic Violence/Civil Protection Order Clinic. She also clerked for the Honorable Julian Nganunu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Botswana. Martinez started her practice as a Staff Attorney in CRLA's Santa Maria office and was promoted to the Directing Attorney of the Santa Barbara office within her first two years of practice. She represents low-income individuals and families in the areas of housing, labor and employment, public benefits, and *education* and provides CLE trainings in her areas of practice as well.

Hilly McGahan was born and raised in Arlee, Montana. She received her BA degree in political science and Spanish from the University of Montana in 2007 and her JD from the University of Cincinnati School of Law in 2012. Before attending law school,

McGahan worked as a human rights accompanier in Guatemala, where she lived and worked with witnesses testifying in genocide cases. Since graduating from law school, she has been working as a staff attorney with SAFE Harbor (formerly known as DOVES), providing holistic civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Lake County and on the Flathead Reservation.

Adam Moser is a 2009 graduate of the College of Law, where he was a Senior Articles Editor for the *Human Rights Quarterly*. After graduation, he joined the U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law at Vermont Law School as an LL.M. Fellow and earned an LL.M., with honors, in environmental law. From July 2012 to February 2015, Adam served as Assistant Director for the U.S.-Asia Partnerships program. He managed rule of law and development aid programs promoting the protection of rights and the environment in China and Myanmar. He will be working with Earthrights in Myanmar beginning in May 2015. Moser earned his BA, with honors, at Ohio University where he was awarded Most Outstanding Graduate in East Asian Studies. After graduation, he was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Taiwan and taught in Western China. His scholarly interests examine how law and international political economy impact environmental governance in developing countries. He enjoys traveling to tropical islands, and is an avid rock climber, cyclist, and outdoorsman.

Colonel Linda Strite Murnane (U.S. Air Force, Retired) currently serves as the Chief, Court Management Support Services for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in Leidschendam, The Netherlands. Col. Murnane served as the Judicial Bailiff for The Honorable Anne Taylor, Franklin County Municipal Court, Columbus, Ohio from January 2013 until undertaking her present duties in August 2014. She also previously served as the Chief, Court Management and Support Services for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands from 2009 to December 2012. In that position, she led teams totaling about 40 staff involved in the daily operation of the courtrooms in which the trials of alleged war criminals are being tried under the mandate of the United Nations Security Council. She also was responsible for leading a team responsible for implementing three components of the

European Union-funded War Crimes Justice Project, providing training to court professionals and others in the Balkans, transcribing verbatim local language transcripts and providing translation of the ICTY's Appeals Chamber Case Law Research Tool in Balkan languages. In 2011, Murnane also spent three months as the Acting Head of Chambers for the Tribunal and in 2011 – 2012 she spent four and one half months as the Acting Deputy Registrar for the Tribunal.

Colonel Murnane had previously spent two years as one of the four Senior Legal Officers assigned to Trial Chambers in the ICTY. While a Senior Legal Officer, she was responsible for preparation of orders, decisions, judgments and support for the international judiciary. She specifically had responsibility for the cases of Milutinovic, et al. (six accused charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Kosovo), Prlic, et al. (six accused charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity involving the Herceg-Bosna leadership), Vojislav Seselj, and Vlastimir Djordjevic. She was also responsible in the pre-trial phase for the cases of Rasim Delic, Stanisic and Simatovic, Momcilo Perisic, Lukic and Lukic, and Radovan Karadzic.

Marilu Gresens Peries works as a Senior Human Rights Analyst with British company Maplecroft (www.maplecroft.com), a leading global consultancy firm based in Bath and London. The company's Human Rights practice advises major multinational companies on business and human rights impacts, corporate social responsibility, and corporate accountability, with services covering 198 countries worldwide. She covers a wide breadth of human rights topics, but has been focusing on: labor rights in global supply chains, including modern slavery, child labor, discrimination, and working conditions in low-cost manufacturing and agribusiness industries; adverse human rights impacts of extractives activities, including oil and gas and mining, with a focus on land rights, minority rights, and indigenous peoples' rights; corporate responsibilities vis-à-vis human rights violations committed by state and private security forces.

Katheryn Pongonis is a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Department of State. She joined the State Department in 1999 and has served as a Political Officer in

overseas postings in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Beijing, China; Chengdu, China; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Pretoria, South Africa. She has had one domestic posting in Washington, D.C, in the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. She is currently serving as the Deputy Political Counselor in Caracas, Venezuela. Prior to joining the State Department, Pongonis was a Hispanic Outreach attorney with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society in Atlanta, Georgia. She served as an Agricultural Extension Volunteer in the Peace Corps in Ecuador from 1991-1994. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1997 and was a fellow in the Urban Morgan Institute of Human Rights. Her undergraduate degrees are in Spanish and economics from Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Taegin Reisman is an Associate Legal Officer for International Justice with the Open Society Justice Initiative. As part of her work with the Justice Initiative, she manages the *International Justice Monitor*, a blog monitoring ongoing international justice trials as well as related social media platforms. Based in the New York office, Reisman earned her undergraduate degree in international affairs at Florida State University and her JD at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was a Fellow with the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights and served as a member of the University of Cincinnati Moot Court Honor Board.

During her final year in law school, she was the managing editor of *Human Rights Quarterly*. Prior to joining the Open Society Justice Initiative, she worked as a program assistant with Amnesty International and a legal researcher with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. In 2005, she spent a summer as a clerk with the High Court of Botswana under the direction of Justice Unity Dow.

Sue Tatten is an attorney and international development practitioner for over the last three decades. She has served with the United Nations (Kosovo, Liberia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan), the NGO community, and with the US government in East and Southern Africa (Peace Corps, USAID). In 1983, Tatten started her international career in Botswana as a Peace Corps Volunteer teacher in Business Education supporting a Women in Development project that provided alternative education for mainly female

school leavers in the village of Serowe. This experience defined her career and her vocation in life – to serve as an advocate for human rights.

Tatten holds a BS degree in criminal justice, MA in International Affairs/African Studies, JD, and LLM in International Law/Human Rights. She provided legal assistance to the Navajo Nation community, Women Helping Women (an agency that provided assistance to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence), and the Appalachian community in the USA. She has been a Fulbright Scholar and Lecturer on Human Rights and researcher on Customary Law in Botswana, Ethiopia, and Kenya; USAID Senior Elections Advisor and Democracy Fellow on Cross-Border Conflict Issues in East Africa; and as a Foreign Service Officer—Democracy & Governance providing support to Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, and Darfur, Sudan. With the NGO community, she directed the Legal Resources project of the International Institute for Education Human Rights Internship program in Washington, DC. Tatten served for three years as the Country Representative for the National Democratic Institute in Ethiopia focusing on democracy and governance and women's political participation and for two years with the Centre for Strategic Initiatives of Women, an African NGO focused on engendering peacebuilding in the Horn of Africa. She served the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as Victims Assistance and Advocacy Officer from 2000-2001. With the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sudan, she served as Senior Advisor on Customary Law and Gender in Darfur and Kassala (2005-2006), and subsequently as the Senior Rule of Law Advisor/Team Leader for UNDP's Rule of Law program in South Sudan (2006-2009). She later served as Chief Technical Advisor-Rule of Law in Liberia from 2009-2011. In recent years, she provided technical support to UNDP-Somalia as a Legal Education Advisor for Puntland, Somaliland, and South Central Somalia; Gender Strategy Advisor for UNDP Afghanistan; Governance Specialist with UN Women in Sudan; and Legal Advisor for Justice Support in Libya. She currently is the Chief of Party for Democracy International in Juba, Sudan providing governance and peacebuilding support to the world's newest nation.

Erin Farrell Rosenberg is a licensed Indiana attorney currently working in the Appeals Division of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands. She works on interlocutory and final appeals, including on the ICC's first trial conviction in the case of *Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga*, in which Mr. Lubanga was convicted of conscripting and enlisting child soldiers in the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Before joining the ICC, Rosenberg worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), where she assisted in managing the pre-trial stage of proceedings in the case of *Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladic*. A fugitive for 20 years, Mr. Mladic is charged with two counts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity for the acts of persecutions, extermination, murder, deportation, inhumane acts, terror, and unlawful attacks on civilians and the taking of hostages.

Prior to her career in international criminal law, Rosenberg worked in local and national politics, working on numerous campaigns, including for the Indiana State Senate Democratic Caucus, serving as the IN State Director for the 2004 John Kerry for President campaign and as the Campaign Treasurer for Congressman André Carson in the 2008 Special Election. Upon the election of Congressman Carson, Ms Rosenberg joined his DC office, serving as Senior Legislative Aide/Director of Inter-governmental Affairs and later as the office's Legislative Director.

Rosenberg received her BA from Indiana University- Bloomington, majoring in linguistics, French, and African-American and African Diasporic Studies. She received her JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was also a Fellow for the Urban Morgan International Human Rights Institute. Through her fellowship, she worked on the Institute's *Human Rights Quarterly* journal and interned at the ICTY and the Botswana High Court, serving as an intern law clerk for Justice Unity Dow.

Tara Van Ho holds a JD from the University of Cincinnati, an LLM in International Human Rights Law, and a PhD in Law, both from the University of Essex. As the former Director of the Essex Human Rights Clinic and a project associate with the Essex Business & Human Rights Project, she has been involved in international and

transnational litigation support, including before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Canadian Supreme Court, and the UN Human Rights Committee. As a specialist in the fields of business and human rights and international investment law and human rights, she also consults with inter-governmental organizations, governments, NGOs, and corporations on issues of access to remedies, including options for litigation and judicial protection. Her work on remedies has addressed cases, situations or laws in the US, UK, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Colombia, Kosovo, Uganda, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Myanmar. Currently a post-doctoral research associate with the INTRALaw Centre in Aarhus University, Denmark, she remains a Project Associate with the Essex Business and Human Rights Project.

Lindsey Wilkes In January of 2014, Wilkes started an immigration law firm in Washington D.C., Kayi & Wilkes PLLC. While the firm represents clients in all immigration matters, the partners at Kayi & Wilkes specialize in asylum law and built a practice that focuses on low-bono services for clients with modest means.

Wilkes and her law firm partner, Varsha Kayi, also serve as the volunteer co-directors of the Pro Bono Asylum Program (PBAP) at the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC). TASSC is a non-profit organization in Washington D.C. that provides legal and social services to survivors of torture with the goal of healing, obtaining asylum, and rebuilding their lives in the U.S. At TASSC, Wilkes and Kayi supervise a team of six volunteer attorneys, two interns, and approximately 45 pending asylum cases. She has served as a pro bono immigration attorney at TASSC since early 2013, and she has provided more than 450 hours of legal services for torture survivors seeking asylum.

Prior to law school, Wilkes started the nonprofit GENEd, which worked to educate the public about genocide and crimes against humanity, and lobbied for political change. She was also a founding board member of the Darfur Action Group of SC, which lobbied local and national leaders and built a constituency of more than 5,000 anti-genocide advocates in the state of South Carolina. Because of her work, she was chosen as a Carl

Wilkes Fellow with the Genocide Intervention Network, where she continued her work to change how the world responds to crimes against humanity.

Wilkes graduated magna cum laude from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts in both business administration and communication. She has a JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was an Arthur Russell Morgan Human Rights Fellow. While in law school, she represented survivors of domestic violence in court, interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and worked on multiple international human rights cases and civil rights cases during her time with Schonbrun, DeSimone, Seplow, Harris & Hoffman.

Alexi Wood is an associate in Davis LLP's Toronto office. She practices corporate/commercial litigation, civil litigation, professional negligence and discipline, health law, regulatory, administrative and constitutional law. Wood represents clients at all levels of courts in Ontario as well as before various tribunals and administrative bodies. She maintains a general litigation practice that includes general commercial, administrative, regulatory and constitutional litigation. She also represents professionals, including health professionals, in civil and regulatory matters.

Wood frequently represents the Canadian Civil Liberties Association at all levels of court, including the Divisional Court and Supreme Court of Canada, where she has appeared numerous times including *R v Patrick* (2009 SCC 17) that established the parameters for certain warrantless searches, and the trilogy of *R v Sinclair, McCrimmon and Willier* (2010 SCC 35, 36 and 37) that established the rights of an accused under s. 10(b) of the Charter. She is also an adjunct professor of law at the University of Toronto where she teaches Advanced Torts.

Wood began her legal career at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) where she was the Director of the Public Safety Project. In that role, she and her team coordinated CCLA's investigation and intervention in a variety of topics within the public safety sphere, such as policing, privacy, and national security matters, including close scrutiny of governmental anti-terror initiatives. She also addressed Federal, Provincial

and Municipal legislative committees, and commented on issues for radio, newspaper and television.

In 2000, Wood graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was a Human Rights Fellow. Since graduating from law school, she has interned for the UN's High Commission for Human Rights in Switzerland, hosted and produced a legal issues cable television show, published articles and delivered numerous lectures on a wide range of topics, including balancing civil liberties and human rights, violence against women, and international law. She was a delegate in a U.S. State Department mission to Bolivia, where she gave presentations to the U.S. Embassy, local officials and the Bolivian Supreme Court on international law and domestic violence. In addition, in early 2002, she attended an international human rights academy held on Robben Island, the former prison of Nelson Mandela.

Teresa Yates is Coordinator - Gender Justice Programme of Oxfam in Tanzania.

Yates, a 1992 graduate of University of Cincinnati College of Law and a former Urban Morgan Institute Fellow, has worked for nearly 20 years in Southern and East Africa on human rights and social justice issues such as land rights, women's rights, and children's rights. In her current position Yates she runs the 'We Can' campaign to end violence against women which links activists across more than 500 NGO and CBO alliances, coordinates a broad-based alliance of NGOs and CBOs focusing on ensuring women's participation in the constitutional review process, links local women's movements to national and international campaigns, and works with regional and Pan African colleagues to advocate for domestication of the Maputo Protocol and other international conventions to promote women's rights.

Prior to moving to Tanzania Yates worked for 10 years in the land sector in South Africa where she was the Executive Director of Nkuzi Development Association, a South African land rights organization. She also worked for the South African government's Department of Land Affairs where she was a senior manager in the Land Tenure Programme. Yates has drafted land rights policy and legislation and appeared before

various South African parliamentary committees. She has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union and served as an adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School in New York.