

International Insights

Studying Abroad

The University of Georgia School of Law offers students several study/work abroad opportunities. During the spring and summer of 2002, students took advantage of the following programs: London Law Consortium, England Summer Clerkship and the Dean Rusk Center Support Program for Law Students' International Initiatives. They traveled to Argentina, England, Ghana and Guyana.



Pictured are: (back, l. to r.) Aimee Stowe (Ghana), Rasheda Gylar (England), David Latimer (Argentina), Timika Woods (England), (front, l. to r.) Monique Jones (Ghana), Tamika Sykes (Ghana), Geniece Davis (Ghana) and Anne Rotz (England). Not pictured: Michael Bertelson (England), Michael Cates (England), Tom Hollingsworth (England), Clete Johnson (Guyana), Ian Landgreen (England) and John Northup (England).



◀ *Eric Stein kicks off the Dean Rusk Lectures with a discussion on the World Trade Organization*

International human rights expert Louis Henkin



Manuel Medina Ortega delivers the final Dean Rusk Lecture

◀ *Abiodun Williams, director of strategic planning in the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations*



Lectures Celebrate Rusk Center's 25th Anniversary

The Dean Rusk Lectures, a four-part lecture series commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Dean Rusk Center -- International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies, brought experts in international law and policy from around the globe to the University of Georgia this fall.

Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center and Kirbo Chair in International Law Gabriel Wilner said this 25th anniversary lecture series was very much a celebration of Dean Rusk and the university's good fortune of being associated with him. "These lectures were on topics that were of great interest to the late Dean Rusk. By bringing these internationally renowned scholars to the university, we are keeping with the educational tradition Rusk established when he became a member of our faculty more than 30 years ago," he said.

Eric Stein of the University of Michigan School of Law spoke about the World Trade Organization and the European Union in the first lecture of the series. He was followed

by Louis Henkin of Columbia University Law School, who lectured on the topic of constitutional rights and human rights. Abiodun Williams, from the United Nations, discussed the U.N. and its peace-building operations. Manuel Medina Ortega, a member of the European Parliament, concluded the series and spoke about the relationship between the United States and Europe. Each lecture in the series was well-attended and captured local media attention.

The Rusk Center was established in 1977 and merged with International and Graduate Legal Studies in 1999 to bring research, teaching and service at the School of Law into the evolving international dimensions of law. A former Secretary of State, the late Dean Rusk was the inspiration behind the center's creation. It was his profound belief that through education, international cooperation could be a conduit of maintaining peace, building democratic institutions and raising standards of living throughout the world.

- Kristine Fortunato

Brussels Seminar Turns 30

A gala dinner at the Metropole Hotel at which Professor Jonathan Faull, spokesman for the European Commission, gave a major address on "A View of the Future of European Union-United States Relations" and Athens-artist Jonathan Milton personally presented his steel sculpture and mobile "Reaching for Harmony" to Faull marked the 30th anniversary of the Brussels Seminar on the Law and Institutions of the European Union.



Professor Jonathan Faull, spokesman for the European Commission, speaking at the gala dinner celebrating the 30th Brussels Seminar

This three-week intensive course, offered each July, provides law students a thorough introduction to the law and institutions of the European Union. Officials of the EU Commission and Council, judges of the EC Courts, leading practitioners of EU law in Brussels and distinguished professors from Belgian and other European universities teach the seminar. Over the past 30 years, approximately 1,000 law students from throughout the United States, and recently Mexico and Canada, have participated in the seminar. Nearly 600 have been UGA law students.

For a large number of seminar alumni, the time in Brussels represents their first extensive contact with European society and law. Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center and Kirbo Chair in International Law Gabriel Wilner recently said, "I am proud a number of these graduates of the Brussels Seminar practice EC law in the U.S. and in Europe. I am no less pleased that a great many other alumni of the seminar, who have gone on to practice in other fields, have maintained their interest in European and international affairs and law."

The Brussels Seminar was established as an independent summer program by the late Dean Rusk and Wilner, who has directed the seminar since 1973. The seminar is supported by Georgia Law's Dean and Virginia Rusk Fund and the Saint Louis University School of Law with the cooperation of the Institut d'Etudes Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and the IES at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. In recent years, students who successfully pass a thorough examination under the auspices of the seminar and the two universities in Brussels have been awarded a certificate of European Union law studies.



Participants in the historic 30th Brussels Seminar



In the Dean Rusk Center library, Institute for Continuing Judicial Education Director Richard Reeves discusses the finer points of the American court system with Egyptian judicial personnel during their three-day training session in October.

Foreign Judges Come to Study at Rusk Center

The Dean Rusk Center's International Judicial Training Program (IJTP), in collaboration with the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education, has been gaining popularity with foreign judiciaries throughout the world. This fall, the IJTP hosted nearly 20 judicial personnel from Egypt and Ghana. Both groups received specialized training targeted to their specific needs.



Lord Gordon Slynn lectures to Georgia Law students during his brief visit to campus in September.

Lord Gordon Slynn Visits Georgia Law

A British Lord who helped establish the school's annual moot court exchange with Gray's Inn, Gordon Slynn visited the university in September. He was on campus to serve as a guest lecturer to students on the topics of the development of European law on human rights and legal education and the structure of the legal system in England; visit with faculty members; and meet with the current Lumpkin Inn of Court pupils to discuss the inn system. Slynn's last visit to Georgia Law was in the early 1990s.