

Rapporteur Q&A

What inspires or drives you about human rights?

David Carolan: My inspiration derives from the fact that although human dignity is supposed to be a well established concept, it is so commonly denied, even in countries that claim to be the most developed and forward thinking.

Romy Green: I have an innate sense of justice, which funnily enough I can't place. I feel a connection to marginalized groups, and a strong desire to do what I can to make things easier for them. I guess I'm just an idealist.

What past community-related experience have you had?

Neda Monshat: I went to South Africa as part of the Castan Centre Global Internship Program to volunteer at an Oxfam-affiliated NGO assisting refugees and asylum-seekers. I have also

volunteered with World Youth International in Kisumu, Kenya and at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne.

Namrata Kant: Over the 2008 summer holidays I travelled to India and spent several weeks teaching (as a volunteer) at a school located in a slum area of Delhi. It is clichéd but true to look back on it as a life-changing experience. Since mid-2008 I have also regularly been volunteering at the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning Program and for the Community Visitors Scheme.

What did you do during your internship?

Angus McLeod: I helped in the background research for the Castan Centre's submission to the National Human Rights Consultation for an Australian Human Rights Act, met with the chair of the national consultation Father Frank Brennan, and conducted research into the problem of the registration

of indigenous births in Victoria.

Maida Kopac: Miscellaneous tasks, such as the UNHCR decisions reports, research for the submission to the National Human Rights Committee, the report of the violation of the basic rights of Indigenous Victorians in remote communities under the ICCPR... and many hours of research involved therein in reading old documents.

What do you hope to do in the future?

Helen Fabinyi: Pursue an active and varied career in human rights – either through legal or community development work – at a local and international level. Pursue further study at some point in human rights, Indigenous law and/or International Development

David Sztrajt: Make a power point presentation on Human Rights, turn it into a movie and then win a Nobel Peace Prize for my efforts (as if that would happen).

Publications and other activities by centre faculty members

Gideon Boas

Article

'Trying Tyrants for Mass Atrocity' (2009) *Alternative Law Journal*

Chapters

'Forms of responsibility in International Criminal Law – Some Problems and Answers' in Larissa van den Herik et al (eds), *Future Perspectives on International Criminal Justice* (Asser Press/Cambridge University Press, 2009)

'Review of Contempt and Misconduct Proceedings', in André Klip and Göran Sluiter (eds), *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals, Volume XXI* (Intersentia, 2009)

Melissa Castan

Book

Handbook for Interns: A guide to internships at Native Title Representative Bodies, Native Title Service Providers, Indigenous corporations, government bodies, community groups, not-for-profit, policy and other Indigenous organisations, Carmen Watts and Melissa Castan (eds) (The Aurora Project 2009)

Grant

Monash Law Faculty Small Grant to work on the issue of *Birth Registration and Indigenous People* (with P. Gerber).

Paper

'Human Rights and Indigenous Archives' Research Forum, presented by the Centre

for Organisational and Social Informatics in conjunction with the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies and Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, 7 August 2009

Erica Contini

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill, (with P. Gerber, A. Sifris, and M. Smith), August 2009

Julie Debeljak

Grant

Awarded an Attorney-General's Department "Grants to Australian Organisations Program 2009-2010" to run a Workshop entitled "Legal and Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in Australia: Obstacles, Opportunities and Best Practice", 9 November 2009 (with S. Kneebone)

Submission

Submission to the National Consultation on Human Rights, submitted to the National Consultation on Human Rights Committee, 15 June 2009, 1-88

Paula Gerber

Article

'Making Visible the Problem of Invisibility' (2009) 83(10) *Law Institute Journal* 52

'Making Indigenous Australians 'Disappear': Problems arising from our Birth Registration Systems' (2009) 34(3) *Alternative Law*

Journal 158

'Jack & Jill / Jack & Bill: The Case for Same-Sex Adoption' (2009) 34(3) *Alternative Law Journal* 168, (with A. Sifris)

Grant

Monash Law Faculty small grant to work on the issue of Birth Registration and Indigenous People, (with M. Castan)

Other

'If I were Attorney-General ...', *Human Rights Law Resource Centre Bulletin*, June 2009

Paper

'Human Rights Education', presented to the United Nations Youth Association Conference, University of Melbourne, April 2009

'Like Ripples from a Pebble someone Tosses in a Stream: Using Human Rights Education to Create a Human Rights Culture', presented at the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission Conference, Melbourne, March 2009

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill, (with A. Sifris, M. Smith and E. Contini), August 2009.

Sarah Joseph

Article

'Human Rights and the WTO: Issues for the Pacific', (3009) 20 *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review*, 351-367