

# Global Interns Return Home

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For the eighth year running, the Castan Centre awarded exciting internship opportunities to Monash law students who had shown a strong and continuing interest in human rights. In 2013, the Global Internship Program supported nine students heading to eight organisations on four different continents, with placements ranging from the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva to Plan International in Haiti.

Three of our interns headed to Africa and advocated for key issues specific to the region. Naomi interned at the Human Rights Advocacy Centre in Ghana. One of her favourite projects was writing a Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness in Ghana (STAR-Ghana) funded report on Gender Based Violence, which gave her the opportunity to couple field work with legal analysis. The HRAC is always an intense experience, and Naomi soon found herself delivering lectures on reproductive health rights, and preparing and submitting legal opinions to the Supreme Court.

Lisa Harrison and Nicola Greenberg undertook a six week internship with Oxfam Australia in South Africa, where they were placed with Lawyers for Human Rights. Between intake interviews with drop-in asylum seeker clients, they went to Zulu lessons and even managed to squeeze in a local Zulu wedding!

At the time of writing, Kristine Tay was still completing her internship with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in Geneva. Within the first few weeks of arriving there, Kristine had already attended a high-level conference at the UN entitled 'Celebrating Womanhood: Menstrual Hygiene Management', as part of her work in the economic, social and cultural rights group at the ICJ.

Five more interns, Henrietta Champion de Crespigny, Adrienne Walters, Ellyse Borghi, Leah O'Keefe and Laura John interned at Plan International in Haiti, the Special



(l-r) Henrietta Champion de Crespigny, Ellyse Borghi, Leah O'Keefe, Kristine Tay, Lisa Harrison, Naomi McClellan, Nicola Greenberg, Laura John

Rapporteur on the Right to Health in Delhi, the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, International Women's Rights Action Watch – Asia Pacific in Kuala Lumpur and Geneva, and Human Rights First in New York, respectively. You can read their final reports on pages 13 to 17.

The 2013 Global Internship program was extremely successful, with each of the interns bringing back a unique perspective on global human rights issues which will be sure to enrich their future endeavours, whether here in Australia or overseas.

**For more information on this year's Global Interns, visit [castanglobalinterns.wordpress.com](http://castanglobalinterns.wordpress.com).**

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## Correction

The caption for the photo on page 6 of the November 2012 issue of the *Rapporteur* incorrectly listed the intern on the far right as "Nabila Buhary". It should have read "Laura John".

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