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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Hosted by the School of Law, and in partnership with the Creighton International and Comparative Law Journal, International Law Society, and Graduate Program in International Relations, the Creighton University Public International Law and Foreign Affairs Conference is dedicated to furthering the study of international issues. It is a destination in the geographic Midwest for professionals, scholars, and, most importantly, students to present research in the diverse field of international law and foreign affairs. The conference is interdisciplinary in nature so as to fully understand the issues developing on the international stage.

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

8:00 – 8:45	Speaker Check-In
8:45 – 9:00	Opening
9:00 – 10:30	Panel 1
11:00 – 12:00	Panel 2
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:30	Panel 3
3:00 – 4:00	Keynote, Professor Craig Martin, Washburn University
Closing Comments	

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PANEL 1: 9:00 – 10:30

Moderators: **TBA**

M. Patrick Yingling, Clerk, Third Circuit Court of Appeals

“Conventional and Unconventional Corruption: Analysis and Solutions for the United States and Kenya”

M. Patrick Yingling is an Associate in the Eastern Commercial Litigation practice group of Reed Smith LLP in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received a B.S. in Management from Bucknell University in 2007. From 2007 to 2008, he studied at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Mr. Yingling received his J.D. in 2011 from the University of Pittsburgh. Following law school, Mr. Yingling taught as a Visiting Lecturer at Moi University School of Law in Eldoret, Kenya. Mr. Yingling will begin a clerkship for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in August 2012.

Katherine Jacob, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

“Divine Retribution as Dispute Resolution”

Katherine Jacob earned a B.A. in History and the Writing Seminars and an M.A. in History from John Hopkins University. She will graduate with a J.D. from Case Western University in May 2012. She won Note of the Year for her paper, *“Defending Blasphemy: Exploring Religious Expression Under Ireland’s Blasphemy Law,”* which is forthcoming in Case Western’s Journal of International Law. She is interested in conflicts between secular and religious laws.

Michelle Black, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

“Disappointed by Intervention: An Analysis of the Hezbollah Formation and Rebellion”

Michelle Black is currently a Ph.D. student in Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Her research interests include: International Conflict and Resolution, Group Formation and Rebellion, International Law, Research Methods, and Middle East Politics. Ms. Black is also a federal employee working for United State Strategic Command. Additionally, she was the Chief for the Information Operations, Electronic Warfare, and Strategic Communication Branch, located in the Resource and Capabilities Directorate. Ms. Black now assists in leading the International Engagement Branch of the Policy and Plans Directorate.

PANEL 2: 11:00 – 12:00

Moderators: **TBA**

Yaniv Roznai, London School of Economics and Political Science
"The United Nations Human Rights Council and Israel: 'Sour Old Wine In A New Bottle'"

Yaniv Roznai is a Ph.D. candidate at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the U.K. He also holds an LL.M. from the LSE, as well as B.A. degrees in Law and Government from the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Israel. Yaniv is the winner of the 2010 California Bar International Law Section Annual Student Writing Competition, and the 2006 IDC Annual Student Paper Competition. He has worked as a lecturer on constitutional law, a teaching and research assistant in the areas of constitutional and international law, and as a legal assist and intern in the Knesset's (Israeli Parliament) legal department.

Chelsea Sayles, Oxford International Law Review
"Doctors Experiment on Humanity: Human Experimentation in Guatemala (1946-1948)"

Chelsea Sayles is an attorney licensed in both Nebraska and Arizona. In 2001, she graduated from Arizona State University with her B.S. in Justice Studies with a minor in Political Science. In 2004, she graduated with her J.D. from Creighton University School of Law. Upon graduation, she became a prosecutor with the Yavapai County Attorney's Office in Arizona. After approximately two years with the County she relocated and transitioned to the City of Phoenix as an Assistant City Prosecutor. In 2011, she obtained an LLM in International Human Rights and Criminal Justice from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. While there, she interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and worked on the Radovan Karadzic case. She also researched the use of independent oversight mechanisms at an international court level. The research involved, and was ultimately used by, the International Criminal Court. Currently Ms. Sayles continues to conduct research in the areas of Human Rights and International Criminal Law.

PANEL 3: 1:00 – 2:30

Moderators: **TBA**

Jessica Dorsey, T.M.C. Asser Institute

“Out of Bounds? Exploring the Geographic Scope of Armed Conflict and the United States’ Approach to Countering al-Qaeda, the Taliban and Associated Forces”

Jessica Dorsey has been a Junior at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague since September 2011. In addition to her work on projects in international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights laws, she is an external Ph.D. candidate at the University of Amsterdam. Her doctoral research explores *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello* issues surrounding self-defense uses of force by states against non-state actors and the temporal and geographic scope of armed conflict. Prior to beginning at Asser, she was a Junior Lecturer at the University of Utrecht, teaching General Principles of International Law and Comparative Human Rights courses and also worked for the Municipality of Utrecht as a Human Rights Project Officer. She received her LL.M in Public International Law *cum laude* from the University of Utrecht in 2010 and her J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 2008, where she also earned a certificate in international and comparative law.

Hong Tang, New York City Bar Association

“A Contemporary Reality and Challenge to Customary International Law”

Dr. Hong Tang holds an S.J.D. from the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California, an LL.M. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California, an LL.B. from the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade in Shanghai, China, and a certificate from The Hague Academy of International Law in The Hague, Netherlands. Dr. Tang has been admitted to practice law in the state of New York and various U.S. federal courts. Dr. Tang’s professional and scholarly articles have been published by the American Society of International Law (ASIL), the American Bar Association (ABA), and the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). Dr. Tang was invited to present his research work at the 74th Biennial Conference of the London-headquartered International Law Association (‘ILA 2010’), also serving as the 100th Anniversary of the Netherlands Society of International Law, which was held at The Hague, Netherlands in August 2010. Dr. Tang is the Official Representative of the New York City Bar to the United Nations and the Vice-Chair of both the U.N. and International Institutions

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 3:00 – 4:00

Craig Martin

Associate Professor of Law, Washburn University

***“Targeted Killing with Drones:
At the Intersection of Jus ad Bellum and Jus in Bello”***

Professor Craig Martin's primary areas of interests are international law, with an emphasis on the use of force and the laws of war, and comparative constitutional law, with a focus on Anglo-American and Japanese constitutional rights and war powers. He has studied law in Canada, Japan, and the United States.

Professor Martin received his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, for which his research focused on the relationship between constitutional and international law constraints on the use of armed force, using the Japanese constitutional experience as a basis for the analysis. He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada and served four years as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, during which time he was, among other things, naval attaché in the Canadian Mission to the United Nations. After leaving the navy, he spent four years in Japan on a *Monbushō* scholarship, during which he obtained an LL.M. from Osaka University, Graduate School of Law and Politics. He went on to study law at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. He then practiced civil litigation for several years at Stikeman Elliott LLP and Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP in Toronto. He left private practice in 2006 to undertake the S.J.D. program at Penn Law.

Professor Martin has taught as a visiting lecturer at Osaka University and as an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and the University of Baltimore School of Law. After completing his doctorate, he spent a year as Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, teaching public international law and international business transactions. He has published scholarly work in public and private international law and Japanese constitutional law. He is a frequent contributor to *The Japan Times* and other mainstream media.*

* This information was obtained from <http://washburnlaw.edu/faculty/martin-craig.php>

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