

Distinguished Visitors Lecture on Global Issues

The Dean Rusk Center -- International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies welcomed two international visitors during the fall semester.

The first was Manuel Medina Ortega who came to campus in October. A long-standing member of the European Parliament and its Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market, Medina holds a chair and teaches at La Laguna University in his native Canary Islands and at Complutense University in Madrid, Spain.

He delivered two lectures on the continuing development of European integration. In his first presentation on the current draft for "A Constitution for an Enlarged Europe," Medina shared his perspectives on both the difficulties and the necessity of adopting the proposed Constitution rapidly and with little modification. His remarks on "The Enlargement of the European Union and the Wider Europe" focused on the impact of the forthcoming increase in European Union membership in 2004 and the effect that subsequent enlargements will have on the geopolitical environment of Europe.

The second international visitor, Palitha T.B. Kohona of the United Nations' Office of Legal Affairs visited in early November. Kohona, as head of the U.N.'s Treaty Section, has led this important unit through a major reorganization that has moved treaty registration into a sophisticated computer environment.

In his lectures, Kohona described the complex process of reservations and declarations to multilateral treaties. He discussed the role of his office in facilitating the deposit and acceptance of treaties. In addition, he emphasized the highly successful "annual treaty" events of the world body since the Millennium Summit in 2000, which are designed to encourage wider participation by countries in multilateral treaties. ■



At the groundbreaking ceremony this past spring are: (from l. to r.) Georgia Law alumna Stacy Godfrey (J.D.'03), Navy Supply Corps School Lt. Bill Clark, homeowner Gloria Ambrose, Habitat for Humanity Board President Jim Thompson and Kirk Whittington, representing the Koch family who was the principal financial donor for the house.

Law Students and Faculty Toss the Books and Pick Up Hammers

Last spring, a committed group of law students teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to give their brains a break and their muscles a challenge while constructing a house for a local Athens family in need. Stacey G. Godfrey (J.D.'03), current third-year student Eugenia D. Wooten and other students initially began fund-raising efforts in hopes of Georgia Law exclusively sponsoring a house.

By contacting members of the law school community, the students collected an impressive \$10,000. The law school faculty proved to be more than generous with major donors including professors John B. Rees Jr., Paul J. Heald, David E. Shipley, Sarajane N. Love (J.D.'73) and Paul M. Kurtz. The Western Circuit Bar Association and the UGA Student Bar Association were major contributors as well.

However, the law students found they were significantly shy of the \$46,000 needed to fully fund the building of a house. So, the Athens Area Habitat for Humanity partnered the law students with the Navy Supply Corps School (located in Athens) and the Koch family, whose donation was made in memory of lost family members in

the September 11th attacks. In April 2003, the group broke ground and completed the build this past fall.

Godfrey said it was great to see the law school community come together for such a worthy cause. "It is my hope that through increased awareness of the law school's success in its first joint sponsorship of a Habitat house, we can later come together to sponsor a house entirely on our own."

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit organization that has built more than 150,000 houses worldwide. Local Habitat offices coordinate volunteers who, with combined efforts in fund raising and material donations, assist in building a house for a selected family. These houses are sold to the families at no profit and financed with no-interest loans while the monthly mortgage payments are used to fund more Habitat homes. If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in future law school builds, please contact Genie Wooten at geniew@uga.edu.

The house was officially turned over its new owners on October 31 at a dedication ceremony.

-Alana Archer

Lumpkin Inn of Court Selects New Pupils for 2003-04

Each year a dozen outstanding participants in Georgia Law's moot court and mock trial programs are selected for membership in the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court. This prime learning and networking opportunity is one of the most prestigious rewards associated with UGA's superb advocacy initiatives.

Established in 1987 and named for one of the law school's founders, the Lumpkin Inn of Court is one of the earliest American Inns of Court. It is also the first inn created in the state of Georgia. The inn is modeled after the famed English Inns of Court and has 60 members: 30 masters, prominent and highly experienced judges, lawyers and academics; 18 barristers, practicing young attorneys with limited trial experience; and 12 pupils, selected third-year law students.

The year's student membership includes:

R. Stanley Baker
Mary Catherine Begnaud
Meredith A. Bunn
Dawn S. Caesar
Amanda K. Eaton
Rebecca C. Franklin
Alan J. Hamilton
Trinity M. Hundredmark
Christopher J. Latimer
John M. Moorhead
Erica L. Parsons
Andrew H. Speaker

Law School Enjoys Fifth Straight Victory Over Florida

Georgia Law's dominance over the University of Florida continues in the courtroom. For the last 23 years on the eve of the annual Georgia-Florida football clash, law students from each school have met to argue a fictitious appellate case in front of a distinguished panel of state and federal judges. In late October, Georgia

Law triumphed over Florida for the fifth straight year in the annual Hulsey-Kimbrell Moot Court Competition and now leads the series 17-4-2.

Georgia Law's winning team included third-year students Trinity M. Hundredmark and Jeffrey P. Shiver. Third-year student Jason M. Tate coached the pair.

Georgia Law Director of Advocacy Kellie R. Casey (J.D.'90) said she could not have been prouder of the team. "There is a lot of pressure each year on this team to win due to our strong history of competing against Florida. No team wants to be the one to break the current streak," she said.



At the "Welcome to Washington, D.C.," reception are: (from l. to r.) third-year students Amanda Parker, Corey Davis and Emily Franzen.

Law Dawgs Welcome Students to Their Cities

Several alumni arranged receptions for Georgia Law students and recent graduates as a welcome to their respective cities. In the summer, gatherings were hosted in Washington, D.C., by Charles A. Hunnicutt's (J.D.'75) firm Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi; in Charlotte, NC, by Aretha V. Blake (J.D.'02) and in Atlanta by the Younger Law Alumni Committee.

Response from the students was overwhelmingly positive as they were able to meet others in the city, start building a network and make some new friends. If you would like to organize something similar in your city for this coming summer, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (706) 542-7959 or lawdawg@uga.edu.



As shown here, this biennial exchange was featured on the home page of the university's Web site in October. In the photo, third-year student Elizabeth Cavagnolo addresses the court. To the left of Cavagnolo is English barrister William Davis and to her right is her classmate and fellow third-year student John Moorhead.

Gaining International Legal Experience

While England and the United States have historically been allies, relationships between some citizens were recently put to the test inside a mock courtroom. A pair of young barristers from Gray's Inn of London traveled to Atlanta to challenge Georgia Law students to a courtroom duel as part of the school's biennial exchange with the inn. Representing Georgia Law were third-year students John M. Moorhead and Elizabeth L. Cavagnolo. A panel of five distinguished judges heard oral arguments and received written briefs. On the judging panel were Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher (J.D.'58), Georgia Supreme Court justices George H. Carley (LL.B.'62) and P. Harris Hines, and Georgia Court of Appeals judges J.D. Smith (J.D.'72) and Charles B. Mikell (J.D.'76).

Held in late September, this moot court competition was the 11th exchange between UGA and Gray's Inn since its inception in 1983. Teams from the two entities meet every other year, once on U.S. soil and once on British soil, to challenge each other in the courtroom. This unique experience exposes Georgia Law students to top English barristers and promotes an understanding of other cultures and legal systems. The competition's judicial rules, American or British, vary according to the type of case argued.



Matt Lubozynski poses in front of the fountain on Herty Field located on North Campus.

Matt Lubozynski: Successful On and Off the Field

There have been many curves thrown in Matthew M. Lubozynski's life ... curveballs that is. Besides being a third-year law student, Lubozynski is also an accomplished baseball player.

Baseball has always been a part of Lubozynski's life. From the age of four, he dreamed of playing in the big leagues. After graduating from the University of Central Florida, that dream became a reality when he was drafted to pitch professionally for the Anaheim Angels.

"It was a great experience, and I wouldn't trade it at all," Lubozynski said of his former profession. "You're playing a game for a living in front of thousands of people."

While Lubozynski was never the most talented pitcher, he compensated for any shortcomings with hard work and determination. He was always the first player to arrive at the ballpark and the last one to leave. Not only did his strong work ethic earn him recognition as one of the best pitchers in the history of his undergraduate alma mater, but it also helped him to become the driven individual he is today. "Success is my motivation," he said. "I found ways to get things done on the field, and that is what I try to do in life."

Towards the end of his third season as a professional baseball player, he suffered an injury and underwent corrective surgery. He married his wife, Jenni, during his time off and started picturing life without baseball. Even though he had reached his personal goal of playing AA baseball, he was not sure if he would be able to make it to the majors. He was also tired of the unstable lifestyle and ready for a new challenge, one he felt law school presented.

"The day before I was released, I got my acceptance to Georgia Law," he said. "I took that as a sign that maybe this is what I needed to do, and so off I went to law school."

Even though his baseball career is over, Lubozynski applies the many lessons he learned on the field to the classroom. He feels that if he could succeed in front of 10,000 critical fans then he can survive anything, even being questioned by an unrelenting law professor. "All eyes are on you,

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and when you fail everything comes down on you," he said. "Fans can be pretty heartless, especially when you're a pitcher. Life on the road strengthens you pretty quickly."

Lubozynski credits much of his success to his unique perspective on life. He believes a sense of humor is essential both in law school and within the legal profession because "if you take yourself too seriously, you will burn out."

While he is interested in the dynamic nature of intellectual property law, Lubozynski sees himself as a general litigator after graduation. He ultimately hopes to work his way up the ranks of a large firm, just like he worked his way through the levels of minor league baseball. "I've enjoyed the spotlight in the past," he said. "I hope to achieve it again in the future."

- Brittany Cox



André Barbic stands in front of a portrait of the late Secretary of State and former Georgia Law Professor Dean Rusk, who serves as an inspirational role model for him.

André Barbic: An International Perspective

Second-year law student André B. Barbic has more international experience than many people will ever gain in their entire lifetime. Barbic, the son of French immigrant parents, not only appreciates culture; he epitomizes it.

"I really had the best of both worlds growing up," he said of his childhood in Atlanta. "I had a great experience in a southern American city, but I also had France when I came home from school everyday. Growing up with two cultures really forced me to appreciate different perspectives, which has helped me greatly in law school."

Barbic, who spent his summers abroad, achieved world traveler status at an early age. His exposure to culture and the arts led him to pursue dual undergraduate degrees in philosophy and theatre. After graduating from Loyola University, he moved to New York to pursue acting. Even though he quickly achieved success in the Big Apple starring in 25 professional productions, he soon realized acting was not going to pay his bills.

"I have always had a lot of interests, and there has always been this duality between the arts and the law," he said. His international background and interest in global affairs ultimately led him to the front steps of the United Nations. After submitting

himself to the battery of tests the U.N. required, he was offered a position that allowed him to pursue both of his passions equally.

Barbic mostly performed short-term contract services for the meeting services unit of the U.N. In this branch of the Secretariat, he performed logistical tasks, arranged conferences and served as a liaison between delegates. "It was a great way to get in on the ground floor of the U.N. and really learn about the organization," he said.

His involvement with the Sixth Committee on Legal Affairs ultimately led him to pursue law school. "I worked with attorneys from all over the world," he said. "They knew how to communicate effectively because they all had legal backgrounds. It was at this point I decided to send off my law school applications."

Since his first day at Georgia Law, Barbic knew he had made the right decision. He enjoys the constant intellectual challenges and spends much of his time sharing what cultural knowledge he obtained from his childhood and experiences with an international organization.

"Anything I can do to promote international law and study while I'm here, I'm going to try to do," he said of his involvement with the Dean Rusk Center -- International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies and the Georgia Society for International and Comparative Law.

This past summer Barbic returned to the U.N., this time to the Treaty Section in the Office of Legal Affairs. Even though his work allowed him to meet dignitaries such as the secretary-general and former President Bill Clinton, his most rewarding experience was when the under-secretary-general for legal affairs utilized speaking points he drafted.

Although Barbic is currently focusing on a career in international law, he is trying to keep his options open.

- Brittany Cox



Tricia Solomon poses in front of Hirsch Hall.

Tricia Solomon: Off the Air and in the Classroom

First-year law student LaTricia R. Solomon may be a newcomer to law, but she is a veteran in the sports arena.

Coming from a family where her father is the senior vice president of baseball operations for Major League Baseball, Solomon has always been around sports. She excelled in four varsity sports while in high school and was also named Female Athlete of the Year in Washington, D.C. She went on to play basketball for George Washington University where she studied journalism and film. However, she never thought her athletic background would lead her to a dream job.

While attending a National Association of Black Journalists Convention, Solomon was spotted by a CNN representative. He quickly gave her a 25-question sports knowledge quiz to assess her sports expertise. She not only passed the quiz; she only missed one question.

Impressed with her background, CNN ultimately offered her a job in Atlanta as a producer for CNN/Sports Illustrated. As a producer, she was primarily responsible for writing copy, editing scenes and putting the finished product on the air for millions of viewers to see. Working in such an environment enabled Solomon to meet legendary athletes such as former baseball player Ozzie

Newsome and attend exclusive events like Hank Aaron's 65th birthday celebration.

While she enjoyed the success she attained as a producer, she decided she wanted to follow her father's footsteps and pursue her childhood dream of becoming a lawyer. So far, Solomon has found the transition from producer to law student relatively easy due to the many similarities between the two. "As producer, I couldn't leave until everything was finished, and there were no excuses," she said. "CNN taught me the value of hard work."

Like law school, Solomon's former career was also very competitive. When she first arrived at CNN/SI, she was the only female producer in a male-dominated environment. She quickly overcame this obstacle by learning how to communicate effectively with her coworkers. "If you are a person who does not work well with people, you will not make it in television or law school," she said. "It all goes together."

On the other hand, she has found that her journalistic background can be somewhat of a nuisance when it comes to writing papers for her law classes. "Getting out of the mindset of a journalist is a challenge," she said of her recent experiences with writing closed memos. "In journalism, you have to flourish and embellish. Here, you have to be critical and just state the facts."

Many people assume she will go into sports law because of her background as both an athlete and a sports producer. However, Solomon enjoys contract writing. "Just like my CNN job, I'd rather not be in the spotlight," she said. "I'd prefer to be behind the scenes, sitting at my desk where I can do everything and still be commended for doing things properly."

Solomon also writes movie scripts on the side and hopes to be able to pursue both law and writing in the future.

- Brittany Cox ■