On February 18, 2011, the Dean Rusk Center hosted the fifth annual Business Law Symposium. The onset of the global financial crisis, impediments to international trade negotiations and the increasing interdependence of national economies made the future of international trade from the American perspective an ideal topic for the symposium.

The conference included a keynote speech by Ambassador Demetrios Marantis, deputy U.S. Trade Representative, as well as three panel sessions featuring some of the country’s top experts in the international trade arena.

At a recent symposium co-sponsored by the Rusk Center, the School of Law and the Georgia Law Review, the Honorable Stacey Abrams, House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and State Representative for the 84th House District, delivered the keynote address in which she suggested that the struggle to achieve civil rights should continue to be understood as an ever-progressing movement.

The symposium, Civil Rights or Civil Wants?, also included several panels exploring important civil rights issues of today and tomorrow, including: immigration, education, privacy and international civil rights. Panelists attending the conference included: Professor Laurie Blank of Emory University School of Law, Professor Amos Guiora of S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, Professor Derek Black of Howard University School of Law, Dean Maurice Daniels of the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia, Professor Bradley Areheart of Stetson University College of Law, and Professor Woodrow Hartzog of Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

The panels were moderated by the following Georgia Law faculty members: Professor Diane Marie Amann, Professor Bertis E. Downs, Professor Charles H. Kuck, and Professor Christian Turner.

Articles submitted in connection with the symposium will be published in an upcoming issue of the Georgia Law Review.

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Director’s Note

It has been a busy year at the Rusk Center. In addition to organizing three major conferences and three lectures by distinguished speakers, we have been running the various programs housed at the Rusk Center, including the Georgia Law Summer Program in China (now in its 6th year of successful operation) and the International Judicial Training Program (which recently hosted a record-breaking 80-member delegation from Brazil), as well as working hard to restructure two of our cornerstone programs (the LL.M. program and the Brussels study abroad program) previously run by Professor Gabriel Wilner.

The death of Professor Wilner last year was a blow to the Center, the Law School and the university community as a whole. His contributions to the work of the Dean Rusk Center will be sorely missed, and we are honored to be able to continue working on some of the programs that he was instrumental in developing: the Graduate Legal Studies Program (LL.M.) and the Brussels Seminar.

The LL.M. program is currently entering an exciting new phase which will continue to allow foreign lawyers the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. legal system, while also adding a component specifically for U.S. students who are seeking to broaden their program of study and understanding in areas of international law. U.S. applicants to the LL.M. program will now have the opportunity to focus entirely on international and comparative law. We hope to implement a new exchange program in the Fall of 2012, and will report on our progress in the next newsletter.

The long running Brussels program has also experienced some significant changes, and now includes an additional week in Geneva, Switzerland to study international trade issues under the World Trade Organization – a course that I teach along with Joost Pauwelyn the director of the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, our new partner in Geneva – and a new partnership with the Institute for European Studies at the University of St. Louis in Brussels. The updated program, now known as The Georgia Law Summer Program in Brussels and Geneva, builds on its successful predecessor and offers students 4 ABA-approved hours of credit for studying in both the political epicenter of the European Union and the world’s nerve-center for international trade law.

This program, along with our China program and Global Internship Program, helped push participation by rising second-year law students in Rusk Center summer programs to nearly 25% this year (see page 4).

Finally, to better reflect the Rusk Center’s mission of promoting an understanding of the critical issues involved in international law and policy, we have recently unveiled a slightly modified full title for the Center. We welcome your continued interest and support of the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy, and we invite you to join us for future conferences and programs in the coming months.

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International Outreach & Education

The Dean Rusk Center develops projects that serve to expand the international dimensions of teaching, scholarship and outreach at the School of Law. These projects originate primarily through staff initiatives, but also from external requests and personal initiatives of Georgia Law faculty and students. The Center works with interested national and international agencies and institutions on projects of mutual interest, providing support through project identification, creation and development, background research, funding and administration.

Visiting Scholars

2010–2011: Lecturer Min Zhang of Nanjing Agricultural University in China visited and worked primarily with Rusk Center director, C. Donald Johnson, on research topics, which included: international trade, agriculture subsidies and the Doha Round.

2011–2012: Chinese scholar and associate professor at Liaoning University School of Law, Li Yan is visiting and working primarily with Professor J. Randy Beck on land trust comparative studies.

INTERNATIONAL LAW COLLOQUIUM Series

The International Law Colloquium Series brings leading international law scholars to Georgia Law to present substantial works-in-progress to faculty and upper-level students. Below is a list of 2011 presenters.

Evan J. Criddle, Syracuse University, “Proportionality in Counterinsurgency: A Relational Theory”

Jeffrey L. Dunoff, Temple University, “Rethinking Regime Interaction”

Anna Gelpern, American University, “Banks, Governments, and Debt Crises”

Máximo Langer, University of California at Los Angeles, “The Archipelago and the Hub: Universal Jurisdiction and the International Criminal Court”

Jide Nzelibe, Northwestern University, “Strategic Globalization: International Law as an Extension of Domestic Political Conflict”

Hari M. Osofsky, University of Minnesota, “The BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Multidimensional Governance”

Lesley Wexler, University of Illinois, “Is International Humanitarian Law Humanitarian?”

Jason Yackee, University of Wisconsin, “Do BITs Attract Foreign Direct Investment? Hints from Alternative Evidence”

The International Law Colloquium Series is supported by the Kirbo Trust Endowed Faculty Enhancement Fund and the Talmadge Law Faculty Fund.
World Class Opportunities

The Dean Rusk Center’s study abroad and global internship programs are designed to provide students with a variety of opportunities for international study and work experience. Whether participating in our summer study programs in China and Europe, spending a semester at the University of Oxford, or taking part in one of 68 global internship placements throughout the world, Georgia Law students can take advantage of numerous opportunities to learn about other cultures and legal systems through real life, firsthand experiences abroad. In 2011, nearly 25% of the first-year class, as well as a number of second-year law students, did just that.
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Partial Listing of Opportunities and Positions:

Georgia Law Summer Program in China (Beijing & Shanghai); Georgia Law Summer Program in Brussels and Geneva; Georgia Law at Oxford; Human Rights League – Slovakia; Royal University of Bhutan – Bhutan; International Law Association – Belgium; Han Kun Law Firm – China; Concord & Co. – China; Harbin Institute of Technology School of Law – China; UNICRI – Italy; Sokol Law Firm – France; ĜORG Law Firm – Germany; PSA Legal Counsellors – India; International Lesbian and Gay Association – Belgium; Lee Hishammuddin Allend & Gledhill – Malaysia; Human Rights League – Slovakia; Supreme Court of Nova Scotia – Canada; Clorox Company Int’l Legal Department – Argentina; Maples Teesdale LLP – England; Dubai Judicial Institute – UAE

Robert Hooff and Christophe van Rossem in Brussels where they were interns at the Brussels Centre of African Studies.

Brad Harris explores a bit of Italy during his summer internship at Studio Legale Associato Rossini – Avola Faraci.
The Dean Rusk Center plays an active role in the international arena by hosting conferences and lectures that bring scholars, practitioners, government officials, business leaders, students and alumni together to discuss relevant international law and policy issues. These Rusk Center events seek to increase the understanding of international law and policy decisions, as well as explore solutions to challenges of global significance. Past meetings have been comprised of a wide array of national and international panelists and participants, including ambassadors, congressmen, senior-level government officials, United Nations representatives and military officers.

Selected events are published by the Rusk Center in the Occasional Papers Series or in the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law. To access select Occasional Papers online, please visit: www.law.uga.edu/dean-rusk-center-occasional-papers. To order hardcopies of Occasional Papers, please contact April Macáková at macakova@uga.edu or (706) 542-7875.

Notable Speakers Visit Rusk Center

Among the wide range of leading academics, practitioners and distinguished guests hosted by the Dean Rusk Center this past academic year were former U.S. Ambassador to Romania James C. Rosapepe and his wife, award-winning journalist Sheilah Kast. The duo explored what it takes for a country to successfully transition from communism to democracy and shared Romania’s evolution in their talk titled “Think Italy, Not Russia: Romania 20 Years After the Revolution.”

Financial crimes expert Andrea Venegoni presented “Tackling the Crisis: An EU Perspective on Financial Investigations and the Fight Against Fraud.” Venegoni, who is currently a national detached expert at the European Anti-Fraud Office in Brussels, Belgium, discussed how the European Union has been affected by the global financial crisis as well as policy changes the body is making to help prevent fraud and the misuse of EU funds.

Additionally, international business law expert Christof Siefarth (LL.M.’86) addressed best practices in this quickly evolving field. His lecture, titled “The 10 Essential Tools to Become an International Business Lawyer,” was held in memory of long-time Georgia Law faculty member Gabriel M. Wilner, who passed away last May. Siefarth is a partner at the law firm GÖRG in Germany.
Conference Focuses on Nuclear Security and Non-Proliferation

Advancing discussions regarding the future of nuclear security and non-proliferation, the Dean Rusk Center, in cooperation with the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, hosted the conference “Fallout: The Future of Nuclear Security and Non-Proliferation.”

The objective of the conference was to provide a timely and in-depth examination of recent developments in nuclear security and non-proliferation, explore prospects for change to the international legal framework governing nuclear non-proliferation and provide practical solutions for stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

As the conference keynote speaker, Larry D. Johnson, former United Nations assistant secretary-general for legal affairs and International Atomic Energy Agency general counsel, discussed the “remarkable recent developments in the field of nuclear non-proliferation.”

He specifically mentioned the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference and the New START treaty between the United States and Russia. While Johnson cited these developments as reasons to be optimistic about the future of nuclear security and non-proliferation, he also cautioned that serious challenges remain.

He quoted former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia as saying that “reaching a world without nuclear weapons is like climbing a mountain, and right now we are slipping further down the mountain’s slopes.”

Johnson also declared it was time for the United States “to put on its hiking boots, climb the mountain and get others to climb the mountain.”

Panelists Included:

- **Charles Allen**, Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs), Department of Defense
- **Jack Beard**, Professor, UCLA School of Law; former Associate Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs), Department of Defense
- **Omer Brown**, Private Practitioner; Expert Participant, IAEA International Expert Group on Nuclear Liability (INLEX)
- **David Jonas**, General Counsel, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Igor Khripunov**, Interim Director, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia
- **Orde Kittrie**, Professor, Arizona State University College of Law; former lead nuclear affairs attorney, U.S. Department of State
- **William Long**, Professor and Chair, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Geoffrey Shaw**, Representative of Director General; Director of UN Office, International Atomic Energy Agency
- **Leonard Spector**, Deputy Director, Center for Non-Proliferation Studies, Monterey Institute

Moderators Included:

- **Richard Bilder**, Professor, Wisconsin School of Law
- **Harlan Cohen**, Associate Professor, University of Georgia School of Law
- **Tim Meyer**, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia School of Law
The Future of International Trade Conference

During his address, Marantis declared that “the future is now” for international trade and “we must act to embrace it.” He also highlighted the biggest challenges facing the U.S. moving forward: the current U.S. approach to trade policy, engagement with Asia, rebuilding domestic consensus on trade and, finally, putting trade at the center of the national economic plan.

Making the case for trade and exports to play a larger role in the U.S. economy, Marantis said, “Trade will become part of a long-term, job-creating, sustainable growth agenda that relies less on domestic consumption and borrowing, and relies more on the 95 percent of consumers outside the United States.”

Other topics explored throughout the day included the pros and cons of increased and open international trade, the challenges for the future of international trade and the structure of future multilateral trade negotiations and dispute settlement.

The conference was co-sponsored by the Business Law Society, the Terry College of Business and the Graduate Business Association, and will be published as a Dean Rusk Center Occasional Paper.

–Fourth-year JD/MBA student Anne Marie Pippin
The TRIPS Agreement – Then and Now

In the mid-1990s, the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement introduced intellectual property law into the international trading system for the first time. Fifteen-plus years later, TRIPS remains the most comprehensive international agreement on intellectual property protection.

To mark this anniversary, the Dean Rusk Center partnered with the Journal of Intellectual Property Law to host “15 Years of TRIPS Implementation: International Intellectual Property Protection from a Global Perspective,” where leading authorities in the area took a “then and now” look at the agreement and its effectiveness.

Panel discussions ranged from compulsory licensing and compliance to TRIPS and TRIPS-plus enforcement. Free trade agreements and their effectiveness were also examined.

Adding to the discussion was Ruth Okediji, Prosser Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota, who presented “If WIPO Leads, Should the World Follow?”

In her speech, Okediji addressed the role of TRIPS in a post-TRIPS world, looking at who, or what, will lead the way. As an answer she posited five effects of TRIPS on international intellectual property protection – it strengthens the normative premise and principles of the Berne and Paris Conventions, it strengthens the need for the World Intellectual Property Organization, it reintroduces power imbalances in global intellectual property relations, it drives institutional innovation in WIPO, and it reintroduces the primacy of the state in international law.

Overall, the consensus seemed to be that TRIPS was an important first step in intellectual property protection, but that a drastic overhaul, particularly in the enforcement mechanism provisions, may be necessary in order to ensure its ultimate effectiveness.

“TRIPS remains the most comprehensive international agreement on intellectual property protection.”
Dean Rusk introduced Gabriel Wilner to me as I was graduating from Georgia Law and Gabe was just arriving to begin teaching in 1973. Rusk had recruited him to the law school from the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations. Through mutual interests in international law, state and national politics, admiration for Rusk, and support for Georgia Law, our paths crossed often over the ensuing 31 years before I returned to join him at the Dean Rusk Center in 2004. During those years he impressed me as a bright international lawyer who always extended warmth, grace and loyalty to his friends.

Yet it was over the last six years that I truly came to know Gabe and the genuine and rich quality of his character. For most of those years, my office was next to his and we shared the habit – despite frequent complaints from our spouses – of working, or at least staying at the Rusk Center, late into the evening. Invariably, before leaving he would step into my office, or I into his, and begin a rambling but fascinating conversation about politics, history and world affairs. During the 2008 presidential primaries we spent hours debating over our respective choices to lead the Democratic ticket. From these sessions and our other times together at the Center, I learned that he was not just a bright international lawyer but also a brilliant intellectual whose knowledge of American and world history, art, and literature seemed limitless. Whether he was talking about Belgian King Leopold’s colonization of the Congo, Thomas Jefferson’s character weaknesses, the surrealistic works of Dali and Magritte, the political humor of Jon Stewart, or the music of R.E.M., he seemed to have a photographic recall of everything he had read, heard or seen in his unique life experience.

Indeed, it was this life experience that created his world view and passion for international law and politics. His heritage traced back to the Polish Jewish community and to the diaspora generated by the depression and world wars of the first half of the Twentieth Century. Gabe’s family members who remained in Poland perished in the Holocaust, as did his maternal grandparents who were living in Holland before the Nazis took them to Dachau. His paternal grandfather had migrated to Turkey before the war and managed to develop a number of textile factories in the Middle East, including in Beirut where Gabe was born. In the post-war turmoil of the late 1940s, however, his family’s factories were nationalized and his father fled with him to the West. Stateless, they first went to Brazil, then to Ecuador and finally through Panama to New York. With Polish passports, they were eventually able to obtain U.S. citizenship as refugees from the Communist Eastern Block.

When Gabe arrived in New York at the age of 12, he spoke no English. Yet over the next several years, he proved himself a scholar at the College of William and Mary, University of Exeter, and law school at Columbia University. At Columbia, he came under the inspiring tutelage of the eminent international law professor, Wolfgang Friedman, whose portrait Gabe kept over his desk until the day he died. Gabe led a group of students in creating the Jessup International Moot Court Competition, naming it after another Columbia professor, Philip Jessup, who had been appointed to the International Court of Justice. Coincidentally, Jessup was a close friend of Dean Rusk, who later became another of Gabe’s mentors.

In a career that included law practice in Brussels (where he met Gisèle, his devoted spouse and best friend of 38 years), eight years as a legal officer at the United Nations and UNCTAD, and almost 40 years of teaching a broad range of courses in international law, Gabe left an important legacy in his chosen field. In addition to his long tenure at Georgia Law, Gabe taught and influenced law students for extended periods at other institutions ranging from The Hague Academy of International Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Jean Moulin (Lyon 3), Florida State, and Emory, among others. As Dean Rebecca White observes in a tribute to be published along side this one in an upcoming issue of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, Gabe was passionate in his work and carried a heavy course load and a high degree of administrative responsibilities until the end.

However, his most prominent legacy is the lasting impact his friendship and counsel had on the students, colleagues and others who were blessed by the life of Gabriel M. Wilner.

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Law School Alum Joins
Rusk Center Staff

On September 1, Laura Kagel (JD ’06) joined the law school as the new assistant director of the Dean Rusk Center. Laura received her B.A. from Harvard, and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, before graduating from the University of Georgia Law School. Laura is succeeding Andre Barbic (JD ’05), who has served as the Rusk Center’s assistant director since 2006, and who will be moving to Atlanta to pursue a career in the field of educational media.

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International Judicial Training Program Continues to Expand

The International Judicial Training Program hosted its largest and most distinguished group this past fall with more than 70 members from the Brazilian judiciary in attendance. Also taking part was Giuseppina Maddaluno, head of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute’s Training and Advanced Education Unit. Maddaluno was there to learn more about the program and to explore the possibility of future collaboration between the U.N. and Georgia Law in the area of judicial training.

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia, the IJTP is designed to introduce foreign judges and court personnel to the U.S. judicial system allowing them to gain insights and ideas on potential ways to strengthen their own judicial systems.