

**AALS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION  
SURVEY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES IN U.S. LAW SCHOOLS**

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**Note: my answers are not for the entire institution, but only for the programs which I am involved.**

**Questions about your Human Rights Centers, Institutions or Programs (CIP):**

1. How many Human Rights Centers, Institutions or Programs do you have and what are they called?

**Two: Hastings to Haiti Law Partnership/Center for Gender and Refugee Studies**

2. What is the makeup of the Center/Institute/Program staff? (full-time staff, part-time staff, law professors, law students, other professors or students, and advisory board)

**Hastings to Haiti will be referred to as #1, CGRS as #2**

**#1 – professors, scholars, students**

**#2 – same plus advisory board**

3. How are law students involved with the CIP? (i.e. are there journals, newsletters, briefs, or other publications, human rights programs abroad, other international human rights campaigns, etc.)

**#1 – students participate in a travel to Haiti exchange program**

**#2 – students work as law clerks and interns with CGRS**

**Can intern with us for credit, or can work with us. Depending on their experience and skills they can be involved in every aspects of the center's work which includes providing technical assistance to attorneys on gender cases, providing country condition information relevant to particular cases, locating expert witnesses, drafting expert witness affidavits, assisting with campaigns around specific cases, carrying out legal research and analysis.**

4. If it's not obvious from the name of the program, does the CIP focus on any specific international human rights law issues (i.e. refugees, women's rights, etc.)?

**CGRS provides legal expertise and research to attorneys representing women asylum- seekers fleeing gender related harm, at both the practice and policy levels, and seek to track decisions in these cases. CGRS also works to coordinate legal public policy advocacy efforts through domestic and international networking and engages in public education efforts in order to educate decision makers and the public and contribute to the formulation of national and international policy and practice.**

5. What classes, seminars, symposiums, or other presentations have been offered in conjunction with the CIP?

**#1 – Seminar in Haiti**

**#2 – immigration and refugee law**

6. Does the CIP assist students in acquiring internship/externship opportunities with human rights organizations (NGOs, IGOs, etc.)? Which organizations?

**No, although students network through their with the CIPs. Center staff mentor students and provide contacts and recommendations – for NGOs such as lawyers committee in S.F., ACLU immigrant rights project.**

7. In general, how is the CIP funded?

**Foundation grants and private donations such as the Arca foundation, Shaler Adams Foundation, the funding exchange, the San Francisco Foundation and Van Loben Sels Foudation.**

8. Does the CIP have any affiliations with Human Rights groups outside the law school or university? Which ones? What is the nature of the affiliation?

**#2 – works in partnership with a number of organizations – e.g., National Immigration Project, Womens Rights Program of Amnesty International, Family Violence Prevention Fund.**

9. Does the CIP allow student involvement in actual International Human Rights cases? What is the degree of that involvement?

**At this point most of the work of the center is on the Gender Related Domestic Political Asylum Cases.**

10. What, in your opinion, attracts students to participate in the CIP?

**Interest in the subject matter, opportunity to get experience in area of interest to them.**

11. What are some specific projects or cases that the CIP has undertaken in recent years?

**#2 – campaign to vacate decisions in Rodi Alvarado’s case, and follow up.**

12. Do you have any faculty that are performing or supervising significant international human rights litigation or projects outside the formal structure of centers and clinics? If so, what type of project and how many students are involved?

**You would have to directly contact other faculty for this – Naomi Roht Arriaza and Ugo Mattei.**