

Rapporteur Q&A *continued*

mental health issues. Mentally ill individuals and their carers often experience a high degree of disadvantage and even discrimination in the community, due to stigmatic perceptions of mental illness.

Alyse Richmond: My greatest passion is for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. When there is so much conflict in the world and so many people facing danger and being displaced, I think it is fundamental that we acknowledge people's right to protection and to seek asylum under international law.

Erin Collins: A particular field of interest for me is the effect of human rights abuses on children. I would love to see a more secure and safe world, hopefully with greater achievements through instruments in place, so that these children no longer have to suffer the abuses. To date I still find that my most compelling area is child soldiers, although I have a keen interest in most areas of human rights that affect the lives of children.

What community work experiences have you had?

Jane Barnett: I volunteer with YRIPP

(Youth Referral Independent Person Program).

Lisa Lee: I volunteered at various community legal centres. After completing my undergraduate law degree, I worked for a few years in the private legal sector before transitioning to the public legal sector. I am presently also undertaking my postgraduate studies at Monash.

Courtney Guillatt: I volunteer once a week with the Association of Relatives and Friends of the Emotionally and Mentally Ill as a telephone support worker. I am also undertaking a placement at the Family Law Assistance Program at Monash-Oakleigh Legal Service.

Alyse Richmond: Over the Summer I volunteered at the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre. Currently, I am undertaking volunteer work at Springvale Monash Legal Service, UNOH Foodbank in Noble Park, the Sudanese Australian Integration Learning Program in Dandenong, and am hoping to get involved with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. At the start of 2008 I did a community development project in a remote village in Thailand.

What inspires or drives you about human rights?

Erin Collins: I think that we are so privileged in Australia to have such a wonderful recognition of the rights of individuals. I wish that these rights could be afforded equally to individuals all over the globe. I think that growing up in South Africa has shown me how human rights abuses so deeply affect an entire nation.

What do you hope to do in the future?

Samantha Jeans: I'm looking to do a traineeship next year, hopefully at a firm with a good pro bono program. At some point I would love to work in the human rights field, possibly in a government position.

Jane Barnett: I want to find a job which allows me to travel and help people, though not necessarily in a legal capacity. I'm not exactly sure, but maybe working with an NGO or international organization like the UN, or as a diplomat...I have lots of ideas!

Publications and other activities by centre faculty members

Melissa Castan

Article

'Charter Rights: Self-Determination for Indigenous Victorians', *Indigenous Law Bulletin* (2008) 9-13 (with D. Yarrow)

Julie Debeljak

Article

'Balancing Rights in a Democracy: The Problems with Limitations and Overrides of Rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006' (2008) 32 *Melbourne University Law Review* 422-469.

Training

Human Rights Trainer for the Victorian Bar Inc and the Victorian Bar Charter Working Group, Charter Workshop – Theory and Practice, Practical Training for Victorian Barristers on the Victorian Charter, 7 and 14 February 2009

Paula Gerber

Book

From Convention to Classroom: the Long Road to Human Rights Education, (VDM Publishers, Germany, 2008)

Chapter

'Scientific Experimentation on Animals: Are Australia and New Zealand Implementing with the 3Rs?' in Peter Sankoff and Steven White (eds), *Animal Law in Australasia: A New Dialogue*, (Federation Press, 2009).

Submission

Submission to the Parliament of New South Wales Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice on the Inquiry into Adoption by Same Sex Couples, (with A. Sifris and A. Richmond).

Sarah Joseph

Book

Human Rights Translated: A Business Reference Guide, co-authored with Rachel Chambers (Castan Centre), Lucy Amis (International Business Leaders Forum) and Lene Wendland (UNHCHR) (UN Global Compact, 2008), 164 pages

Chapter

'Liability of Multinational Corporations: International and Domestic Laws and Procedures', in Malcolm Langford (ed) *Social Economic Rights Jurisprudence: Emerging Trends in International and Comparative Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 613-627

Article

'The Human Rights Record of the Howard Government', (2008) 27 *Australian Yearbook of International Law* 45-67

Other publication

'A Federal Bill of Rights', speech at Community Observance of the Opening of the Legal Year, published at www.vic.icj-aust.org.au and by the International Commission of Jurists (Australia)

Paper

'Human Rights and Investment Arbitration', Kirby Lecture Series, University of New England Faculty of Law, Armidale, NSW, 4 November 2008.

Submission

Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, 'A Human Rights Mechanism for the Asia Pacific', (with A. McBeth and E. Contini), November 2008

Annegret Kaempf

Article

'The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Consequences for Mental Health Laws in Australia' (2008) 26(2) *Law in Context* 10-36.

Paper

"Community Treatment Orders in the Light of a New Human Rights Framework" presented at the 28th Annual Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, Sydney, 23-26 October 2008.

Susan Kneebone

Article

'Trafficking in Women and Forced Migration: Moving Victims Across the Border of Crime into the Domain of Human Rights' (2008) 12, *International Journal of Human Rights* pp 67 – 87 (with B. McSherry)

Book

S. Kneebone (ed), *Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and the Rule of Law: Comparative Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Chapters

'Introduction: Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the International Context – Rights and Realities', in *Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Chapter 1, 'The Rule of Law and the Role of Law: Refugees and Asylum Seekers', in *Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Chapter 4, 'The Australian Story: Asylum Seekers Outside the Law', in *Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Chapter 6, 'Conclusions on the Rule of Law', in *Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Papers

'Researching Trafficking Issues – Australia's Response' presented to the Inaugural Australian Trafficking Forum, Sydney, 24 July 2008.

'457 Visas, Law and Policy: The global context and its importance for Australia' presentation to Research Matters Forum, Melbourne, 26 August 2008.

Adam McBeth

Article

'Every Organ of Society: The Responsibility of Non-State Actors for the Realization of

Human Rights', (2008) 30 *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy*

Submission

Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, 'A Human Rights Mechanism for the Asia Pacific', (with S. Joseph and E. Contini), November 2008

Bernadette McSherry

Articles

'Trafficking in Women and Forced Migration: Moving Victims Across the Border of Crime into the Domain of Human Rights' (2008) 12, *International Journal of Human Rights* pp 67 – 87 (with S. Kneebone)

'Justice for Individuals with Mental Illnesses', (2008) *Pandora's Box* 39-45.

'Hospital Orders for Offenders with Mental Illnesses: An Appropriate Diversionary Option' (2009) 16(4), *Journal of Law and Medicine* 568-573.

Books

Regulating Deviance: The Redirection of Criminalisation and the Futures of Criminal Law (ed with Alan Norrie and Simon Bronitt) (Portland: Hart, 2009) Edition in the Onati International Series in Law and Society, 293 pages plus index.

International Trends in Mental Health Laws (ed) (Annandale: Federation Press, 2008) Special Edition of Law in Context, 159 pages plus index.

Chapters

'International Trends in Mental Health Laws: Introduction' in B McSherry, (ed) *International Trends in Mental Health Laws* (Annandale: Federation Press, 2008) Special edition Volume 26(2) of Law in Context 1-9.

'Protecting the Integrity of the Person: Developing Limitations on Involuntary Treatment' in B McSherry, (ed) *International Trends in Mental Health Laws* (Annandale: Federation Press, 2008) Special edition Volume 26(2) of Law in Context 111-124.

'Regulating Deviance: The Redirection of Criminalisation and the Futures of Criminal Law' in B McSherry, A Norrie and S Bronitt (eds) *Regulating Deviance: The Redirection of Criminalisation and the Futures of Criminal Law* (Portland: Hart, 2009) 1-10.

'Expanding the Boundaries of Inchoate Crimes: The Growing Reliance on Preparatory Offences' in B McSherry, A Norrie and S Bronitt (eds) *Regulating Deviance: The Redirection of Criminalisation and the Futures of Criminal Law* (Portland: Hart, 2009) 141-164.

Bronwyn Naylor

Article

'In the Shadow of a Criminal Record: Proposal for a Just Model of Criminal Record Employment Checks' (with Moira Paterson and Marilyn Pittard) (2008) 32 *Melbourne University Law Review* 171-198

Papers

'Getting the balance right: protecting human rights in custodial settings' (with Inez Dussuyer) paper presented at the ANZ Society of Criminology Conference, Canberra, 26-28 November 2008

'External scrutiny: can it facilitate the application of human rights in custodial settings?' (with Inez Dussuyer) paper presented at the Discovering Balance: Prison reform and Restorative Justice Conference, Murdoch University, Perth, 2-4 October 2008

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee of Attorneys General on Draft Spent Convictions Bill, January 2009.

Maria O'Sullivan

Article

'Withdrawing Protection under Article 1C(5) of the 1958 Convention: Lessons from Australia' 20(4) (2008) *International Journal of Refugee Law* 586-610

Chapter

'The intersection between the international, the regional and the domestic: Seeking asylum in the United Kingdom', in S. Kneebone (ed), *Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Rule of Law: Comparative Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Tania Penovic

Article

'Testing the Boundaries of administrative detention through the tort of false imprisonment', (2008) 16 *Torts Law Journal* 156-181

In-House Interns Summer/Sem 1

Olivia Barnes
Tom Guan
Courtney Guillatt
Jane Barnett
Alyse Richmond
Erin Collins
Kasia Wawrzykowska
Samantha Jeans
Angus McLeod
Maida Kopic
Nick Moodie
Owen Hardidge

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Mr Shalbak highlighted the lack of Indigenous representation in political decision-making, made worse by the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission by the Howard Government, as an impediment to change. Mr Shalbak outlined what is needed to tackle racial discrimination effectively in Australia: a federal bill of rights, a recognition of Indigenous

peoples as a "peoples' under the protection of UN" documents, compensation and reparation for past wrongs, allocation of resources to tackle pressing social problems, and the prohibition on dissemination of racist material. Only when these measures have been taken may Australia have a possibility of overcoming racial discrimination within its own borders.

The forum allowed the three

speakers to air a variety of viewpoints on racism and Indigenous issues, and all were able to agree that racism remains a prevalent problem which the UN must find a more successful way to combat.

Presentations by all speakers are available on the Castan Centre website under "public events and lecture series".