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REFLECTION ON THE *winter*

Friends,

It was recently announced that I have been selected the next President of Pepperdine University and I will start this new chapter on August 1, 2019. My colleague, and Chief Counsel of the Sudreau Global Justice Program, Danny DeWalt, will move with me to the University as my Vice President and Chief of Staff. In his new role, he will maintain the global relationships and continuity of leadership in the Sudreau Global Justice Program by operating as the Executive Director. This position will allow both of us to continue a leading role in the great work that is happening around the world through our students.

We are in the process of hiring a new Director to take the reigns on day-to-day operations. Despite these transitions, we have an exciting vision for the future expansion of the program.

Enjoy the report!



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PEOPLE

RALEIGH SADLER

Raleigh Sadler is the Founder and Director of Let My People Go, an organization dedicated to the training of churches to combat human trafficking. He came to speak to our students about his work and about his book. It was an excellent event learning from him about engaging in the world of anti-trafficking.

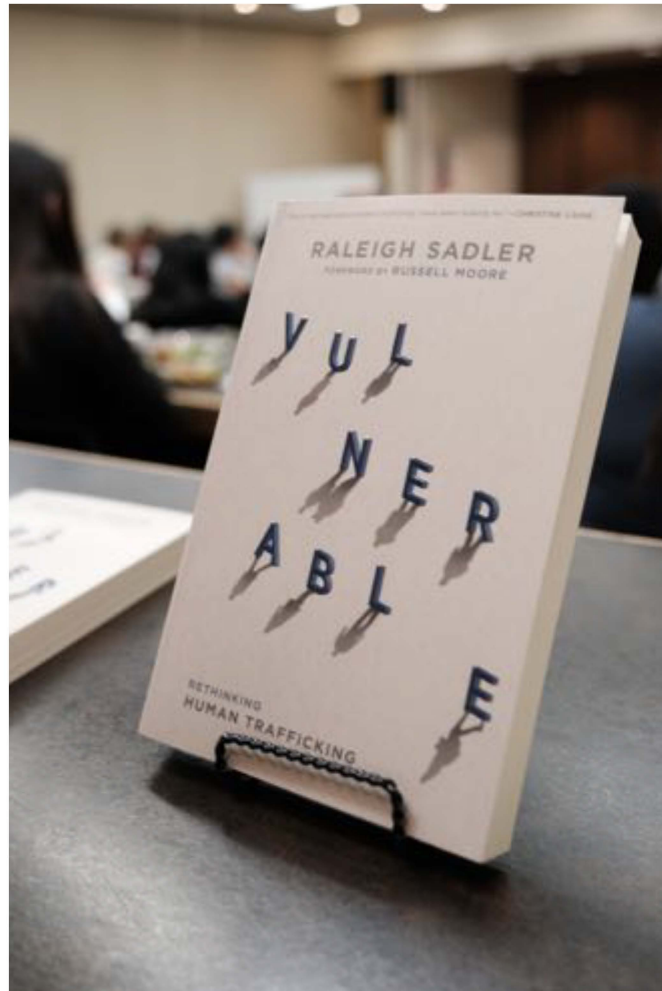


RALEIGH SADLER

Dean DeWalt interviewing Raleigh Sadler at the lunch event with law students.



Raleigh Sadler's book:
Vulnerable: Rethinking Human Trafficking





GARY HAUGEN

As is tradition, Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission, came to Pepperdine to teach his week-long intensive entitled, "Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Developing World."

We continue to be exceedingly grateful for the time Gary spends at Pepperdine. This class is eye-opening and transformative to all of our students as they learn about the destruction of violence around the world and how, as lawyers, they can do their part to stop it.

Sarah Parker (3L) described her experience as this:

"Gary Haugen's International Human Rights class was my favorite class in law school. He is brilliant, has a compassionate heart, and is an expert in this area. Pepperdine is so fortunate that he teaches a class here. His class helped me refocus the trajectory of my law career and reminded me why I came to law school in the first place."

SPRING BREAK

THE PRISONS

We traveled to Mbarara and Bushenyi prisons in southwest Uganda for the 2019 spring break trip. Our team consisted of 13 Pepperdine Law students, 2 Yale Law students, 4 U.S. Attorneys, and 5 Administrators.

Check out a short video from our time in the prisons: [YouTube Prison Project 2019](#)



THE PRISONS

In addition to our U.S. team, in the prisons we partnered with Ugandan attorneys, prosecutors, law students, and two judges. For the first time, the judges signed plea agreements in the prisons and confirmed those cases in court the very same day.

This was groundbreaking.

One of the biggest challenges in the implementation of plea bargaining is gaining the inmates trust. They must trust that their agreement will not be changed by the judge, but only accepted or rejected. They must trust that the agreements are consistent. That it doesn't matter what judge or what lawyer handles your case. In addition to this great success, our teams also completed the largest number of cases to date, due to the increased efficiency and understanding of plea bargaining in Uganda.



THE FUN!

Right: 3L, Troy Tessem, for his second time in Uganda, sacrificed his body for the sake of team USA in a soccer shootout with the inmates in Mbarara prison. Team USA prevailed over team Uganda. Thank you, Troy!

Top Left: The group from Pepperdine that attended the Introduction (similar to a wedding) of Henry and Lillian. Henry is the co-author of Divine Collision with Jim.

Bottom Left: Henry and Lillian at their Introduction.



ANTI-TRAFFICKING PRACTICUM

STATUS UPDATE

The Anti-Trafficking Practicum, led and developed by 3L Jake Herbert, continues to progress throughout the spring semester. This practicum began in the fall with the development of anti-trafficking legislation for California. In collaboration with leaders around the state, the students identified common problems, narrowed to a particular topic, and began the process of developing a proposal.

Here's an update from Jake:

"The practicum has finished researching the issue of reducing demand for sex with minors. We are going to weigh the solutions we have come up with against objective criteria and then write a bill based on the outcome. If viable, our bill will then be passed off to non-profit lobbying groups to find sponsors in the CA legislature."

This group of students is now working diligently to satisfy their goal of completing the bill by the end of this spring semester.

LOOKING FORWARD

We have finalized our summer intern teams! This year we have students in Uganda, Rwanda, Ghana, India, and Indonesia. Our Ghana placement with the supreme court is new as of this year! We are excited to see the growth of relationships there and look forward to sending off our students in May for their great adventure!

SUMMER INTERNS

During the week of April 15th, a delegation of top Ugandan Judicial officials will be with us at Pepperdine for a week-long mediation training. They will also be heading into downtown Los Angeles for meetings with various District Attorneys.

APRIL TRAINING

This year we will be heading to Masindi and Gulu for our summer prison project in June. We will also assist the Judiciary in hosting the 5th National Plea Bargaining conference to continue refining the conversation surrounding plea bargaining and its development in the country.

SUMMER PRISON PROJECT

