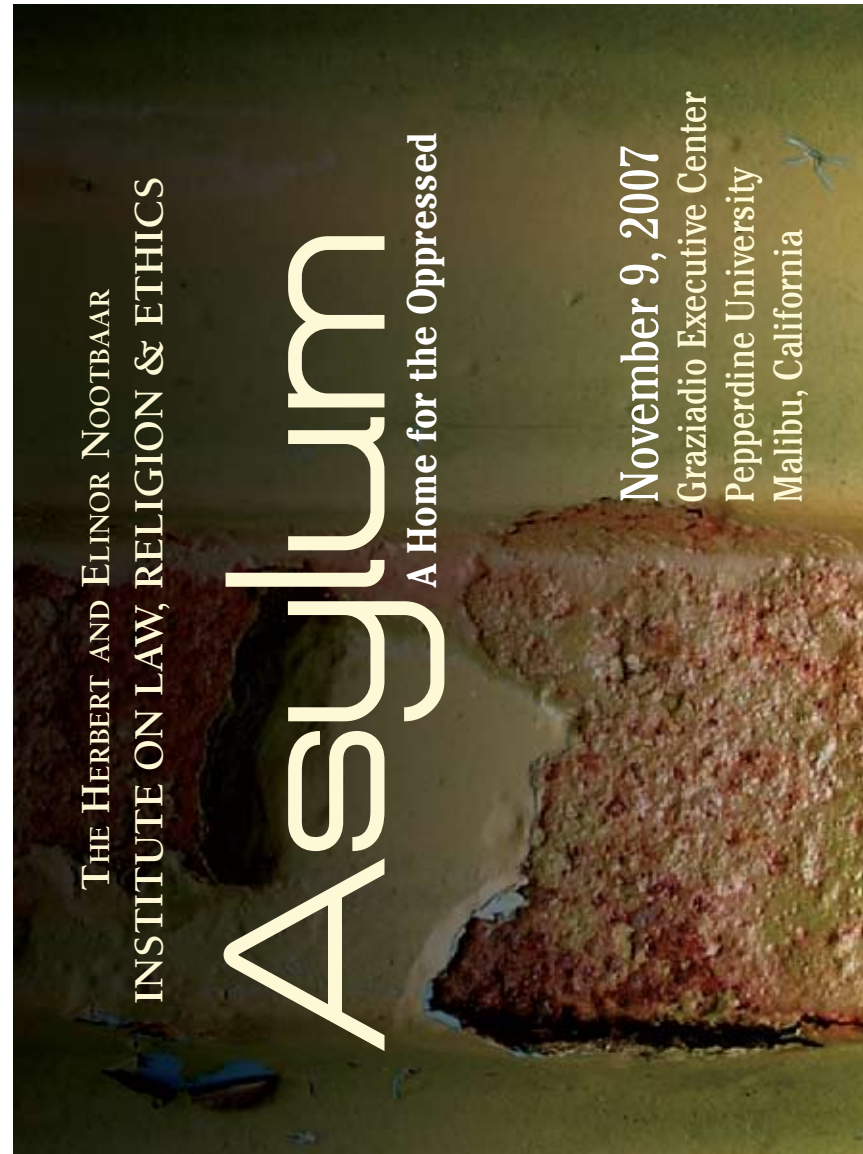


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Conference Schedule

8–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast and Registration
8:45–9 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>Professor Melanie Howard</i>
9–10 a.m.	Overview of International Religious Freedom and U.S. Asylum Law <i>The Honorable Bruce Einhorn, Paul Marshall</i>
10–10:45 a.m.	Jurisprudential Issues In U.S. Religious-Based Asylum Claims <i>Professor Karen Musalo, Dean Kenneth W. Starr</i>
10:45–11 a.m.	Break
11–11:45 a.m.	International Religious-Based Asylum Claims <i>Donald Kerwin, Professor Michele Pistone</i>
11:45 a.m.–12 p.m.	Break
12–2:00 p.m.	Keynote Luncheon featuring <i>Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper</i>

Keynote address

AMBASSADOR PIERRE-RICHARD PROSPER was the U.S. ambassador-at-large in charge of the secretary of state's Office of War Crimes Issues. Prior to being appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001, Ambassador Prosper worked in the State Department as a special counsel and policy advisor on war crimes issues. From late 1996 to late 1998, Ambassador Prosper was a war crimes prosecutor for the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. While working and living in Rwanda in the aftermath of the genocide, Ambassador Prosper was appointed lead trial attorney and prosecuted Prosecutor v. Jean-Paul Akayesu, the first case of genocide under the 1948 Genocide Convention. He won additional convictions for crimes against humanity and broke new ground in international law by convincing the U.N. Tribunal, for the first time, to recognize rape as an act of genocide and a crime against humanity.

Ambassador Prosper continues to remain engaged in foreign affairs and security matters. In private practice as counsel at Arent Fox, Ambassador Prosper works with clients in the area of government relations and international trade issues. He lectures regularly at Universities and has also spoken at the Washington Speakers Bureau and the American Committees on Foreign Relations. An alumnus of Pepperdine School of Law and Boston College, Ambassador Prosper is the son of Haitian immigrants

Speaker Bios

THE HONORABLE BRUCE J. EINHORN served as a U.S. immigration judge in Los Angeles from July 29, 1990, through January 31, 2007. Previously, Judge Einhorn served first as a special prosecutor and later as chief of litigation for the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in Washington, D.C. In that capacity, Judge Einhorn helped draft the final version of the Refugee Relief Act, which gave noncitizens the right to apply for asylum in the United States. Judge Einhorn has served as an adjunct professor at Pepperdine School of Law, and was a recipient of the Lifetime Professional Achievement Award from the California State Bar. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Judge Einhorn received his B.A. in history in 1975, magna cum laude, from Columbia College of Columbia University, and his J.D. in 1978 from New York University School of Law.

MELANIE HOWARD is the associate director of the Herbert and Elinor Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics at Pepperdine School of Law. Professor Howard has a particular interest in international human rights and is the director of the International Human Rights Program at the School of Law. She teaches Social Entrepreneurship, and also serves as the director of the Geoffrey H. Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship and Law. Prior to joining the Pepperdine community, she was an associate at the law firm of Loeb & Loeb, in Los Angeles. Professor Howard received her A.B. in political science and German studies, cum laude, from Williams College and earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

DONALD KERWIN is the executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), a position he has held since December, 1993. During Mr. Kerwin's tenure, CLINIC has coordinated among the nation's largest affirmative asylum, detained immigrant, immigration appeals, and naturalization programs. CLINIC also offers the nation's most extensive training and legal support programs for community-based legal agencies. He serves as an advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, a member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration, and a Nonresident Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. Prior to joining CLINIC in 1992, Mr. Kerwin was an associate at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Patton Boggs. Mr. Kerwin is a 1984 graduate of Georgetown University and a 1989 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

PAUL MARSHALL is Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom in Washington, D.C. He has testified many times before Congress, lectured at the U.S. State Department, the Helsinki Commission, and Asylum Bureaus of the INS. He is the author of the best-selling, award-winning survey of religious persecution worldwide titled *Their Blood Cries Out*, released in 1997. Mr. Marshall is also the general editor of *Religious Freedom in the World: A Global Report on Freedom and Persecution* (2000 and 2007), and author and editor of 19 other books and booklets, the most recent of which (released in September 2002), are *God and the Constitution: Christianity and American Politics* and *Islam at the Crossroads: Understanding Its Beliefs, History, and Conflicts*.

KAREN MUSALO directs the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, and the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic at UC Hastings College of Law. Professor Musalo is lead coauthor of *Refugee Law and Policy: An International and Comparative Approach* (3rd edition). Professor Musalo has written numerous articles on refugee law issues, with a focus on gender asylum, as well as religious persecution, and conscientious objection as bases for refugee status. Professor Musalo's current work examines the linkage between human rights violations and migration. Professor Musalo, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, received a B.A. in comparative literature from Brooklyn College, and her J.D. from the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law.

MICHELE PISTONE is a professor of law and director of the clinical program at Villanova University School of Law. She teaches the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES). Before joining the Villanova faculty in 1999, she was an associate in the corporate and telecommunications departments at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City and Washington, D.C., the legal director of Human Rights First in Washington, D.C., and a Teaching Fellow in the asylum clinic (Center for Applied Legal Studies) at Georgetown University Law Center. Professor Pistone received her B.S., cum laude, from New York University in 1986, her J.D., cum laude, from St. John's University School of Law in 1989, and her LL.M. in 1999 in advocacy from the Georgetown University Law Center.

KENNETH W. STARR is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean and professor of law at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California. He is also of counsel to the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he was a partner from 1993 to 2004, specializing in appellate work, antitrust, federal courts, federal jurisdiction, and Constitutional law. He was formerly a partner with the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Dean Starr wrote *First Among Equals: The Supreme Court in American Life*, published in 2002, to explain key decisions of the Supreme Court to the American people. Having received his B.A. from George Washington University in 1968 and his M.A. from Brown University in 1969, Dean Starr graduated from Duke Law School with a J.D. degree in 1973.

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