why

We believe that everyone deserves access to justice and to live a life free of the fear of violence and coercion.

how

Love people by placing our students in proximity to the oppressed and broken. Listen well and tell the stories of both injustice and redemption around the world. Empower those we serve and support their efforts and ideas for change.

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We equip our law students with the knowledge, experience, and relationships necessary to pursue careers that seek justice and create a lasting impact for the world’s most vulnerable people.
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Jim Gash
Director

7 years

Danny DeWalt
Honorary Consul for the Republic of Uganda
Southern California + Seattle

2 years

Jenna DeWalt
Program Manager

3 years
Human Trafficking: Law, Policy, and Litigation

John Cotton Richmond is the founder of the Human Trafficking Institute. Mr. Richmond was recently appointed as U.S. Ambassador for Trafficking in Persons. This course was offered for the first time in the fall of 2017.

Human Rights & the Rule of Law in the Developing World

Gary Haugen is the Founder and CEO of International Justice Mission. He has been coming to Pepperdine teach this class for almost a decade. Mr. Haugen is one of the world's leaders in the fight against modern slavery.
Matt Myatt (Uganda), Marie Maness (India), Jacob Martin (Indonesia), and Christal Porter (International Justice Mission, Chennai, India) talked about their summer internship experiences and answered questions from first-year students. This was an opportunity for new students to learn about the programs offered through the Sudreau Global Justice Program.

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe has been transforming and restoring northern Uganda after the Lord’s Resistance Army terrorized, kidnapped, and destroyed life in the north. Sister Rosemary enrolls girls in her school that previously were abducted by the LRA. The girls learn practical skills in order to support themselves.

Ambassador deBaca is an American lawyer and diplomat who served in the Obama Administration as Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. He came to Pepperdine to discuss his work in the development of the State department’s trafficking in persons report, which is impacting legislation on human trafficking around the world.

Martin Witteveen is currently an Appeals Prosecutor at the Appeals Court in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, specialized in human trafficking and international crimes. He served as an investigation team leader in Uganda in the Office of the Prosecution of the ICC, as an investigation magistrate for international crimes at the District Court in the Hague, as Prosecution Expert in EUPOL COPPS in Palestine, and as advisor to the Prosecution Service in Rwanda on genocide prosecutions.
In October of 2017, Jim Gash traveled to Washington DC to meet with International Justice Mission (IJM) and a delegation of Ugandan judicial officials for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between IJM and Uganda.

Under the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pepperdine Law School and the Ugandan Justice, Law, and Order Sector (JLOS), Pepperdine undertook to develop partnerships with organizations who could further the aims of the MOU. Accordingly, Pepperdine engaged the International Justice Mission (IJM) to assist in the plea bargaining and public defender projects. This ultimately led to the development of a close relationship between IJM and JLOS. In October of 2017, Jim Gash traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the signing of an MOU between IJM and JLOS.
FEBRUARY | UGANDA + RWANDA

In February of 2018, Jim Gash and Danny DeWalt traveled to Uganda and Rwanda to prepare for the annual spring break trip the following month. In Uganda, they met with high-level judiciary, prosecution, and prison officials to set up the prison project and conferences. They also met with the Chief Justice of Rwanda and other Rwandan officials to lay the groundwork for an upcoming meeting with the Rwanda president.

SPRING BREAK

In March of 2018, we traveled to Uganda with 17 students for a two-day prison project where we completed 45 plea bargains in Jinja's main prison, as well as an anti-human trafficking conference and a women in leadership conference. Jim Gash and Global Justice Program benefactor Laure Sudreau also traveled to Rwanda and met with the Chief Justice and President of Rwanda.
On our annual summer trip, we completed four days of prison work in Gulu prison, Masindi prison, and Hoima prison.

We also worked alongside the Ugandan Judiciary for our third annual Plea Bargaining conference.

In partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru), we hosted the first Christian Lawyers' Conference, which included participation from the first lady Janet Museveni and the Deputy Chief Justice.

To read more about the summer, click [here](#).

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**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

This summer we sent 13 students to Uganda to intern with the judiciary. We had students in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, and multiple divisions of the High Court.

We also sent one student to Rwanda to intern with Chief Justice Rugege. She joined us in Uganda for our prison week.

For the second year we have sent a student to Indonesia. The program is still very young but focuses mainly on anti-trafficking work and justice for juveniles.
Katy served as our Nootbaar Fellow in Kampala, Uganda. She focused on conducting mediations in the family division of the high court and helped supervise the student interns. Katy graduated with her JD from Pepperdine in 2017.

Susan served as our first Sudreau Fellow. She managed the pilot plea bargaining program in the magistrate court in Mukono, Uganda. Susan moved to Uganda for 6 months with her husband and 4 boys.
PLEA BARGAINING
In 2010, a team of Pepperdine alums helped 21 teenage prisoners secure access to justice in Masindi, Uganda. Out of that initial project grew a massive overhaul of the pre-trial criminal justice process. Since then, we have assisted in negotiating nearly 1,000 plea bargain agreements. Ugandans have breathed life into this new way of reducing pre-trial detention times, case backlog, and prison overcrowding – completing approximately 20,000 plea bargain agreements without our involvement.

PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM
Launched in 2017 with the assistance of former Nootbaar Fellow Nicole Banister ('16), the Public Defender Program was overseen by Susan Rogers from January 2018 - July 2018. Katy Mitchell, our current Nootbaar Fellow took over managing the project upon Susan’s departure. We also have a few Ugandans helping move the program forward and complete cases.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING
In June 2018, the Chief Justice of Uganda hosted the second annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in Kampala, Uganda. Over one hundred of the country's top judicial officials, judges, prosecutors, and prison leadership gathered to be trained in the effective skills and systems to combat human trafficking in Uganda. Pepperdine’s Sudreau Global Justice Program partnered in sponsorship with The Human Trafficking Institute and Willow International to bring in experts from the US, South America, and other African countries to conduct the in-depth training over the course of two days. Objectives were resolved including the formation of specialized investigation units and specialized courts to lead the way in building a robust system for prosecuting traffickers and caring for survivors. The Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions has expressed the ongoing desire for continued training and investment in this fight.
Pepperdine Law alumna, Laure Sudreau (JD '97), made the single largest endowment gift to the School of Law in November 2017. Her generosity will create a lasting impact in the lives of the Pepperdine law community and those experiencing injustices in the world's most vulnerable places.

"The world law students are entering is no longer about people being the center of things...It is a world that is about community. I am so proud to be associated with this effort and all of the important work the Sudreau Global Justice Program does on behalf of the people in the developing world. The world is in great need of this kind of outreach.” - Laure Sudreau

We would like to thank everyone who gave to the program this year. We are continually grateful for the consistent support of friends and alumni. Your support allows to continue to expand the work we are doing and the opportunities for our students.
SUPPORT OUR VISION

We are dreaming BIG for this program. In order to continue to grow our team, our programs, and our projects, we invite you into some of these visions and ask for your support through prayer, connections, and funding. However you are able to give, we will gratefully receive! Check out some of the opportunities we would like to grow into and let us know if you would like to partner on a project.

Carson Center

Founded by Pepperdine JD student Jake Herbert, the Carson Center is a practicium available to 2Ls and 3Ls to learn California's legislative process through drafting legislation on Human Trafficking. The cost to run this practicum is about $7,000. It includes a stipend for the supervising professor, travel costs for students, and a small budget to provide food at special meetings.

Ghana

Word of our work in Uganda continues to spread to countries around the world. We have been invited to explore opportunities in Ghana as the next country we hope to invest in and partner with. This means expenses related to travel, placing interns or a fellow, and budget available for training programs and hosting Ghanaians at Pepperdine will be on the horizon. We are looking to raise $25,000 per year to support this expansion.

Conferences

Part of our work in Uganda is hosting training programs for members of the judiciary. These are opportunities to bring together top judicial officials to foster paths of change in their system of justice. These conferences can cost between $12,000-$20,000, but they are strategic for forging deeper relationships and on-boarding the judiciary to new ideas.