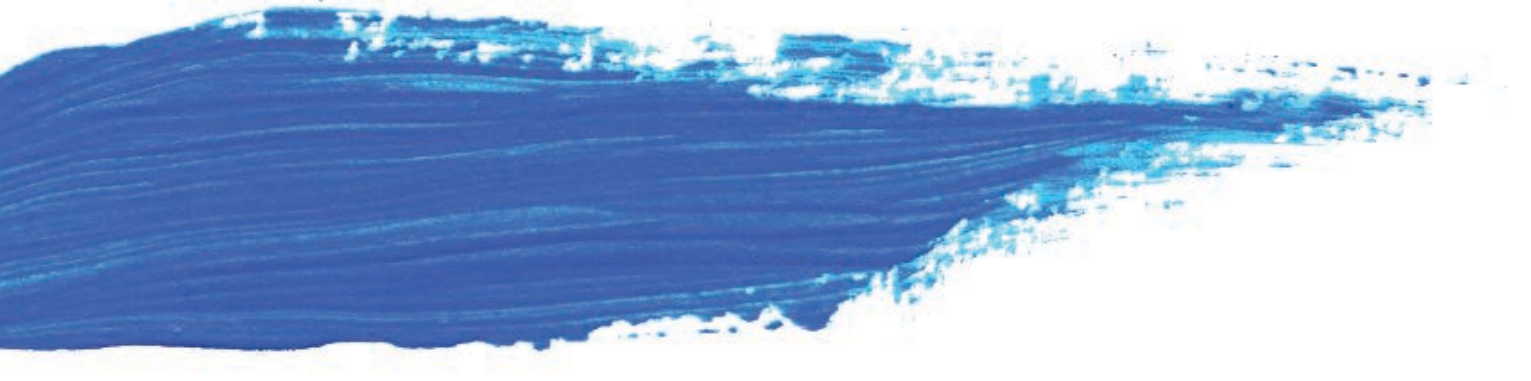


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WHY

We exist to eradicate injustice and awaken hope.

HOW

We provide holistic solutions to systemic injustice and equip others to do the same.

WHAT

Global Justice Reforms

We partner with government leaders in the developing world to help strategize and implement reforms that eradicate systemic injustice.

Global Leadership Training

We leverage those relationships to provide front line leadership opportunities for our law students to engage in justice projects. As a result, our students are inspired and equipped to lead lives with global impact.

Global Justice Education

We partner with leading international organizations and scholars to engage and educate students and other key stakeholders in order to advance the work of justice in the world.

Compassion

We partner with other non-profit organizations to address the root issues of physical, emotional, and spiritual poverty.

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**PRESIDENT
JIM GASH**

Jim, thank you for your years of investment and leadership in the Sudreau Global Justice Program. Your heart and vision have cultivated a program that seeks justice and loves the least of these. You have changed countless students and prisoners lives in this work, and a country is being transformed because of your obedience to God's call. The ripple effect is just beginning. We wish you the best in your new role as President of Pepperdine.



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DANNY DEWALT**



**DIRECTOR
CAMERON MCCOLLUM**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
JENNA DEWALT**

WELCOME CAMERON!

Cameron joined the Pepperdine staff as the Director of the Sudreau Global Justice Program in the fall of 2019. Prior to returning to Pepperdine to become the SGJP Director, Cameron practiced law in Dallas, Texas as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis. He received his BBA in Business from Baylor University in 2011 and his J.D. from Pepperdine Law magna cum laude in 2017. Before attending law school, Cameron helped launch a real estate start up and was actively involved in ministry leadership through his local church. Through his roles in ministry, he participated and led trips to Africa and developing nations around the world.

20

STUDENTS
ENROLLED

12

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Taught by: Gary Haugen, Founder and CEO
of International Justice Mission

Gary Haugen has been teaching this class for nearly a decade. He is the foremost leader in anti-slavery and anti-trafficking efforts around the world. We are so thankful to have Gary with us every year.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION PRACTICUM

Founded and led by: Jake Herbert (JD '19)

The students worked together to draft an anti-human trafficking bill for the California legislature. The practicum came to a successful end after two semesters of work from the dedicated students pictured below.





ANNICK FEBREY

JANUARY 2019

Annick Febrey is the Director of Government and Corporate Relations at the Human Trafficking Institute. She works as a bridge between the Institute and the U.S. government regarding anti-trafficking policies. Sarah Parker (JD '19), a Fellow for the Human Trafficking Institute, hosted the event and conducted the interview with Annick.

110
ATTENDEES

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ATTENDEES



Raleigh Sadler is the founder of Let My People Go, an organization working to empower the local church to fight human trafficking by loving those most vulnerable. He came to Pepperdine to speak to our students about his work in the anti-trafficking world, the challenges he has faced, and the practical steps we can take to recognize and help combat human trafficking.

FEBRUARY 2019

RALEIGH SADLER



UGANDAN DELEGATION

SEPTEMBER 2018

In September, a delegation of 10 Ugandan Judicial Officers visited Pepperdine for a weeklong mediation training. During this time they also visited the mediation office of Judicate West to experience it first hand. The delegation included the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, several high court judges, and the Director of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

We hosted the judiciary for an event at the law school and invited students, staff, and faculty to hear about all that is happening in Uganda and how our partnership is resulting in some very exciting projects. The delegates were able to discuss the work they are involved in and their efforts toward advancing the rule of law in Uganda.

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DELEGATES

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ATTENDEES



UGANDAN DELEGATION

APRIL 2019

In April, a delegation of 12 Ugandan judges, registrars, and attorneys came to Pepperdine for a mediation training led by Straus Professor Selina Shultz. The delegation spent four days at Pepperdine Law. On the fifth day, the delegation met with Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey.

Our friends were able to experience Malibu, Hollywood, and Downtown LA on their visit. A few of them also connected with their former Pepperdine Law interns.

12
DELEGATES

SPRING BREAK

Our spring break trip was one of the most successful to date! Our team not only worked through more cases than ever before, but for the first time, we had judges accepting the plea bargains in the prisons and finalizing the process in court the very same day. This was an important development that will make plea bargaining more sustainable and reproducible across Uganda. Our team consisted of 15 Pepperdine law students, three Pepperdine Law alumni, one friend of Pepperdine, and several lawyers from International Justice Mission.

In addition to the four days in prisons, we spent a day in Queen Elizabeth National Park on a safari, followed by a cruise on the Kazinga Channel.

15
STUDENTS

190
COMPLETED PLEA
AGREEMENTS

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PRISONS: MBARARA
AND BUSHENYI





SUMMER

Our summer project took us to three different prisons over the course of five days. We spent a day and a half in Masindi Prison, two days in Gulu Main Prison, and a morning in the Gulu Remand home working on juvenile cases. Our team consisted of nine Los Angeles District Attorneys, two Los Angeles District Court Judges, a couple of alumni, and nine Pepperdine Law students. Following the prison week, in partnership with the Ugandan Judiciary, we successfully hosted the 5th annual National Plea Bargaining Conference in Kampala.

In addition to the five days in prisons, we spent a day in Murchison Falls National Park for a game drive and took a boat cruise on the Nile River.

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STUDENTS

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COMPLETED PLEA
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GULU, AND GULU
REMAND







UGANDA'S SAFARI SUNRISE



PEPPERDINE LAW STUDENT ZINO OSEHOB - ZINO SERVED AS THE
INTERN FOR CHIEF JUSTICE RUCGE IN RWANDA THIS SUMMER



LOS ANGELES JUDGE CRAIG MITCHELL ENJOYING THE SAFARI
ALONG WITH JOSHUA GASH AND OUR PEPPERDINE STUDENTS



OUR TEAM OF UGANDAN ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS, AND AMERICAN ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS AT THE REMAND PRISON IN GULU



PEPPERDINE LAW STUDENT GRAYSON HAWS
DISCUSSING A JUVENILE CASE WITH HIS TEAM



LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ROLE PLAYING
PLEA BARGAINING AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE



OUR PEPPERDINE LAW STUDENTS INTERNING
FOR NINE WEEKS WITH THE UGANDAN JUDICIARY



PRINCIPAL JUDGE YOROKAMU BAMWINE, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE STELLA ARACH AMOKO, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANNY DEWALT AT THE NATIONAL PLEA BARGAINING CONFERENCE ON JUNE 26, 2019



KATY MITCHELL

2017-2019 NOOTBAAR FELLOW

Katy Mitchell has served as the Nootbaar Fellow since September 2017. Katy's heart for service and legal development has been an enormous blessing to our team. She jumped into managing the pilot public defender program in Mukono, served as a mediator in the family division of the high court, hosted our interns, and helped run our prison projects. We will miss having her in Uganda, but wish her the best as she continues in her legal career.

MATT MYATT

2019-2020 NOOTBAAR FELLOW

Matt Myatt is a 2019 graduate of Pepperdine Law, and he moved to Uganda in August 2019. Matt spent a summer in Uganda after his 1L year working with Justice Kiryabwire in the Court of Appeals. He will start his time in Uganda solo, but in January of 2020, he will return to Uganda, newly married, with his wife, Diedre. Matt will continue managing plea bargaining efforts and supporting the launch of the Public Defender Program.



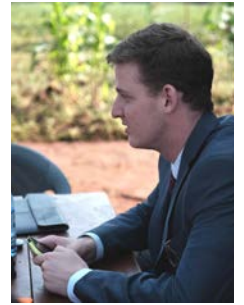
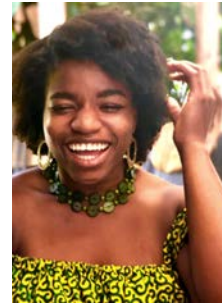
Above: Alan and Libby Collier

A few of our summer interns from left to right

Top: Bri McDaniel, Gage Eller, Brynn Barton

Middle: Grayson Haws, Ife Agbodike, Reed Bartley

Bottom: Joseph Ramli, Hannah Grabinski, Zino Osehobo



GHANA ..

For the first time we sent two of our students to Ghana to intern for the Ghanaian Supreme Court. We are incredibly thankful for the support of the International Justice Mission field office in Accra for assisting our students in transition. Thank you as well to Grace Pierce and Brynn Barton for paving the way for our future students in Ghana!

We have a lot of exciting traction in Ghana and will soon be sending our Sudreau Fellow, Alan Collier (JD '90) to assist in rolling out exciting projects in partnership with the Ghanaian Judiciary.

Alan will move to Ghana with his wife, Libby, in September.

UGANDA RWANDA INDIA INDONESIA IJM

Uganda: Supreme Court (2), Court of Appeals (2), Public Prosecutions (3), Willow International (1)

Rwanda: Chief Justice Rugege (1)

India: Counsel to Secure Justice (1)

Indonesia: International Justice Initiative (2)

Ghana: Supreme Court (2), International Justice Mission (1)



PLEA BARGAINING + PUBLIC DEFENDER PROJECTS

The fruits of Pepperdine's efforts to introduce Plea Bargaining are continuing to grow, and all of the High Court Circuits are consistently disposing of cases this way. This year, the Fifth Annual Plea Bargaining Conference saw more informed discussions, and both judges and prosecutors are taking ownership of the process. In addition, Pepperdine has been spearheading a Public Defender Pilot Program in the Mukono Chief Magistrate's Court since 2017. In the first eight months of 2019, 112 accused persons have reached plea agreements through this pilot. This means that almost half of the accused persons who engage our program come to a plea agreement, and others use the program as a way to get information about their case and feel more informed about their choices moving forward. This is a significant victory for our shared goal of reducing case backlog in Uganda and providing timely access to justice for those who need it most.

FRIENDS OF PEPPERDINE, THANK YOU.

WRITTEN BY TROY S. TESSEM (JD '19)

Friends of the Sudreau Global Justice Program,

In this annual report, you read about the unparalleled, life-changing work of the Sudreau Global Justice Program. Its mission—to provide all a life free of fear of violence and coercion through access to justice—continues to expand across the globe, changing not only individuals, but entire nations. Currently the program instigates, guides, and leads judicial reform in countries across the world to ensure that prisoners have unprecedented access to justice. Furthermore, this program combats the pernicious evil of human trafficking by marshalling forces both here and abroad, to raise awareness, host conferences, develop legislation, and train a rising generation of attorneys to continue the fight. As a result, the Sudreau Global Justice Program seeks out the most vulnerable of this world, giving voice to their troubles, offering hope, and bringing justice to their door.

This mission is no simple feat. The success of the Sudreau Global Justice Program depends on the leadership, dedication, love, commitment to justice and equality, and compassion of so many. In short, it depends on you.

So, please know, that the success of this program would not be what it is today without you. If you personally joined us in Uganda, thank you. If you took time from work to help train American and Ugandan law students, thank you. If you joined the cause through financial contributions, thank you. If you provided a law student with the opportunity to participate in this program, thank you. If you supported us through prayer, thank you. Please know, whatever form your support took, it made all the difference. As a recent graduate of Pepperdine Law, who lived in Rwanda and worked for the Supreme Court there for a summer, traveled to Uganda twice to participate in the prison project, and worked in Pepperdine's Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation Practicum to combat human trafficking in California, I am immeasurably grateful for your selflessness. I was privileged to see, firsthand, the impact of your contribution. Your generosity changes the lives of Ugandan prisoners, attorneys across the globe, judges, and countless students. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting this program.

With gratitude,

Troy S. Tessem



PEPPERDINE LAW STUDENT, TROY TESSEM, CONGRATULATING
UGANDAN REMANDEES AFTER A SOCCER MATCH



THE SUDREAU GLOBAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

GROWTH IS ON THE HORIZON!

Over the last decade, the Sudreau Global Justice Program has sent law students all around the world to engage injustice head on. We've sat face to face with countless individuals experiencing injustice firsthand, listened to their stories, and advocated on their behalf. And, we've had the distinct privilege of partnering with the nation of Uganda to help address systemic injustice through the implementation of plea bargaining laws. While our work thus far has been significant, we can't wait to share what's next.

Our vision is that Pepperdine will become the premier academic institution in the world for human rights and justice related causes in the developing world. As such, the SGJP is expanding, and we're doing so in three important ways.

Broadening the Scope in Uganda. In addition to our plea bargaining work, we have officially launched a Public Defender Pilot Program in conjunction with the Ugandan Judiciary with the goal that every individual detained and committed to prison would have timely access to an attorney.

Growing our Reach Internationally. As news of our successes in Uganda has travelled, we have garnered interest from other countries across Africa and Central America. Beginning this year, we will have a full time presence in Ghana, and we are engaging in conversations with government leaders in other nations to explore the feasibility of future partnerships.

Expanding Across Pepperdine. Injustice takes on many forms, and any one issue often requires a holistic solution that weaves together ideas and solutions from professionals across many disciplines. As such, we will be implementing global justice initiatives at all five schools within Pepperdine to give students and faculty within every discipline an avenue to leverage their expertise and training to impact the developing world.

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Just for fun:
The Law School's Reaction To Jim
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