The University of Maryland School of Law
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THE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN: BARRIERS AND BEST PRACTICES

A conference exploring the status of women in a changing global environment

April 6-7, 2006

University of Maryland School of Law
500 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Sponsor
The Marjorie Cook Foundation
This conference seeks to explore the role of women in a changing global environment. Women around the world still face tremendous barriers in terms of their physical and economic security. This conference will explore those barriers and will focus on best practices that are being implemented by international organizations to eliminate those barriers. We seek to explore such topics as violence against women, women’s health issues, environmental concerns, political representation, judicial and legal protections, and economic security. Panelists will discuss programs that seek to alleviate violence against women, to enhance the training of judges and to increase economic self-sufficiency, like micro-credit programs. International human rights and law reform efforts will also be explored. The goal of the conference is to identify existing barriers and give scholars and experts working in the field an opportunity to discuss how those barriers can best be overcome.

Papers presented at the Conference will be published in an upcoming issue of the *University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class.*
Thursday, April 6, 2006

6:00–7:00 pm
Reception – Westminster Hall
Welcome: Dean Karen H. Rothenberg,
University of Maryland School of Law

7:00–9:00 pm
Dinner – Westminster Hall
Opening Remarks
Professor Paula A. Monopoli, Founding Director,
Women, Leadership & Equality Program, University
of Maryland School of Law

Professor Michael Van Alstine, International and
Comparative Law Program, University of Maryland
School of Law

International Fellowships and Externships at
the University of Maryland School of Law
Professor Michael Van Alstine (Moderator)

Rupa Chilukuri, JD (2005), University of Maryland
School of Law, South Africa Program Extern,
Women’s Legal Center, Capetown, South Africa

Markus Rauschecker, JD (expected 2006), University
of Maryland School of Law, World Health
Organization Extern, WHO Division of Health &
Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland

Reena Shah, JD (expected 2006), University of
Maryland School of Law, New Perimeter Fellow,
Southern Africa Litigation Center, Johannesburg,
South Africa

Friday, April 7, 2006

8:15–9:15 am
Registration and Continental Breakfast –
Krongard Room

Panels – Ceremonial Courtroom
9:15–10:30 am
Barriers to Women’s Global Advancement
Professor Paula A. Monopoli (Moderator)

Professor Darren Rosenblum, Pace Law School

Professor Ann C. Shalleck, Professor of Law and
Carrington Shields Scholar, Director, Women &
International Law Program, American University
Washington College of Law

Professor Dinah L. Shelton, Patricia Roberts Harris
Research Professor of Law, The George Washington
University Law School

10:30–10:45 am — Break

10:45 am–12:00 noon
Best Practices: Enhancing Human Security
Professor Robin Fretwell Wilson, University of
Maryland School of Law (Moderator)

Associate Dean Naomi R. Cahn, Africa Project
Director, GWU Institute of International Corporate
Governance and Accountability, The George
Washington University Law School

Tamera A. Fillinger, Former Legal Advisor, United
States Agency for International Development
Professor Allyn L. Taylor, University of Maryland School of Medicine and University of Maryland School of Law

12:00–1:30 pm
Luncheon and Keynote Address – Westminster Hall
Welcome: Professor Paula A. Monopoli, University of Maryland School of Law

Introduction: Dean Karen H. Rothenberg, University of Maryland School of Law

Keynote Speaker:
Sheila Dauer, Director, Women’s Human Rights Program, Amnesty International USA
Violence Against Women: An Obstacle to Equality

Panels – Ceremonial Courtroom
1:30–2:15 pm
Best Practices: Enhancing Political Representation
Professor Larry Gibson, University of Maryland School of Law (Moderator)

Dr. Yvonne Galligan, Director, Centre for Advancement of Women in Politics, Queen’s University Belfast

The Honorable Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, Co-Founder and Chair, Women’s Campaign International

2:15–3:00 pm
Best Practices: Enhancing Judicial Representation
Professor Marley S. Weiss, University of Maryland School of Law (Moderator)

Dr. Ruth B. Cowan, Teaching Fellow, Women & Politics Institute, American University School of Public Affairs

Joan D. Winship, Executive Director, International Association of Women Judges

3:00–3:45 pm
Best Practices: Enhancing Economic Security
Professor Jana Singer, University of Maryland School of Law (Moderator)

Elissa McCarter, Director, Office of Development Finance, CHF International

Claudia Piras, Social Development Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank

3:45–4:00 pm
Closing Remarks
The Women, Leadership & Equality Program at the University of Maryland School of Law trains law students to become future leaders. The first of its kind in the country, it includes a third-year fellowship program and supports research and scholarship devoted to issues of women and leadership in the legal profession. The Women, Leadership & Equality Program was made possible by a grant from the Marjorie Cook Foundation, which is dedicated to advancing women’s equality under the law.

The International and Comparative Law Program at the School of Law draws from the expertise of over a dozen full and part-time faculty members who have research and teaching interests in these areas. Those interests include public international law, international civil litigation, international business transactions, European Union law, international trade law, comparative labor law, comparative constitutional law, South African law, and the Civil Law tradition (especially the French and German legal systems). The Program includes a rich and diverse curriculum comprising over 40 courses and seminars reaching across the full range of the substantive areas of the law.
**Directions and Parking**
From I-95 take route 395 (downtown Baltimore) and exit on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Turn right at fourth traffic light onto Baltimore St. Turn left at second traffic light onto Paca St. Go 1/4 block and turn right into the Baltimore Grand Garage at 5 N. Paca St. The law school is directly across the street from the garage, at the corner of Paca and Baltimore Streets. Parking fees are the responsibility of the participants.

**Food Service**
Conference Registration includes conference, materials and meals. Registration for Luncheon is also available.

**Special Accommodations**
If you require special accommodations to attend or participate, please provide information about your requirements to Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128 (1-800-735-2258 TTY/Voice) at least five business days in advance.

**Hotel Information**
A block of rooms is reserved at the Wyndham Baltimore-Inner Harbor Hotel, 101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, Phone: 410-752-1100 or 1-800-WYNDHAM, Web Site: http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/BWIIH/main.wnt. To make reservations, mention the “University of Maryland School of Law.” There are a limited number of rooms. Reservations at the reduced rate ($99) will be available until March 6, 2006. Please reserve early.

**Questions**
Please contact Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128 or lmarshal@law.umaryland.edu.
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Registration Fee: ________ $75 (conference, materials and meals)
I will attend Dinner on Thursday, April 6  YES________  NO _________
________ $30 (luncheon ONLY)

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Online registration will be confirmed by email and tickets will be held at the door. You may confirm reservations sent through the mail by calling 410-706-4128 or by emailing lmarshal@law.umaryland.edu.

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