

## A Sampling of 2014 Projects & Cases



Michael Montgomery of the Environmental Protection Agency addresses the crowd at the Consultation on Environmental Issues Relating to the United Nations Periodic Review

### THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER

In October, IHRLC hosted the [United States Government Consultation on Environmental Issues Relating to United Nations Periodic Review](#), which brought together officials from seven different federal agencies and environmental advocates and concerned community members from around the state and country. The [Universal Periodic Review](#) (UPR) is a process through which the human rights records of all UN Member States are reviewed by the [UN Human Rights Council](#). In advance of the review of the United States in 2015, the Obama administration has sought to engage relevant stakeholders on a variety of topics and the IHRLC was proud to host the only consultation event on environmental issues in the country. The dialogue and the written input provided by participants will inform the administration's UPR report as well as the hearing conducted by the Human Rights Council.

As part of our on-going work on the human right to water in California, IHRLC also filed two reports with UN bodies, the Human Rights Council and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, regarding the lack of access to clean, affordable drinking water for many communities of color in the state and the barriers they face in a participating in the decision-making processes about water quality and access.

In November, we had the pleasure of welcoming Catarina De Albuquerque, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation for a special presentation to Clinic students on her role and the challenges and opportunities she's experienced in her role as UN Special Rapporteur. Read the full article [here](#).



Lupe Aguirre '16, Neelam Mohammed '16, UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation Catarina De Albuquerque, Leslie Morales '16, and International Human Rights Law Clinic instructor Allison Davenport '04

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## STUDENTS EXPLORE VICTIMS' RIGHTS WITH SOUTH ASIAN ADVOCATES

IHRLC supported the work of the Armed Conflict Resolution and People's Rights Project to develop a national policy proposal and protocol framework informed by international law for protecting fundamental rights in situations



Ingrid Perez '15, Guneet Kaur '14, and Katie Lynn Anderson '15 in Nepal

of internal armed conflict and mass violence in India. In February 2014, clinic students participated in a meeting in Nepal with scholars and lawyers convened by the Project to discuss how international and state laws might intersect to protect civilians. Read the full article [here](#).

## DREAMERS



UCB student Cristian Aguilar reviews his deferred action application with Allison Davenport '14

IHRLC assisted a total of 110 DREAMer students at UC Berkeley in a variety of legal matters. Most students are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which allows young, undocumented immigrants to receive permission to live and work in the United States if they meet certain educational and residency

requirements. Students granted DACA are able to work lawfully to help fund their education, travel with the permission of immigration authorities on approved study abroad programs, and enjoy additional opportunities to pursue their educational and professional goals. Read the full article [here](#).



## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

IHRLC started our first-ever formal mentoring program this year and were able to match 22 alumni mentors with current students and recent alums. We created this program to meet the needs of current students and recent alums who are navigating their career options after law school.

IHRLC hosted a career panel for clinic students featuring various IHRLC alumni, who discussed their careers in depth and answered students' questions.

IHRLC launched our first IHRLC Alumni Summer Fellowship and funded Katie Lynn Anderson '15 for her work at Pangea, a local human rights organization focused on bringing defense counsel to those facing deportation in the United States. You can read more about Katie Lynn and the Fellowship [here](#).

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IS NOT AN EASY THING TO NAVIGATE BUT THAT MEANS THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM FOR CREATIVE STRATEGIES AND PROBLEM-SOLVING TO EFFECTUATE CHANGE.

--KATIE LYNN ANDERSON

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## IHRLC RELEASES SHADOW REPORT TO TORTURE COMMITTEE ON GUANTANAMO

IHRLC submitted a shadow report to the UN Committee Against Torture regarding the effects of US detention on detainees released from Guantanamo Bay. In November the Committee held hearings in Geneva to review US compliance with the treaty. You can read the report [here](#), you can read Bina Patel's blog about the hearing [here](#), and you can see video from the hearing [here](#).



## We Need Your Support

We have much more important work to do and need your support to help us make a difference both at home and abroad. Please consider making a gift to the International Human Rights Law Clinic as part of your year-end giving. Every gift counts and allows us to continue to do this vitally important work and train the next generation of human rights advocates.

The generosity of our friends and alumni provides the funds for our Summer Fellowship – if you'd like to specify your gift specifically for the Summer Fellowship program, please note that on the online donation form or write "Fellowship" in the notes section of your check.

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