Day 1 Agenda: Saturday, November 5th

Morning Session

8:30am – Check-in & Continental Breakfast
9:00am – Introductory Remarks
  
  Gary Solomon, Chairman of the Board, American Red Cross Southeast Louisiana Chapter

9:15am – Session: War Has Limits: Introduction to International Humanitarian Law
  
  Reginald Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Virginia Capital Region
  
  International humanitarian law (IHL) consists of the written and unwritten rules and principles that apply in armed conflict. They seek to protect persons not participating in hostilities and balance military needs with the needs of humanity. This lecture will introduce students to the core principles of IHL as well as its basic rules of protection, distinction, precaution, and proportionality.

10:00 – Session: When Does IHL Apply?
  
  Dick Jackson, US Army & Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of Defense
  
  IHL is a body of law that applies in limited circumstances, and the IHL that is applicable varies depending on the specifics of the situation. Thus, there are two critical questions that must be answered to determine whether and how IHL applies: Is this the right situation? Are we dealing with the right person? This lecture will provide the basis for answering those questions.

10:45am – Short Break

11:00am – Session: The Role of the Red Cross
  
  Jessica Ports, IHL Instructor, American Red Cross, & PhD Student, Payson Center for International Development
  
  The ICRC has a unique and important role in international humanitarian law and works in many ways to ensure that IHL is respected and upheld. This lecture will describe the nature and extent of the work of the ICRC, Federation, and Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies around the world.

11:45am – Small Group Breakout Sessions

Afternoon Session

12:30pm LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:30pm – Session: Means and Methods of Warfare
  
  Dick Jackson, US Army & Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of Defense
  
  The objective of war is to defeat, not destroy, the enemy. Over the millennia, certain norms have evolved restricting the application of force. Modern restrictions on warfare have both customary and conventional foundations, notably the Hague Convention of 1907, and others limiting the use of asphyxiating and poisonous gases, genocide, torture, biological and chemical weapons. Lecture will discuss the development and current state of this body of law.

2:30pm – Short Break

2:45pm – Session: Through the Eyes of Humanitarian Workers
  
  Ky Luu, Executive Director, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy, Tulane University
  
  A discussion of the effects of conflict situations on the humanitarian practitioner, aid workers and disaster responders, how IHL affects their work and what issues and situations they can expect as practitioners in the field.

3:45pm – Small Group Breakout Sessions

4:30ish – Adjourn for the day
Day 2 Agenda: Sunday, November 6th

Morning Session

8:30am – Check-in & Continental Breakfast
9:00am – Session: Persons Protected by IHL

*Reginald Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Virginia Capital Region*

This lecture explores the portion of LOAC that seeks to protect persons not participating in hostilities. LOAC prohibits attacking enemy personnel who are “out of combat.” Captors must respect (not attack) and protect (care for) those who surrender or who are wounded, sick, or shipwrecked and cease to fight. Captors must also protect POWs from physical and mental harm. Permanent medical personnel, chaplains, and personnel of recognized relief organizations must be respected and protected as noncombatants. Civilians and noncombatants shall not be intentionally attacked, and civilians in occupied territory must be protected against abuses. The objective of this lecture is to provide students with a better understanding of the rules and challenges presented by this area of the law.

10:15am – Session: Domestic and International Enforcement of IHL

*Herbert Larson, Executive Director, International Legal Studies, Tulane University Law School*

This lecture will cover the enforcement of IHL through the various mechanisms that have been applied to violations and perpetrators in both domestic and international systems, particularly the international tribunals. The role of victims in the process of enforcement will be discussed.

11:30am – Small Group Breakout Sessions

12:15pm - SOCIAL & NETWORKING LUNCH (PROVIDED)

Afternoon Session

1:30pm – Panel: Cross-Cutting Issues in IHL

*Moderator: Melissa Eugene, Director of PR & Communications, American Red Cross SELA*

**Part 1:** Child Soldiers in Africa: Human Rights Protection & International Criminal Enforcement

*Panelist: Janet McKnight, Attorney*

**Part 2:** International Conventions on Gender & Crimes Against Women in Conflict

*Panelist: Melissa Langworthy, Gender & Development Consultant & PhD Student, Payson Center*

2:30pm – Break and Survey Completion
3:00pm – Closing Remarks

*Joerg Fedtke, A.N. Yiannopoulos Professor in Comparative and International Law, Tulane University*

3:15pm – Certificate Ceremony and Farewell
3:30pm – Adjourn
Melissa Eugene-Duplantier
Director of PR & Communications
American Red Cross Southeast Louisiana Chapter

Melissa Eugene-Duplantier is the Director of Public Relations and Communications for the Southeast Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross. In this role, she oversees all media relations and communications strategy, integrating these functions to advance the message and mission of the Red Cross. Before assuming her current position, she was the Executive Director of the St. Bernard Chapter of the American Red Cross. Prior to joining the Red Cross Melissa served as a Communications Manager at Pan-American Life Insurance Company, a medium sized financial services company with headquarters in New Orleans. While at Pan-American she spearheaded philanthropic and employee volunteer programs and worked cross-functionally with leaders and content experts to identify, manage and communicate key issues. Melissa has also held a number of public relations and marketing related management positions in a variety of small to medium sized firms. She has served as a member of the boards of the Jefferson Disaster Recovery Partnership and Crescent Alliance Recovery Effort and is a founding member of the Purple Ladies for Scholars Foundation. Melissa was actively engaged in volunteer work with a variety of nonprofits including Amnesty International and the YWCA. She is a graduate of Tulane University and has completed the University of New Orleans Executive Event Marketing Program. Melissa lives in New Orleans with her husband and their English Bull Dog.

Reginald Gordon
Chief Executive Officer
American Red Cross Virginia Capital Region

Reggie is a native of Richmond, Virginia. He began his volunteer experience with the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross, while he was a student at Thomas Jefferson High School. He was the president of the Red Cross Club at his high school and then was elected the president of the city-wide Red Cross Club. As a teen, he also served on a National Committee on Red Cross Youth Involvement, the board of directors of the Greater Richmond chapter and was the first young person to be the keynote speaker at a national convention. Reggie received his undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Duke University. He received his juris doctorate from Howard University School of Law. He began his professional career as an attorney for Central Virginia Legal Aid in Emporia, Virginia. After that he was employed by the national Red Cross in Washington, D.C. and eventually became a Senior Associate General Counsel and Ethics Officer. He returned home to Richmond in 1997 and worked as a fund developer with the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg. He was selected as the first executive director of Homeward in 1998, the coordinating organization for homeless services in the Richmond Region. After seven years with Homeward, he became the executive director of William Byrd Community House, a multi-service poverty prevention agency, addressing the needs of low income children, families, seniors and single adults in the city of Richmond. In July of 2007, his career came full circle, when he became the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is delighted that his professional career path has led right back to the chapter that opened doors for him as a youth. In 2008 Reggie became a Certified International Humanitarian Law Instructor.
Richard Jackson
US Army & Office of the Judge Advocate General
Department of Defense

Colonel (Retired) Richard B. “Dick” Jackson is the Special Assistant to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General for Law of War Matters. He has served in that position since 2005, when he retired from the U.S. Army after over 30 years in uniform. Dick Jackson has extensive experience in the law of war and international and operational law, in general. He served in Infantry, Special Forces, Joint and Coalition commands during his military career, spending most of the last ten years as the principal legal advisor at a U.S. Army Division, Multinational Division North in Bosnia, the Army Special Operations Command, U.S. Army Pacific, and Joint Forces Command – Naples, a NATO Headquarters. He served in military operations in Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. He was also the Chair of the International and Operational Law Department of the Army Judge Advocate General’s School, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and has written extensively in professional publications and lectured around the world on law of war matters. Colonel Jackson also represented the U.S. government in several international conferences and negotiations regarding arms control, the law of war, and protection of cultural property.

Melissa Langworthy
Gender & Development Consultant
PhD Student, Tulane University Payson Center

Melissa Langworthy is a Gender and Development Specialist and Non-Profit Management Consultant. She has worked with the United Nations Security Council and NGO Working Group for Women, Peace and Security as a consultant for the Women’s Refugee Commission in New York City. Prior to this, Melissa worked as the Executive Director for the National Council on Women’s Health and as a program consultant to the Offices of HRH Princess Sirindhorn of Thailand. She has conducted field work in various parts of South and South-East Asia and Africa and has been asked to speak in the United States and Asia. Melissa earned a MSc from the London School of Economics in Gender, Globalization and Development, and an MS in International Development from Tulane. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in International Development at Tulane University. Her research interests include mainstreaming women, peace, and security documents into UN activities and improving economic coping strategies of marginalized urban and refugee women, with an emphasis on the economic anthropology of capital and asset capture among the poor.

Herbert Larson
Executive Director, International Legal Studies
Tulane Law School

Since his graduation from law school, Herbert Larson has served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in New Orleans, and has been in private practice as a criminal defense attorney, with particular emphasis on federal matters. He has developed particular expertise in federal criminal law and international criminal law. Professor Larson has taught at the law schools at both Tulane University and Loyola University. In addition, he has been a Fulbright Fellow in Poland, and he has taught in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, and at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. At Tulane, he has taught such courses as International Economic and Banking Crimes, The Law of War Crimes & Terrorism, Federal Criminal Law, and International Criminal Law. Since 2004, he has served as Director of Tulane’s summer program in Amsterdam, which emphasizes International Criminal Law and Human Rights. Professor Larson joined Tulane Law School on a full-time basis in January 2007 to oversee Tulane’s graduate programs and its international legal programs, including the Law School’s summer abroad programs and its international exchange programs.
Ky Luu  
**Executive Director**  
**Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy**

Ky Luu is an expert in the field of disaster management and has extensive experience in handling all aspects of humanitarian and disaster assistance programming as an implementer, donor, and academic. Mr. Luu is a founding member and head of the Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy at Tulane University. Ky recently left his post as the Director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) where he led the U.S. Government office responsible for providing humanitarian assistance in response to international crises and disasters. Prior to joining OFDA, he served for three years as Vice President for International Medical Corps (IMC) in Washington, DC, where he played a key role in strategic planning, policy and program development, and emergency global response. Ky has extensive experience working with NGOs, including serving as Director of Government Relations for the International Research & Exchanges Board in Washington, DC; Resettlement Officer for the United States Refugee Resettlement Office in Croatia; and Government Relations Officer for the International Rescue Committee in Washington, DC. In addition to his NGO experience, Ky worked for White & Case LLP in New York as a Corporate Associate in Mergers and Acquisitions. Ky holds a JD from George Washington University School of Law and a BA from the University of Michigan. Ky has completed course work for an MPH at George Washington University School of Public Health.

Janet McKnight  
**Attorney**


Jessica Ports  
**PhD Student & Adjunct Lecturer**  
**Tulane University Payson Center**

Jessica recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the American Red Cross, during which time she has served as a volunteer coordinator, disaster instructor, hurricane shelter manager, and health & safety instructor. She has been an IHL Instructor for the American Red Cross for four years and . She earned a BA in History from Elon College (2000), and an MS in History & Sociology of Technology & Science from Georgia Institute of Technology (2004), and is currently pursuing a PhD at the Payson Center for International Development and earning a certificate in Disaster Resilience Leadership Sciences at Tulane University. Jessica also teaches a course for Payson undergraduates focusing on information & communication technology for development (ICT4D). Research interests include: applications of information & communications technology for development, the role of technology and social media in humanitarian response operations, leveraging ICTs for disaster resilience, and disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean Basin.
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The 12th oldest law school in the United States, Tulane University Law School was established in 1847, 13 years after the University of which it is a vital part. From its founding, Tulane has offered its students the opportunity to study both of the world’s great legal systems—the common law system upon which English and US law is based, and the civil law system governing most of the rest of the world.

Located on the main campus of Tulane University in uptown New Orleans, Tulane Law School has been accredited by the American Bar Association since May 1925.

**ICRC**

The ICRC, established in 1863, works worldwide to provide humanitarian help for people affected by conflict and armed violence and to promote the laws that protect victims of war. An independent and neutral organization, its mandate stems essentially from the Geneva Conventions of 1949. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, it employs some 12,000 people in 80 countries; it is financed mainly by voluntary donations from governments and from national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

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