



### Upcoming Events



#### National Security Law & Practice Since 9/11 A Conversation with Brigadier General Rich Gross (ret.)

When: April 4, 2016, 12:00p–1:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building, Room 127

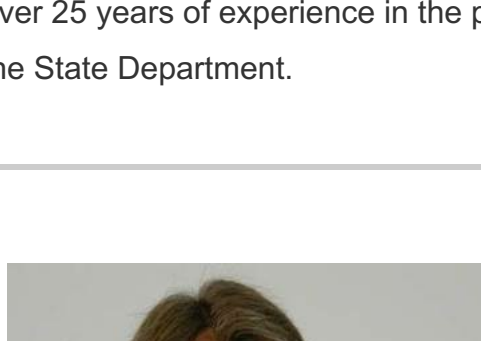
Retired Brigadier General Rich Gross recently served as Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Throughout his long career, Brigadier General Gross has had multiple combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, in addition to other deployments abroad. Among other units, he has served in the 1st Special Operational Detachment-Delta (Airborne) as the Detachment Judge Advocate; at the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, as the Staff Judge Advocate; in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the Chief Legal Advisor for the International Security Assistance Force; and, most recently, the SJA for U.S. Central Command at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Non Article 5 NATO Medal.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Brigadier General Gross attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in the Infantry. After his first tour of service, he was accepted into the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. In 1993, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, with a Juris Doctor degree and entered the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

In 2009, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, with a Masters in Strategic Studies.

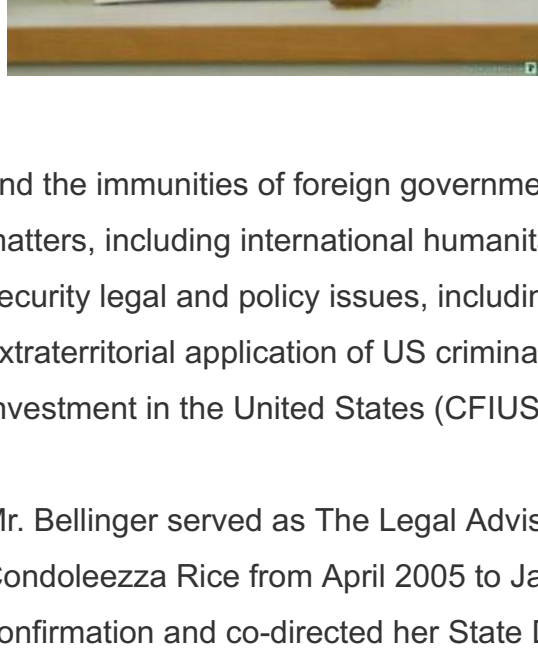


#### "Trade Politics: What's Different this Year?" Lunch Talk with Ambassador Sapiro (Co-sponsored with NSG)

When: April 11, 12:00p–1:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building, Room 129

Ambassador Miriam Sapiro served as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative from 2009 to 2014, where she led negotiations and enforcement with countries in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the Americas, and oversaw initiatives on services, investment, industrial competitiveness, intellectual property and innovation, labor and small business. She has

over 25 years of experience in the private sector and government, including at the National Security Council and the State Department.



#### International Law and the Expanding Conflict with ISIS Lunch Talk with John B. Bellinger III

When: April 12, 2016, 1:10p–2:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building, Room 129

John B. Bellinger III is a partner in the international and national security practices of Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, DC. He is also Adjunct Senior Fellow in International and National Security Law at the Council on Foreign Relations.

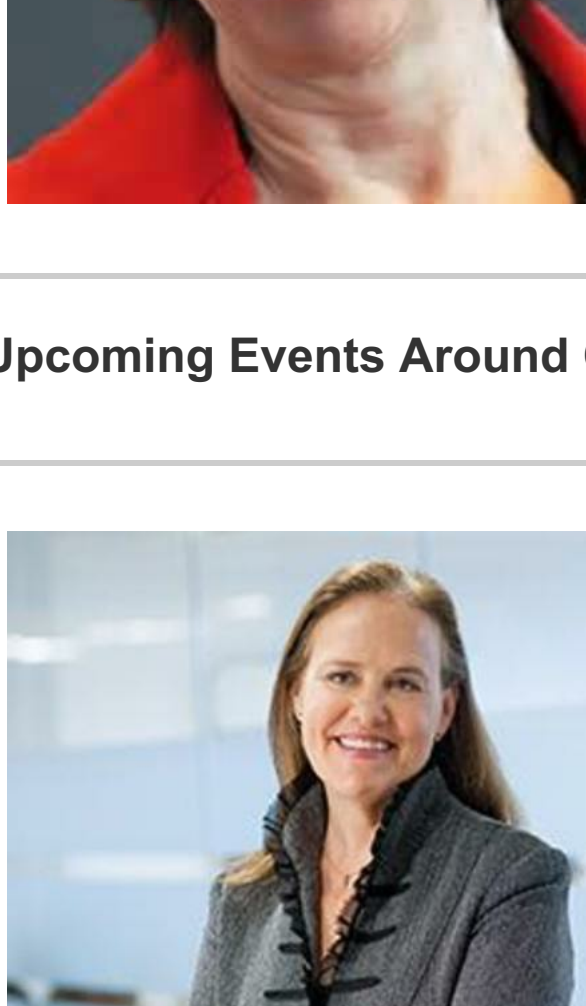
Mr. Bellinger represents corporations, sovereign governments, and individuals in litigation in US courts and before international institutions. He has extensive experience in foreign relations litigation in U.S. courts involving the Alien Tort Statute, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and the immunities of foreign government officials. He also advises clients on other public international law matters, including international humanitarian law and human rights law and treaty law, as well as on national security legal and policy issues, including US and multilateral financial sanctions and asset controls, the extraterritorial application of US criminal and civil laws, and transactions reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

Mr. Bellinger served as The Legal Adviser for the U.S. Department of State under Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice from April 2005 to January 2009. He previously managed Secretary Rice's Senate confirmation and co-directed her State Department transition team. Mr. Bellinger represented the United States before the International Court of Justice in Mexico v. United States (Medellin) and the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal and negotiated a number of treaties and international agreements, including the Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions. He received the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

Mr. Bellinger served from 2001 to 2005 as Senior Associate Counsel to the President and Legal Adviser to the National Security Council at the White House, where he was the principal lawyer for the National Security Adviser and the NSC staff; he was in the White House Situation Room on 9-11. He previously served as Counsel for National Security Matters in the Criminal Division of the Justice Department (1997-2001), as Special Counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (1996), and as Special Assistant to Director of Central Intelligence William Webster (1988-1991).

He is a member of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on International Law; one of four U.S. Members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague; and a member of the U.S. "National Group," which nominates judges to the International Court of Justice. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Law Institute. Mr. Bellinger speaks regularly on US and foreign radio and television, has lectured at numerous U.S. and foreign universities and law schools, has testified on numerous occasions before Congress, and is the author of many articles and op-eds on international law issues. He is a senior contributor to the Lawfare blog.

Mr. Bellinger received his A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, his J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia.



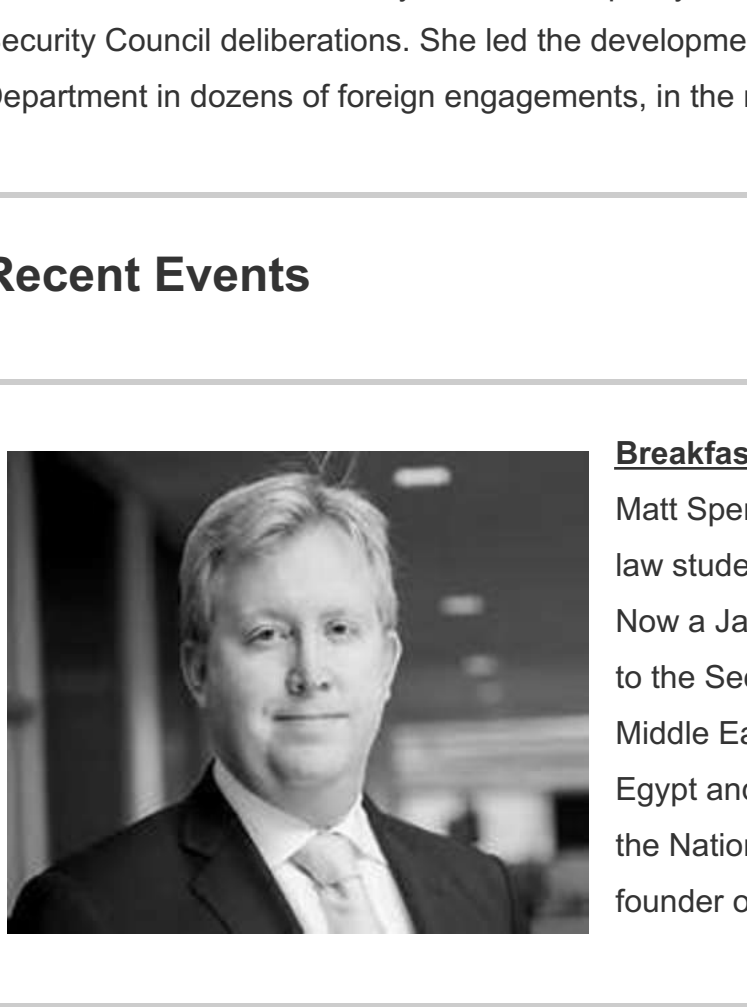
#### Lunch Talk with Catherine Ashton

When: April 13, 2016, 12:00p–1:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building Room 121

Catherine Ashton has been appointed as High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. She has been European Commissioner for Trade since October 2008. During her time as Trade Commissioner she has initiated an ambitious and far-reaching free trade agreement with South Korea, and solved a number of high-profile trade disputes with major trading partners. She has also championed trade as a means of promoting development around the world, putting the EU's economic relationship with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries on a firmer footing.

Catherine Ashton has represented the European Union in the Doha Round of world trade talks, and built on already strong bilateral trade and investment relationships. As Trade Commissioner she co-chaired the EU-China High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue with Chinese Vice-Premier Wang Qishan.

### Upcoming Events Around Campus



#### Q&A with Michèle Flournoy

Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy  
CEO, Center for a New American Security

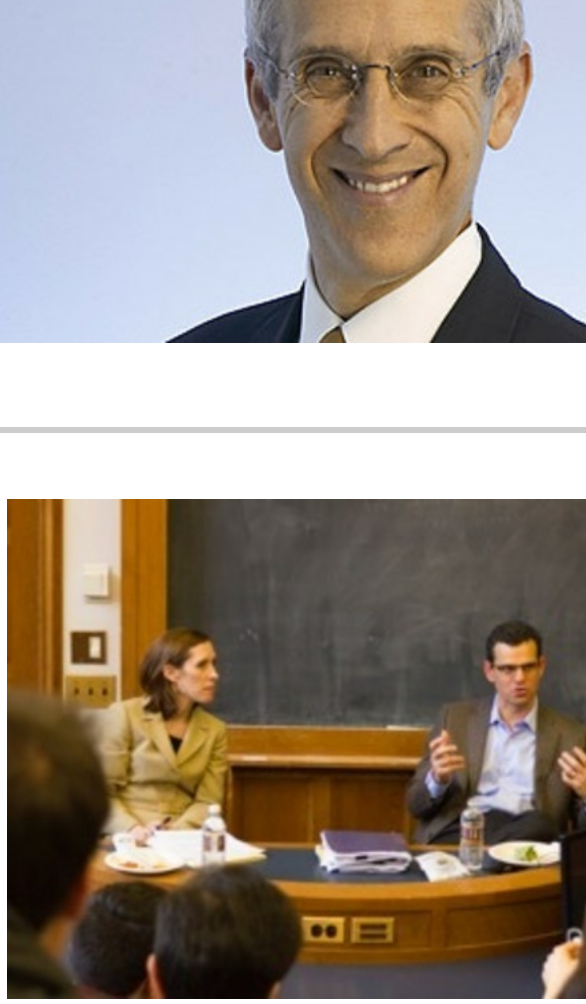
When: March 31, 2016, 3:00p  
Horchow Hall, GM Room

The Jackson Institute will host a Q&A with Michèle Flournoy, the former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Matthew Spence, a Senior Fellow at Jackson and the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, will lead the discussion.

Flournoy is co-founder and chief executive officer of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). She served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

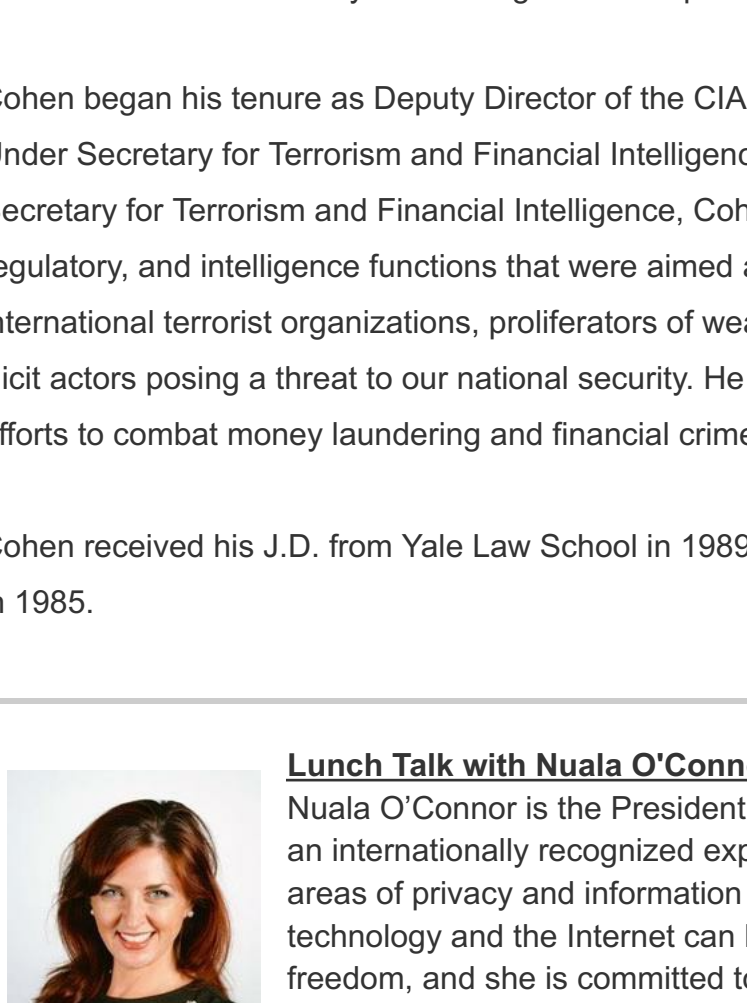
from February 2009 to February 2012. She was the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in National Security Council deliberations. She led the development of DoD's 2012 Strategic Guidance and represented the Department in dozens of foreign engagements, in the media and before Congress.

### Recent Events



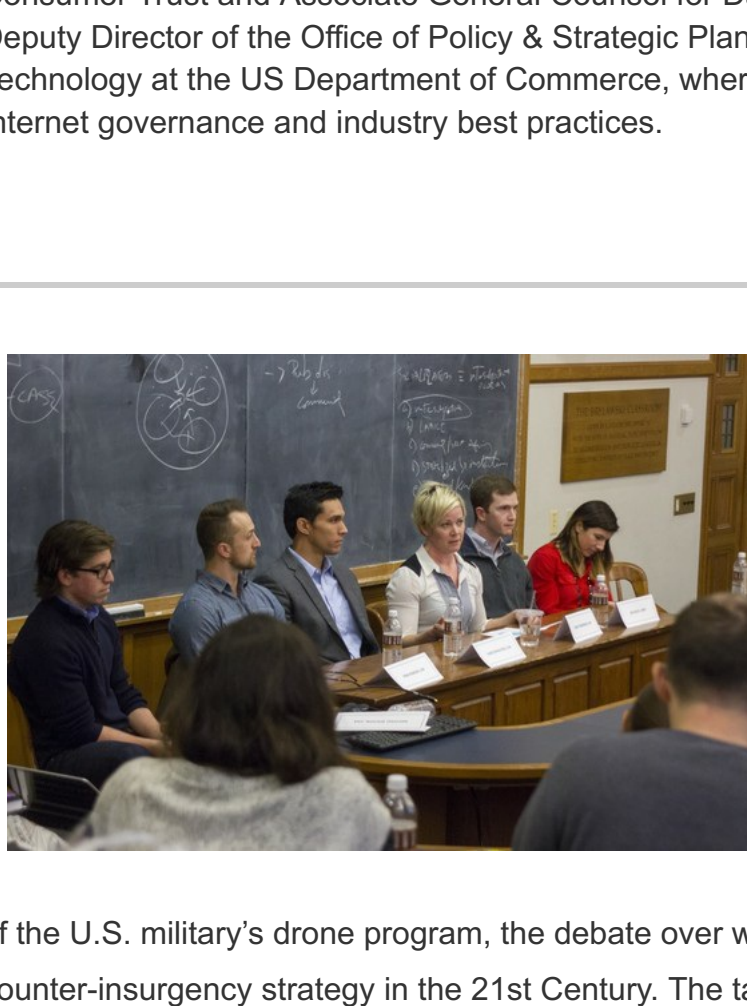
#### Breakfast with Matt Spence

Matt Spence participated in an informal breakfast conversation with law students on careers in national security policy and government. Now a Jackson Fellow, Spence was formerly the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense and Undersecretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, with responsibility for Iraq, Syria, Iran, Israel, Egypt and the Gulf States, among others. He has also worked on the National Security Council as a Special Assistant, and was a co-founder of the Truman National Security Project.



#### Breakfast Chat with David Rivkin

David Rivkin, co-chair of Debevoise's International Dispute Resolution Group and President of the International Bar Association (IBA), attended a breakfast with YLS students on March 28. The discussion spanned a number of topics, including his broad experience in the areas of international litigation and arbitration, his career path, and his views on international private law.



#### The Paris Agreement: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Todd D. Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change at the State Department, visited the law school on March 9 to discuss the Paris Agreement and its implications. Mr. Stern plays a central role in developing the U.S. international policy on climate change and is the President's chief climate negotiator. He represents the United States in all bilateral and multilateral negotiations regarding climate change, and participates in the development of domestic climate and clean energy policy.



#### David Cohen Discusses Role of CIA in National Security

David Cohen, Deputy Director of the CIA, visited the law school on March 7, 2016. Over the course of the day Mr. Cohen spoke at two law school classes and participated in a lunchtime event open to the entire law school community. Cohen discussed the role of the CIA in the national security and intelligence communities, and described some of the agency's more recent reform initiatives. He also spoke to a small group of students

interested in national security over breakfast, where he shared insights from his career trajectory and reflections on his work at the Treasury combatting the threat posed by illicit financial networks.

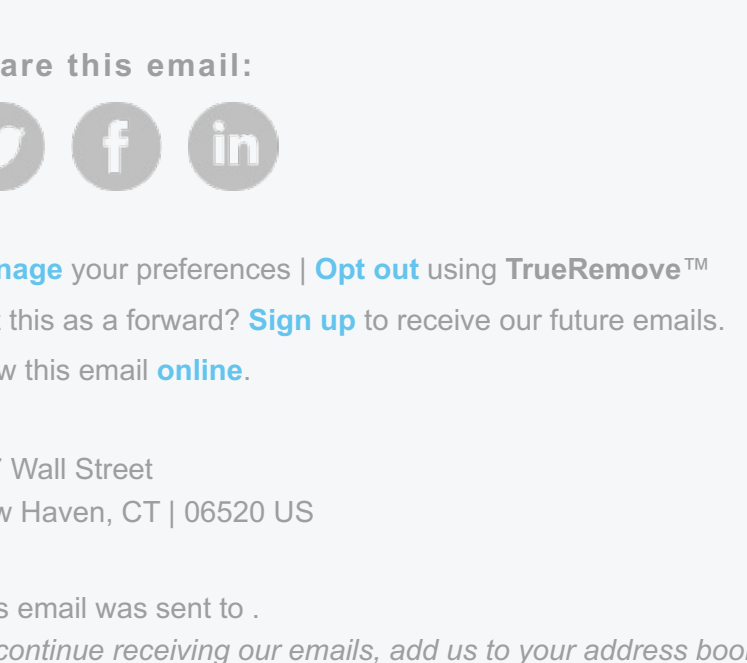
Cohen began his tenure as Deputy Director of the CIA in February 2015. Previously, he served as Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, a position he was confirmed to in 2011. As Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Cohen led the Treasury Department's policy, enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence functions that were aimed at identifying and disrupting the lines of financial support to international terrorist organizations, proliferators of weapons of mass destruction, narcotics traffickers, and other illicit actors posing a threat to our national security. He was also responsible for overseeing the Department's efforts to combat money laundering and financial crimes.

Cohen received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1989 and his B.A., magna cum laude, from Cornell University in 1985.



#### Lunch Talk with Nuala O'Connor

Nuala O'Connor is the President & CEO of the Center for Democracy & Technology. She is an internationally recognized expert in Internet and technology policy, particularly in the areas of privacy and information governance. Nuala is passionate about the ways technology and the Internet can be instruments of global free expression and individual freedom, and she is committed to finding policy solutions that affect real people. Nuala has experience in both the public and private sectors. She was the Global Privacy Leader at General Electric (GE), where she was responsible for privacy policy and practices across GE's numerous divisions. She worked at Amazon.com as Vice President of Compliance & Consumer Trust and Associate General Counsel for Data & Privacy Protection. And later, Nuala served as Deputy Director of the Office of Policy & Strategic Planning, Chief Privacy Officer and as the Chief Counsel for Technology at the US Department of Commerce, where she worked on global technology policy including Internet governance and industry best practices.



#### Panel Features Student Veterans Discussing Experiences

On February 23, 2016, the [Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges](#) hosted a panel discussion featuring Yale University's military veterans. The student veterans weighed in on a range of topics, providing the law school community with an "on-the-ground" perspective into various global challenges from their time in uniform. The Q&A covered the role of special operations forces in Iraq and Syria, the evolution

of the U.S. military's drone program, the debate over women in combat arms units, and the future of a U.S. counter-insurgency strategy in the 21st Century. The talk was moderated by Chris Haugh ('18), a former speech writer for the U.S. State Department, and the panel of student veterans included: Joseph Falvey (YLS '17, USMC), Ashley Anderson (YLS '16, USAF), Christopher Ross (SOM '17, USA), Elizabeth Verardo (Jackson '16, USA), Ryan Pearson (Yale College '17, USN), and Michael Kolton (Jackson '16, USA).



#### Ambassador Robert Ford visits the Syria Reading Group

Robert Ford, U.S. Ambassador to Syria from 2011 to 2014, visited a session of the Center-sponsored reading group on Syria. He answered student questions about his time in the country, and spoke about the nature of the Assad regime and the early protests, the role of Russia in the conflict, and U.S. strategic options moving forward. He also shared insights into the challenges of being an ambassador in a conflict country, and offered stories from his time in Syria, Iraq and Egypt.



#### A Conversation with Emma Sky

Emma Sky, former advisor to the Commanding General of US Forces in Iraq and to the Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, visited the law school for a lunchtime conversation with students moderated by Professor Oona Hathaway. Sky provided an overview of the current conflicts of the region, including a brief history on the rise of ISIS, before answering student questions on topics ranging from the Syrian conflict to the war in Iraq. She also discussed her latest book, *The Unraveling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq*.



#### Private National Security Lawyering with Amy Jeffress

Amy Jeffress joined YLS students for a conversation about the possibilities of working on national security issues as a private sector attorney. Jeffress is a partner in the National Security and White Collar Defense practices at the law firm Arnold & Porter. She also advises on government contracts, classified information and issues related to mutual legal assistance treaties. The event was co-sponsored by the Yale Law National Security Group and the Yale Law & Business Society.



#### A Conversation with Dr. Matt Spence

Matt Spence served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy from 2012 to 2015. He drew on this experience in the course of a lunchtime talk with law students and faculty. Topics of conversation included the conflict in Syria and international legal justifications for intervention, the challenges posed by ISIS, and U.S. strategy in the region.

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