



# Center for Global Legal Challenges

## E-NEWSLETTER

### **Apply to be the new Student Director for the YLS Center for Global Legal**

The Center for Global Legal Challenges is now accepting applications for the student director positions for the 2016-17 Academic Year. This is an opportunity not only to work with Professor Hathaway to build a new institution, but also to engage with leading international and national security law professionals.

**[Click here for application instructions](#)**

**Applications are due March 10.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Blashek or Sarah Burack.

### **Upcoming Events**



**Lunch Talk with David Cohen**  
When: March 7, 2016 12:00p-1:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building Room 128

Cohen was sworn in as the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency on February 9, 2015.

Prior to becoming Deputy Director, Cohen was the Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, a post he assumed in 2011 after being confirmed by the United States Senate. As Under Secretary, Cohen directed the Treasury Department's policy, enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence functions aimed at identifying and disrupting financial support to nations, organizations and individuals posing a threat to our national security. He also led the Department's efforts to combat money laundering and financial crime. From 2009 to 2011, Cohen was the Treasury's Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing. As Assistant Secretary, Cohen oversaw the Treasury's counterterrorist financing and anti-money laundering policy efforts.

Prior to joining the Treasury Department in 2009, Cohen practiced law in Washington, D.C. for almost 20 years. Immediately prior to joining the

Treasury, Cohen was a partner at WilmerHale, where his practice focused on civil and criminal litigation, the defense of regulatory investigations, and anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance advice. Earlier in his career, Cohen worked in the Treasury's General Counsel's office, was a partner at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, and clerked for a federal trial court judge.

Cohen received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1989 and his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 1985.

**[Click Here to Join David Cohen for a Breakfast Talk \(8 seats\)](#)**



**Lunch Talk with Todd Stern**  
When: March 9, 12:00p-1:00p  
Where: Sterling Law Building 128

*Co-sponsored with NSG*

Todd D. Stern is the Special Envoy for Climate Change at the State Department. Mr. Stern plays a central role in developing the U.S. international policy on climate and is the President's chief climate negotiator, representing the United States internationally at the ministerial level in all bilateral and multilateral negotiations regarding climate change. Mr. Stern also participates in the development of domestic climate and clean energy policy. Before joining the Obama Administration he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, where he focused on climate change and environmental issues, and a partner at the law firm WilmerHale, where he served as Vice Chair of the Public Policy and Strategy Group.

From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Stern advised the Treasury Secretary on the policy and politics of a broad range of economic and financial issues. Mr. Stern served as White House Staff Secretary from 1993 to 1999, and from 1997 to 1999, he coordinated the Administration's initiative on global climate change, acting as the senior White House negotiator at the Kyoto and Buenos Aires negotiations. Previously, from 1990-93, Stern served as Senior Counsel to Senator Patrick Leahy on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he advised Senator Leahy on intellectual property, telecommunications and constitutional issues.

After leaving the government, Mr. Stern was an Adjunct Lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Mr. Stern is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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**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.



**Lunch Talk with Ambassador Sapiro**  
When: April 11, 12:00p-1:00p  
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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.



**Lunch Talk with Catherine Aston**  
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.

### **Recent Events**



**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 &

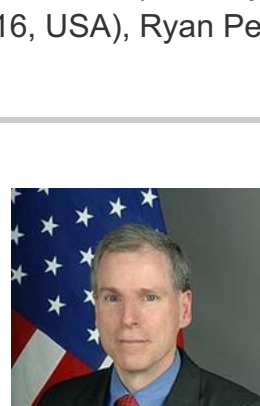
Consumer Trust and Associate General Counsel for Data & Privacy Protection. And later, Nuala served as Deputy Director of the Office of Policy & Strategic Planning, Chief Privacy Officer and as the Chief Counsel for Technology at the US Department of Commerce, where she worked on global technology policy including Internet governance and industry best practices.



**Panel Features Student Veterans Discussing Experiences**

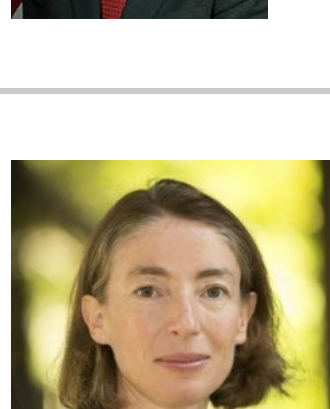
On February 23, 2016, the [Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges](#) hosted a panel discussion featuring Yale University's military veterans. The student veterans weighed in on a range of topics, providing the law school community with an "on-the-ground" perspective into various global challenges 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 U.S.

counter-insurgency strategy in the 21st Century. The talk was moderated by Chris Haugh (YLS '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).



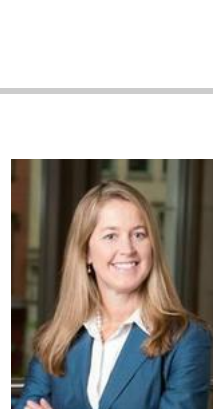
**Ambassador Robert Ford visits the Syria Reading Group**

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.



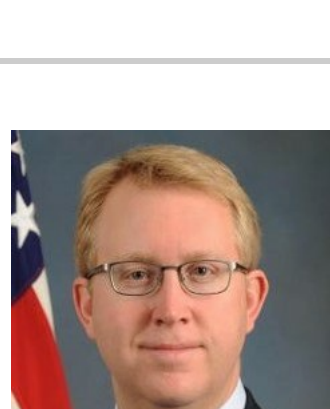
**A Conversation with Emma Sky**

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 & Portner. 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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For Questions about the Center or Press inquiries, please contact [Ann-Marie Cooper](#).

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