

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The highlight of the second quarter of 2004 was the Center's Intensive Course on Health and Human Rights. All Center faculty taught various sessions, as well as our friends from BU, Michael Grodin and George Annas. The level and quality of the eighty-five participants was quite remarkable. They came from a wide range of countries, including Peru, Dominican Republic, South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria Brazil, Pakistan and Russia. They represented major international institutions such as WHO and UNFPA, as well as leading NGOs, such as CARE and MSF, some at a significant level of responsibility. Participants provided invaluable feedback, which we will use to prepare for next year. We definitely plan to continue this course, which reflects one the priority goals of the Center, namely, to reinforce our capacity to offer high-quality training in health and human rights world-wide.

It was also an intensive period for regular teaching and advising, although faculty managed to participate actively in a number of international professional gatherings, including meetings of the American Society of International Law, the Population Association of America, Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Open Society Institute, and others, in addition to the extensive contacts each of the research programs has with a wide range of institutions.

The following report details these activities, beginning with our contribution to education and training, collaboration around Harvard and beyond, and publications. The remainder of the report covers the work of the three research programs.



*Stephen P. Marks, Director*

## CORE ACTIVITIES

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### At Harvard

##### Academic Courses

Professor Stephen Marks taught his class PIH 214D “Health and Human Rights in the International System” during this quarter. Justin Van Fleet and Jason Cunningham participated as Course Assistants. Mr. Van Fleet worked with Professor Marks on a series of case study simulations, which the students presented every class. The course received excellent reviews in the student evaluations.

In this period, Professor Jennifer Leaning completed the semester-long course People in War (PIH 250) and the session-long course Societal Response to Disaster (ID 205). Both of these courses were well-received by the students, earning ratings of 7.0 and 6.0-6.5 respectively (out of 7.0).

Professor Marks co-directed with Michael Grodin “The Intensive Course on Health and Human Rights” at the Harvard School of Public Health from June 21<sup>st</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup>. Professor Marks chaired the Scholarship Committee, which met on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> to select scholarship recipients from a pool of applicants. The course, a collaborative effort of Professor Marks, Michael Grodin, Professor Sofia Gruskin, George Annas, and Professor Leaning, consists of mixed plenary presentations and small group sessions taught by each of the faculty. Eighty-five professionals and students from eighteen countries attended the four-day course. Professor Marks taught the sessions on Basic Concepts of Health and Human Rights, Applications of the Human Rights Framework to Public Health Policies and Programs, Human Rights in Economic Development, How to Bring a Case to the United Nations, and Human Rights as a Transformative Strategy. Professor Gruskin’s sessions focused on Content, Means and Methods, Human Rights Approach to the Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Health Policies and Programs, HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and Vulnerability, and Skills for Putting the Linkage into Practice. Dr. Mindy Roseman assisted George Annas in his session related to reproductive rights and health. Professor Leaning taught Health and Human Rights Responses to Bioterrorism; Human Rights Strategies in Conflict and Disaster Areas; and Humanitarian Relief: Applying the Human Rights Perspective.



Photo: FXB Center

Group picture of participants in Summer Intensive Course, June 21-24, 2004

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks attended a Global Chat at which several students from his Winter Session course made presentations on their experiences in India, Africa, and the Middle East.



April 7<sup>th</sup> Global Chat: A student presents his Winter Session experience (Physicians for Human Rights) in Uganda.

### **Presentations and Guest Lectures**

**IN APRIL:** On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the FXB Seminar Series presented “India Shining” by Satchit Balsari and Jaskaran Kuar. Professor Marks introduced them to the audience of about twenty people.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning participated in a seminar on nation-building at the Kennedy School of Government.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a guest lecture entitled “Landmines: Practical Issues of Detection, Personal Protection and Treatment of Casualties” as part of the Humanitarian Studies Initiative field skills seminar series.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks gave a presentation on “Humanitarian Intervention” as part of Harvard College’s International Relations Week. About thirty people attended the session.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a guest lecture on research ethics in Deborah Prothrow-Stith’s course on Community Based Participatory Research.

**IN MAY:** On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the FXB Seminar Series presented “Reconciling culture, health and rights: The example of traditional practices harmful to reproductive health” by Dr. Corinne Packer, who is currently a Visiting Fellow of the International Health and Human Rights program at the FXB Center.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a lecture on healthcare in refugee camps to the Refugee Policy Group at the Kennedy School of Government.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning led a video conference training session on Surveillance and Epidemiology to healthcare workers in Maine. The training was coordinated by the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness.

**IN JUNE:** On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Professor Gruskin was invited by the Kennedy School of Government to chair and moderate a session at the HIV/AIDS in China conference. This 2-day event brought together a high level group of Chinese officials and others concerned with the response to the epidemic in China.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented training sessions on international humanitarian law and research ethics to recipients of the Third Millennium Foundation Fellowships sponsored by the Harvard University Committee on Human Rights.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Professor Gruskin spoke to the Harvard Millennium Fellows on HIV/AIDS and human rights.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a guest lecture entitled “Research in Vulnerable Populations” in Richard Cash’s summer workshop on Ethical Issues in International Health Research.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a guest lecture as part of the Harvard Business School’s Humanitarian Leadership Program.

From June 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning participated in a high-level expert meeting on Current Challenges in International Humanitarian Law. The meeting was sponsored by the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research.

### **Beyond Harvard**

#### **Presentations and Guest Lectures**

**IN APRIL:** Professor Gruskin participated in the Indicators for the Right to Health Workshop held at WHO from April 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> in Geneva, Switzerland. This invitation-only meeting brought together a small group of actors to try to reach consensus on the range of indicators of the right to health most useful for public health programming and for legal

accountability. In this context, Professor Gruskin presented and led the discussion around HIV/AIDS, and implications of this work for right to health indicators more generally.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Professor Marks participated in the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law in Washington D.C. He chaired a panel entitled “Shifting Norms in Public Health Law.” The presentation will be published in the ASIL proceedings.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Professor Leaning and Ms. Saira Malik participated in the Population Association of America meeting in Boston.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Professor Marks attended a conference on “Health Impacts on the Prisoners at Guantanamo Bay” hosted by the Boston University of Public Health. The Center co-sponsored the conference. He spoke on the human rights standards applicable to the detentions.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a guest lecture on “War and the Environment” at the Global Health and Security in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nuclear Age conference hosted by Physicians for Social Responsibility.

From April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Professor Marks participated in an Expert Meeting on Cultural Rights in Amman, Jordan. The Crown Prince Hanabin Talal, Interarts, and Rights and Humanity organized and sponsored the event. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks took advantage of being in Amman to meet with the President of the Arab Thought Forum and the director of the regional Human Security Network. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, he made a presentation entitled, “Cultural Participation: Respect, Protect, Promote and Provide.”

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning presented a lecture on humanitarian crises and human rights to students participating in CollegeCorps, a Boston-based program that places and funds undergraduate students to do volunteer work abroad.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks attended a “Cambridge Conversation with Ambassador Swanee Hunt and Charles Ansbacher.” The guest speaker was FXB visiting scientist Ms. Sheri Fink who spoke about her book “War Hospital.”

**IN MAY:** On May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning participated in a Global Strategy Meeting at the Open Society Institute in New York, NY.

From May 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Professor Gruskin traveled to Tanzania on behalf of UNAIDS to direct a 3-day workshop bringing together government officials, parliamentarians, service providers, and organizations of PLWHA to help them understand and work with the linkages between HIV/AIDS and human rights. Interpretation was done into Swahili, and the workshop focused primarily on approaches to issues concerning orphans and vulnerable children in the context of HIV/AIDS. The workshop was considered a resounding success and the high level engagement of government officials and UN system representatives promises that the work will be able to move forward according to the identified priorities.

From May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Professor Marks partook in the “Justice in Transition, Northern Ireland and Beyond” Conference at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Transitional Justice Institute, Oñati, Spain. As a panelist, he presented his paper, “Creating a Human Rights Culture: The Role of Local Knowledge in Cambodia's Difficult Transition.”

**IN JUNE:** Ms. Bonnie Shepard gave a presentation on “Young Peoples’ Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Arab States and Iran: Recommendations for Programs and Policies” on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Global Health Council Conference, Washington, D.C., based on the review of programs, policies and research that she led for UNICEF Regional Middle East North Africa office in 2003-2004. Approximately 50 people attended the presentation, which received high ratings in the conference evaluations. She gave a similar presentation on June 13<sup>th</sup> at UNICEF’s Regional Adolescent Network Meeting in Cairo, Egypt, and then participated in discussions over the next three days with UNICEF program officers on the implications of the review for their adolescent programs.

Professor Gruskin was invited to Atlanta on June 9<sup>th</sup> by the CDC to present a seminar on “Health and Human Rights: Concepts and Methods for Public Health.” Co-sponsored by the CDC/ATSDR Health and Human Rights Work Group and the Epidemiology Program Office, the seminar was well attended, bringing in CDC staff from a range of areas, and the discussion lively.

Professors Marks and Arjun Sengupta attended the Globalisation and Marginalisation: Implementing Human Rights Conference at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, Gotenburg University, Gotenburg, Sweden, from June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>. More information on this event is provided below under the Program on Human Rights in Development.

From June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Roseman was invited to participate in a high-level conference sponsored by the Inter-American Parliamentary Group and UNFPA on “Leadership as a Vital Tool Against HIV/AIDS: Caribbean Parliamentarians Fighting HIV/AIDS,” Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago. She presented a publication authored with Professor Gruskin and PIH student Laura Ferguson and moderated the panel on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. The publication “Re-negotiating the Relationship of HIV/AIDS to Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Observations and Developments,” (see below), was distributed.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks lectured in a course in New York for diplomats organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITSR) on the theme “Global Issues Facing the UN: Legal, Humanitarian and Political Perspectives.” He moderated a panel, “Responding to HIV/AIDS Epidemics.”

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks met with William J. Butler, President of the Paul D. Schurgot Foundation, to discuss follow up to the support provided by the Foundation to our project in Ghana.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Professor Leaning participated in the Humanitarian Impact Conference hosted by the Fritz Institute in Washington, D.C.

## **FXB CENTER COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

### **With NGOs and Other Institutions**

#### **AFXB**

##### **International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)**

Professor Marks remains on the board and the current representative of the New York Office.

##### **People’s Movement for Human Rights Education (PDHRE)**

Professor Marks continued to remain an active board member and on April 5<sup>th</sup>, he attended and chaired a board meeting in New York City.

### **At HSPH and Harvard**

#### **Faculty Affairs**

Professors Marks, Leaning, and Gruskin regularly attended PIH faculty meetings and general HSPH faculty meetings and other committees on which they serve.

Professor Leaning continued to chair the Harvard University Student Health Coordinating Board and the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault at Harvard. She also continued to serve on the HSPH Faculty Council. Professor Gruskin continues to serve on the HSPH Human Subjects Committee, the HSPH Committee on Educational Policy and the Working Group on Women, Gender and Health.

### **Working Group on Women, Gender, and Health**

In this period, Professor Gruskin served as Chair of the Working Group and she and Dr. Roseman both attended all meetings of the Working Group. As Chair in the period before graduation and the end of the academic year, a good deal of her work focused on assuring the completion of requirements for graduating students.

Dr. Roseman regularly attended WGH 207 (Advanced Topics) and made a presentation “International Health and Human Rights Standards: Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights for Adolescents,” on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Human Subjects Committee**

Professor Gruskin serves on the Human Subjects Committee for HSPH. There was an increase in submissions under review in this period, which resulted in a larger workload than usual. Professor Gruskin also continued to serve on the Human Tissue Subcommittee, which is working to revise HSPH procedures for repeated use of human tissue in research.

### **Committee on Educational Policy**

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on the HSPH Committee on Educational Policy. In this period, attention was focused primarily on approval of new administrative procedures for interdisciplinary concentrations and the process of review for existing degree programs.

### **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies**

Professor Gruskin continued to serve on the Advisory board of both the Center’s Policy Committee and its Brazilian Studies Committee.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

### **Health and Human Rights: An International Journal**

In this period, a great deal of effort went into trying to conclude the work on the sexuality, health and human rights issue of the journal. Professor Gruskin and Mr. Mark Hancock, in close collaboration with co-editors of this issue Ali Miller and Carole Vance, worked to prepare the issue for publication. In addition to two editorials, one authored by Professor Gruskin and the other by Ali Miller and Carole Vance, the articles and commentaries include “Sexuality, Violence Against Women and Human Rights: Women Make Demands and Ladies Get Protection,” by Alice M. Miller; “Bracketing Sexuality: Human Rights and Sexual Orientation--A Decade of Development and Denial at the UN,” by Ignacio Saiz; “(Dis)Continuities of Custom in Zimbabwe and South Africa: The Implications for Gendered and Sexual Rights,” by Oliver Phillips; “When Doctors Torture: The Anus and the State in Egypt and Beyond,” by Scott Long; “The Articulation of Rights Around Sexuality and Health: Subaltern Queer Cultures in India in the Era of Hindutva,” by Arvind Narrain; “Sexuality Scholarship as a Foundation for Change: *Lawrence v. Texas* and the Impact of the Historians’ Brief,” by Daniel Hurewitz; “Not Your Average Sex Story: Critical Issues in Recent Reporting on Human Rights and Sexuality,” by Cynthia Rothschild; “Prohibiting Sex Work Projects, Restricting Women’s Rights: The International Impact of the 2003 US Global AIDS Act,” by Penelope Saunders; and “Interrogating the Absence of HIV/AIDS Intervention for Migrant Sex Workers in South Korea,” by Sealing Cheng.

In addition, during this period, agreement was reached with Ralf Jurgens of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Justice Edwin Cameron of the Constitutional Court of South Africa to serve as co-editors with Professor Gruskin of the next theme issue of *Health and Human Rights*, tentatively entitled Emerging Issues in HIV/AIDS and Human Rights.

### **Perspectives on Health and Human Rights**

Work continued in this period to finalize the new Health and Human Right Reader entitled *Perspectives on Health and Human Rights* with Taylor and Francis as its publisher. This new book is intended to clarify the evolution of the relationship between health and human rights since the 1999 publication of the *Health and Human Rights: A Reader*. Professors Gruskin, Marks, Michael Grodin and George Annas finalized the format and content of the book. Mr. Hancock served as the assistant for the book's production. The book should be published sometime in late 2004 or early 2005.

### **Website**

The Center's website is constantly being improved. During the period under review, Ms. Amy Flick continued making regular updates to the site. Work began on updating the content of the Program on International Health and Human Rights and the Program on Humanitarian Crises and Human Rights.

## **STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Arrivals**

During this period, Ms. Tara Gingerich joined the Program on Humanitarian Crises as the Program Manager. Ms. Gingerich earned both a JD and an MA in International Affairs from American University in 1999. She has experience in corporate law as well as human rights, primarily in the field of election observation and election laws. Most recently, she served as Legal Advisor to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) election mission to Azerbaijan for the Fall 2003 presidential elections.

During this period, Ms. Lynn Martin was hired as the new Publications Coordinator and Assistant Editor of the journal. Prior to joining the FXB Center, Ms. Martin served as Communications Director for International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and Publicity Director for Infact. As a consultant with Martin/VanderLoop Associates, she provided editorial, writing, graphic design, fundraising, marketing, and event coordination for many NGOs and socially responsible businesses. Ms. Martin has a BA in English from the University of Lowell where she also covered women's sports reporting for the *Lowell Sun*. She has completed graduate-level course work in editing, writing, and graphic design, primarily at Simmons College and Northeastern University.

Also during this period, Mr. Jonathan Burton-Macleod and Ms. Lucilla Haskovec joined the Program on International Health and Human Rights as summer interns. Ms. Bianca Sepulvéda joined the Program on Humanitarian Crises as a summer intern at the end of this period. The Program on Human Rights in Development welcomed two new colleagues. Ms. Moira Chiong joined the Right to Development Project after a two-year stint at the World Bank and Ms. Sara Greenberg, who holds a masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, took over responsibilities of coordinating the RTD research program. The Center was also pleased to welcome Ms. Michele Norman Welshhans, who will join the International Health and Human Rights program as a staff assistant; she comes to us from the Graduate School of Design, and before that, as staff assistant at Partners in Health, at the Harvard Medical School.

### **Departures**

Mr. Mark Hancock left his position at the International Health and Human Rights program after several years of wonderful service. He will be attending Stanford Law School in the autumn 2004.

During this period, Ms. Jenna LeMieux left her position as Program Manager of the Program on Humanitarian Crises in order to pursue an MBA at Harvard Business School.

Ms. LeMieux worked at the FXB Center for over three years and was instrumental in the creation and growth of the Program on Humanitarian Crises.

Ms. Suganthi Narayanasamy left her position as research assistant to the Right to Development program in June to return to Singapore, where she is getting married. Staff held going away parties for Mr. Hancock, Ms. LeMieux, and Ms. Narayanasamy, whose services will be greatly missed.

## PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The International Health and Human Rights Program finalized its strategic planning exercise to help assure a reasoned approach to future growth and development and published its biannual report summarizing the Programs accomplishments of the past 2 years. All program staff participated in these efforts

### LINKAGES AND PARTNERSHIPS: HSPH AND HARVARD

#### **Enhancing Care Initiative (ECI)**

This project is jointly carried out by the Harvard AIDS Institute, the FXB Center, other entities within Harvard, and counterpart institutions in Brazil, Senegal, Thailand, South Africa and Puerto Rico. Professor Gruskin, along with Ric Marlink of the Harvard AIDS Institute, is co-PI of the Initiative. She supports management of the Initiative and works with each of the teams to ensure consistency in research and integration of human rights and gender concerns into their work.

In this period, Professor Gruskin worked extensively on two ECI documents to be finalized for wide distribution at the 2004 XIV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok. The first is the ECI Monograph summarizing the five years of research by each of the teams. The second is called "Multisectoral Collaborations to Improve HIV and AIDS Care in Resource-Poor Settings: Forming and Sustaining Effective Care Teams." Professor Gruskin worked diligently with HSPH student Kelly Safreed Harmon to revise various drafts of this document. The document includes a section on what "multisectoral" really means, a section on developing new relationships across sectors, a section on managing relationships over time, and a section on transitioning to post-project relationships. This publication will bring attention to the lessons learned thus far about team building and what is needed to forge a common agenda for improving HIV and AIDS care.

In addition, work focused on finalizing the contents of the five poster presentations accepted for the Bangkok conference, which summarize a range of issues relevant to each of the teams, and preparations for the team meetings scheduled to take place in Bangkok. In particular, efforts are underway to support the teams in preparing submissions to the AJPH for a special issue scheduled for February on "learning by doing."

Also in this period, work began towards the building of a potential ECI to be based in Colombia.

#### **The HIV/AIDS Public Policy Training Project**

The Program continued to participate in the "HIV/AIDS Public Policy Training Project in Asia" run by the Center for Business and Government at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The Program has been working with the Center on their program in China, "HIV/AIDS Public Policy Training Program," but in this period agreement was reached that

the course would also run in Vietnam in the coming year. This training program is intended to be an executive training course for national, provincial, and local government officials in the Asian region to promote leadership roles supported by knowledge for an effective response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### **Center for Population and Development Studies**

Dr. Roseman, as convener of a Group on Reproductive Health and Rights, facilitated a number of seminars and discussions. Invited guests during this quarter included: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Carmen Barroso, *Regional Director of IPPF/WHO* and former director of the Population and Reproductive Health programs at the MacArthur foundation; April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Professor Mahmoud Fathalla, OB-GYN, Chair of the WHO Advisory Committee on Health Research, and former Dean of the Medical School at Assuit University, Egypt; April 29<sup>th</sup>, Marge Berer, Editor-in-Chief, *Reproductive Health Matters*; and May 5<sup>th</sup>, Alan Hill, Professor in the Department of Population and International Health, HSPH.

### **FXBC Children's International Health and Rights Group**

Dr. Roseman is also beginning work to launch a new FXB Center initiative on children's rights and health. The Children's International Health and Rights group is intended to provide a catalyst for in-depth dialogue to examine the conceptual underpinnings of child health and rights internationally, as well as the implications for policy and public health practice. The objective of the group is to provide a forum for discussion and synthesis of information and materials related to the children's international health and rights in practical, as well as theoretical, context.

Meetings are intended to build a small network of academics and fellows interested in children's and adolescent's health and rights (understood broadly), and stimulate interest in the Harvard community about these issues. Members of the group are encouraged to use meetings to present works in progress or readings for discussion. In addition to monthly meetings, outputs of the group might be publication of working papers, and holding of a public colloquium on relevant topics. A list serve will be established so members can share important news and keep each other aware of the developments in the field.

## **LINKAGES AND PARTNERSHIPS: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

### **UNAIDS**

The Program continues to work extensively with UNAIDS.

In addition to work surrounding the Tanzania workshop mentioned earlier, Program staff continued to work extensively on matters related to the Global Reference Group on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. The Reference Group serves as an advisory body to UNAIDS and covers a broad range of issues related to HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. Professor Gruskin serves as the Group's Chair and Ms. Shahira Ahmed serves as the Group's program manager.

During this period, and number of projects were concluded and preparations for the fourth meeting of the Reference Group began. An agenda for the meeting was drafted and shared with the UNAIDS secretariat. Preparations were also made to coordinate informal meetings for members at the upcoming XV International AIDS Conference. In this period, work also continued on the annotated bibliography, with another 50 references added.

### **WHO**

The program continues its collaboration with various departments of WHO. Professor Gruskin remains an External Advisor on Health and Human Rights for the organization, which entails offering substance and technical assistance when requested.

In this period, in addition to the indicators work mentioned earlier, several activities took place. These include:

- Dr. Roseman and Professor Gruskin worked extensively with the Department of Reproductive Health and Research to finalize the tool, the project for integrating a human rights approach into national efforts towards reducing maternal mortality. The tool is currently being field tested in Mozambique, and will soon be engaged in Indonesia and Brazil. In addition, as mentioned earlier, PIH student Laura Ferguson will spend the summer in Mozambique, assisting their efforts and also helping us track potential difficulties in its day-to-day application;
- Discussions with the Child and Adolescent Health department as to adaptation of the priority setting tool drafted for RHR to the needs of CAH, as well as the potential for other projects;
- The Program worked with the Department of Gender and Women's Health on the project to prepare a handbook for WHO country representatives on using the UN treaty monitoring body system at country level in their work. Dr. Roseman finished a draft of the handbook and it is currently being reviewed.
- Professor Gruskin conducted an external review for the department of Essential Medicines of a document intended for public distribution on the use of national legal systems for accessing needed drugs and treatment.

#### **USAID**

Professor Gruskin and Dr. Roseman, along with Professor Marks and Ms. Pippa Amick, continued to discuss plans with USAID to offer another training on health and human rights as well as a capacity building component in late 2004 or early 2005.

#### **NIH**

In this period, Professor Gruskin agreed to serve on a review panel for NIH focused on social science research on HIV/AIDS. She traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the meeting and found the experience extremely useful.

#### **UNICEF, Middle East and North Africa Regional Office**

Ms. Shepard and her co-author, Jocelyn DeJong, completed work on the review of Young People's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the MENA Region. They responded to the second round of comments, and delivered all products by May 30<sup>th</sup>, to be presented at regional conferences in June, July, and in 2005. The total review includes 10 products: an executive summary, a policy report, recommendations, situation analysis, a synoptic data table, an international human rights system review, a review of the international evidence on sexual and reproductive health programs for young people, a bibliography, and four PowerPoint presentations.

#### **UNICEF, The Americas and Caribbean Regional Office**

Ms. Shepard began a contract this quarter to conduct a situation analysis of adolescent health and development in the region. The analysis consists of a literature review on a variety of topics, an analysis of adolescent participation in UNICEF programs in the region, and a review of human rights issues related to adolescent health and development in eight countries, based on information from the CRC and CEDAW treaty bodies and from national legal databases. HSPH MPA students Laura Ferguson and Marcy Levy, and doctoral student Amy Nunn, assisted her on the literature review.

#### **UNFPA**

Ms. Shepard completed her consultancy for UNFPA's Strategic Planning Office (March-June 2004) to produce conceptual notes and planning tools on UNFPA's main program strategies,

within a framework of capacity development. She received very favorable feedback on the quality of the products from the contracting officer. UNFPA headquarters staff are discussing the drafts in July and August.

## **LINKAGES AND PARTNERSHIPS: NGOS AND FOUNDATIONS**

### **XV International AIDS Conference**

Professor Gruskin continued to serve on the Scientific Program Committee.

Four abstracts submitted by the Program to the XV International AIDS Conference (IAC), were accepted. These include three poster presentations: 1) UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: A human rights assessment; 2) The General Comment on HIV/AIDS and the Rights of the Child: How can it make a difference?; and 3) HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence: Linking advocacy at the grass-roots level. The fourth was accepted for an oral presentation: National HIV testing policies: Human rights considerations. In this period, preliminary and background research was done on abstracts, and several drafts of posters were completed by Program staff. Program's summer interns provided support in this process. Research and writing of papers for each of the posters was also underway. Final products will be up loaded on the Center's website.

In addition, work was completed on two draft questionnaires to be administered at the Conference, one to assess the impact of scaling up HIV treatment on HIV testing policies and the other on the linkages in the work done around HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence.

In this period, Program Staff finalized preparations for the trip to Bangkok. Informational materials on the Program were organized, presentations, posters, and questionnaires completed, and the itineraries for Professor Gruskin, Dr. Roseman, and Ms. Ahmed completed.

### **ICASO**

In anticipation of the XV International AIDS conference, ICASO contracted with the Program to produce a poster, entitled "HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in a nutshell." The objective of the poster is to provide NGOs and HIV/AIDS activists accurate and accessible information on the linkages between HIV/AIDS and human rights for advocacy, accountability, and programming. Dr. Roseman and Professor Gruskin produced the text; ICASO will design the poster and distribute it at the July conference in Bangkok.

### **ESTHER**

Professor Gruskin serves on the advisory board of the French government's Ensemble pour une Solidarite Therapeutique En Reseau (ESTHER). ESTHER's work is focused on ensuring access to ARV treatment to underserved communities in 10 developing countries. Professor Gruskin traveled to Paris in late May to attend the advisory board meeting. Discussions focused primarily on ensuring access for children, adolescents and women outside the context of MTCT.

### **FORD Foundation**

In this period, the project to foster exchange of information, lessons learned, and best practices between NGOs working in the areas of gender based violence, with those working on HIV/AIDS submitted by the Program was accepted. The goal of the project is to address the high association between violence against women, vulnerability to HIV infection, and the inability to access appropriate quality care and treatment. The South and South East Asia Region of Ford expressed its willingness to fund this work. It is anticipated that work on the project will begin in the region in fall 2004, but the Bangkok conference will serve as the springboard for the global launching of the project. Related to this project, Professor Gruskin was invited to a meeting in Washington DC in early June convened by WHO, PATH and the

Center for Women's Global Leadership to begin to map organizations working in this area within the US context.

**International Law Association**

In this period, Professor Gruskin was asked to serve on the Program Committee for the October 2004 ILA International Law Weekend. In addition to assisting in general conference planning, she has taken responsibility for the organization of two panels: One on issues at the margins of international health and human rights, the other on human rights issues in the Middle East.

**International Planned Parenthood Federation**

In this period, Professor Gruskin was asked to be the co-convener with CLADEM of the human rights track of the Global Roundtable Countdown to Cairo + 10 to be held in London in early September. This promises to be a watershed activity in ensuring the Cairo agenda remains a central focus of government action. The track will span all three days of the conference and work will include preparation of background materials to stimulate discussion, the invitation of speakers to relevant sessions, and overall coordination of the track input into the final conference product.

**Amnesty International USA**

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on Amnesty International USA's Task Force on HIV/AIDS. Established in 2001, this Task Force works to identify the policies, strategies, and resources needed to facilitate greater Amnesty International action on the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its human rights dimensions.

**Abortion Access Project**

Professor Gruskin serves on the Advisory Board of the Abortion Access Project and attended the Board's Spring meeting during this period.

**Our Bodies, Our Selves, Inc. (formerly Boston Women's Health Book Collective)**

Ms. Shepard continued to serve on the Program Committee and the Product Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

**Catholics for Free Choice (CFFC)**

In April, Ms. Shepard conducted a weeklong workshop for CFFC's Latin American partners to launch a new regional program supported by DFID's Civil Society Fund. With participants from four countries (Mexico, Colombia, Bolivia, and Brazil) and from the lead agency, Interact Worldwide, she led the group in making a final logic model with indicators, and in formulating regional and country work-plans. She then spent one day at CFFC headquarters in Washington, D.C., working with CFFC European representative on her results framework and reporting system.

**Center for Population and Development Activities (CEDPA)**

Ms. Shepard developed and led a fundraising course for CEDPA's country directors in Washington in April, working with colleague and veteran fundraiser Carol Wall. CEDPA senior management and fundraising staff also attended the course, which received favorable feedback from the participants.

**Kinsey Institute**

Professor Gruskin continued to serve on the Board of Governors at the Kinsey Institute.

### **South Africa Partners**

Professor Gruskin continued to serve on the Development Committee of South Africa Partners.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

In this period, Professor Gruskin revised her article entitled “Is there a Government in the Cockpit? A Passenger’s Perspective” for publication in the *Temple Law Review*.

Professor Gruskin, Dr. Roseman, and PIH student Laura Ferguson wrote “Re-negotiating the Relationship of HIV/AIDS to Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Observations and Developments,” which was published as a UNFPA/IAPG Brief (June 2004).

Professor Gruskin prepared the introductory editorial for the August issue of the AJPH entitled “Stalled on the Road to Reproductive Health.” The piece summarizes some current concerns in the area of reproductive health and rights.

Professor Gruskin drafted an editorial for the Sexuality, Health and Human Rights issue of *Health and Human Rights* entitled, “Keeping the Connections in 2004,” which introduces a range of controversies surrounding sexuality and rights in the current political climate and suggests attention to these issues must be maintained at all costs.

## **Peer Reviews**

Professor Gruskin reviewed and extensively commented on the MAP (Monitoring the AIDS Pandemic) report due for publication at the Bangkok AIDS conference on pressing issues of concern for the response to HIV/AIDS in the Asian region.

## **PROGRAM ON HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

## **COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Institute for International Emergency Medicine and Health/Fellowship Program on International and Disaster Medicine**

Professor Leaning continued to work with partners at Harvard Medical School and at Brigham and Women’s Hospital to coordinate and plan for the expansion of this fellowship program. Professor Leaning continued to work closely with this year’s fellows, advising them on academic issues related to their MPH studies at HSPH.

### **Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research**

Professor Leaning continued to chair the Advisory Committee for this program, which was launched in the fall of 2001 and is based at HSPH. During this period, Professor Leaning continued to work closely in an advisory capacity with the program’s director, Claude Bruderlein, on planning for the program’s current and future activities. Professor Leaning and Mr. Bruderlein also devoted attention to preparations for the course they will co-teach in

Spring 2005, which will be called “Humanitarian Protection in Times of Conflict: Legal and Policy Challenges.”

## With NGOs and Other Institutions

### **Physicians for Human Rights**

During this period, Professor Leaning traveled to Chad on a human rights investigation with Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) to examine the human rights abuses taking place in Darfur, Sudan. During the two-week investigation, Professor Leaning and a colleague traveled along the Chad/Darfur border, meeting with refugees and relief workers to learn what had caused them to flee their homes and about their journey to Chad; they also assessed the humanitarian situation facing the refugees. Upon the conclusion of the mission, PHR released a report outlining indicators of genocide that the PHR team found. Professor Leaning has since engaged in a flurry of advocacy regarding the unfolding genocide in Darfur, making numerous television and radio appearances and being interviewed for newspaper articles. With partial funding from the Program on Humanitarian Crises, a consultant was hired for six weeks during and following the mission to provide logistical support to the mission and to provide news summaries to PHR and the Program on Humanitarian Crises.

In addition, Professor Leaning remains an active board member of PHR and continues to advise the organization on policies and priorities. Professor Leaning maintains frequent contact with PHR staff as they seek her advice on human rights missions and other programmatic activities.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

### **Inter-University Initiative on Humanitarian Studies and Field Practice**

The Inter-University Initiative on Humanitarian Studies and Field Practice is a competitive program that allows eligible students from HSPH, MIT, and Tufts University to incorporate certain core requirements that focus on humanitarian studies into their individual academic programs. These requirements provide for a solid foundation in humanitarian studies, while the flexible curriculum allows students to concentrate on individual interests.

During this period, the third year of the program came to a close as students wrapped up their second semester and prepared for commencement. Several students solidified plans to work in a variety of settings and a few students secured funding for their summer placements. Professor Leaning, Ms. LeMieux, and Ms. Gingerich continued to meet with HSI students regularly in an advisory capacity.

The field simulation exercise was held in late April at the Tufts Veterinary Campus in Grafton, Massachusetts. The weekend-long field simulation of a humanitarian crisis served as a culminating experience, allowing the students to put into practice their academic learning from the year. In mid-May, HSI faculty and staff hosted a graduation ceremony at the Harvard Faculty Club. At the ceremony, students completing the skills seminar series requirement were presented with certificates of achievement. Three students graduated from the program and were honored with a special certificate for completing all of the program requirements.

At the end of May, the HSI faculty and staff gathered for a half-day retreat, during which a variety of issues related to the 2004-05 year—such as the curriculum, the application process, and the topics and speakers for the skills seminars—were discussed. Following that meeting, Ms. Gingerich and Ms. Neena Philip began preparations for the fourth year of the program.

### **Partition of India Project**

Activities this quarter continued to center on entering the large amount of demographic data necessary to analyze the migration and mortality from the period surrounding the 1947 Partition of India. Additional part-time help was hired during this period to facilitate this process, supported by funds from the South Asia Initiative of Harvard University. Entry of the entire set of identified data was completed in June, allowing the project team to proceed to the verification process as well as to the preparation of manuscripts and reports for peer-reviewed publications. One such manuscript, on selected results from the 1951 censuses of India and Pakistan on Partition-related migration flows, was written and will be submitted for publication.

In April, in conjunction with the Population Association of America (PAA) meetings in Boston, the research team convened a meeting of demographic experts on Partition in India and Pakistan. The team presented its demographic analysis on the Punjab and explored opportunities to further assess the humanitarian and social effects of Partition on the independent states of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. Also at PAA, Ms. Malik convened a meeting of researchers focused on demographic and public health matters in South Asia. This group plans to organize future meetings, arranged to coincide with PAA annual meetings, to allow colleagues from the region and internationally to network and share findings.

The research team continued to investigate and analyze data sources on the demographic and humanitarian consequences of Partition to shape the study's activities and planned manuscripts. The Program hired an intern for the summer who will research historical records documenting the humanitarian response to Partition. This work will contribute to the next phase of the research, a qualitative evaluation of the demographic and humanitarian consequences of Partition. During this period, Professor Leaning also learned that she was awarded a grant from the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.

### **Harvard Center for Public Health Preparedness**

During this period, Professor Leaning and Ms. Rebecca Orfaly continued work with the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness (HSPH-CPHP). The primary project was the Train-the-Trainer program in Maine, through which the HSPH-CPHP is responsible for developing a series of preparedness curricula over the course of the next year. During this period, the Scientific Core, under Professor Leaning's leadership, developed additional curricula on Communications Systems & Equipment, Epidemiology & Surveillance, and Legal Issues in Public Health Emergencies and delivered presentations on these topics to diverse audiences in Maine.

Professor Leaning and Ms. Orfaly began plans to expand the public health preparedness course offerings at HSPH; in addition to HSPH course ID287—Bioterrorism: Preparedness & Response—they hope to introduce one or more new courses in the 2004-2005 academic year. Together with the other members of the scientific core, they also wrote an article on HSPH's integration of academia and practice in preparedness training for submission in a peer-review journal.

During this period, Professor Leaning and Ms. Orfaly also contributed to the HSPH-CPHP's preparation and submission of a federal grant application.

### **Project on Human Security**

During this period, Professor Leaning and Ms. Gingerich continued work with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on a project related to Human Security. The consultant who had been sent to Sudan with partial funding from the Program on Humanitarian Crises to conduct a protection assessment completed her assessment and prepared an excellent and thorough report. Based on the findings in the report, Professor Leaning and Ms. Gingerich have held discussions with the IRC regarding future research

and collaboration on critical issues arising in the context of the large-scale migration that is beginning to occur in Sudan and will likely accelerate as the peace process is finalized between the largely Muslim North and the largely Christian and animist South.

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## **PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPMENT**

### **RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (RTD) PROJECT**

Since 2001, the Right to Development Project has been working closely with teams in seven countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Mali, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. These research teams have assessed the realization of the right to development, with a special focus on the rights to food, health, and education, and identified opportunities to enhance these rights. The project, funded by the Government of the Netherlands, supports the mandate of the Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Professor Arjun Sengupta, who is also a Visiting Scientist at the FXB Center. The project is reaching its final stage and significant progress has been made toward the completion of the seven country studies in this period. The studies significantly enhance the dialogue on the right to development and provide practical, specific recommendations for the integration of RTD principles into development policy. As project directors, Professors Sengupta and Marks oversee the studies.

#### **Collaborations and Partnerships:**

Communication has continued with UNESCO, regarding the planned seminar on "Poverty as a Violation of Human Rights," which Professors Marks and Sengupta have been asked by UNESCO to host at Harvard. The seminar will bring together some 20 leading economists to reflect on the significance and practical implications of the proposition that poverty is or involves human rights violation. One of the principal purposes of the seminar is to gain the perspective of leading economists on economic theories of poverty as they relate to human rights. The seminar will take place in late 2004 or early 2005.

On the occasion of his participation at the "Expert Meeting on Cultural Rights" in Amman, Jordan, in April, Professor Marks met with the General Director of the Regional Human Security Center who expressed interest in a possible collaboration with the Human Rights in Development program.

#### **Conferences:**

Professor Marks attended the World Forum on Human Rights, a UNESCO-sponsored event, in Nantes, France, May 16-19<sup>th</sup>, and delivered a paper on "Poverty as a Violation of Human

Rights,” which was one of the main themes of the conference. The paper discussed the right to development as a strategy for the eradication of extreme poverty.

Professors Sengupta and Marks attended the Conference on Globalization and Marginalization in Göteborg, Sweden, from June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Göteborg University’s Centre for the Study of Human Rights. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Professors Marks and Sengupta were panelists in a Rights-Based Development Session entitled "Challenges for the Implementation of the Right to Food and Right to Health for Vulnerable Groups". On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Professor Marks participated in the panel, "Giving substance to Rights-Based Development: Summing Up the Discussion."

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