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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Professor Stephen P. Marks,
Director

The final quarter of 2004 was a busy and productive one for the FXB Center. Faculty were engaged in teaching four HSPH courses plus giving numerous guest lectures at Harvard and around the world. Center faculty also received a few honors, such as the Humanitarian Rose Award, which Professor Jennifer Leaning received from the People's Princess Charitable Foundation in London for her human rights work. Professor Sofia Gruskin traveled to Brazil to concretize efforts to bring rights-based effort into their HIV/AIDS programming work, and Professor Stephen Marks and Professor Arjun Sengupta were part of a high-level task force of the UN in Geneva on development.

Among the flurry of activities during the period under review, two salient sets of undertakings are noteworthy. The first is the Center's enhanced role in public outreach. Three public FXB seminars were offered, two of which related to Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in dealing with health and human rights problems in the occupied territories, and the third was a talk by our former director and Center associate Dr. Daniel Tarantola on current dilemmas in health and human rights.

An innovation in reaching the community of scholars was the launching of our new Harvard Series on Health and Human Rights, distributed by Harvard University Press. This series will contain tools for research and scholarly writings on critical issues linking health and human rights.

The second salient feature is the launching of the Children's Rights and Health Initiative, which was announced in the previous quarterly report as one of the four core focus areas of the Center's strategic plan. We are delighted with the auspicious beginnings of this activity and expect to grow in the coming years.

The staff increased with the addition of Ms. Catlin Rockman, who joined us full-time after having contributed invaluable work in a consulting capacity on the journal and Center publications. A warm welcome to Catlin!

CORE ACTIVITIES

Education and Training at Harvard

ACADEMIC COURSES

Professor Stephen Marks taught PIH 288, “Issues in Health and Human Rights,” during the second quarter of this school year. A current student, Laura Ferguson, provided outstanding teaching assistance in the implementation of this course. **Mr. Jason Cunningham** served as the course assistant and primarily coordinated the guest speakers and a video conference. On October 28 the class had a visiting lecture via video conference from the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, Paul Hunt. The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) sponsored a special session at the UN headquarters in New York where Paul Hunt addressed government officials and NGO representatives while the class observed and asked questions via video. **Professor Marks** moderated the session in New York in the presence of a packed conference room of UN diplomats and NGO representatives. Other guest speakers in the course included **Dr. Mindy Roseman** who spoke on “The Right to Marry and Found a Family” and situated this topic in the context of public health, covering contemporary issues such as abstinence-only policies, sexual education, and engaging students in a role play.

Ms. Sarah Greenberg, under **Professor Marks’** supervision, coordinated the Winter Session course on “Field Experience in Health and Human Rights” (PIH 268). She organized the process of student selection and pairing each student with a particular organization in the field. Of the 16 students enrolled in the Winter Session in Health and Human Rights, six are participating in Professor Lucie White’s (Harvard Law School) program, a right to health initiative in Ghana in conjunction with the Legal Resources Centre in Accra. The remaining 10 are pursuing field experiences at sites including Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti, Physicians for Human Rights in Uganda, Doctors for Global Health in El Salvador and the Association François-Xavier Bagnoud in Uganda. During this quarter, **Professor Marks** and **Ms. Greenberg** met on 12 separate occasions with individual students to provide information and assistance in matching the NGO and country to the particular student’s interest. The students also met as a group for two health and human rights training sessions, directed by **Professor Marks**, prior to leaving on their field experiences.

Professor Sofia Gruskin finished teaching PIH 218 “Health and Human Rights: Concepts and Methods for Public Health.” The course received a high overall rating from students, which was noted by the Committee on Educational Policy and a personal note of congratulations was included from the chair of the CEP.

Professor Jennifer Leaning co-taught a freshman human rights seminar at Harvard College with Jacqueline Bhabha that was attended by 11 students. **Professor Leaning** also taught the new course Field Skills for Humanitarian Studies I (PIH 511), which was created based on the seminar series that was part of the Humanitarian Studies Initiative. Ten students from Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), Tufts, and MIT took this course for credit.

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

In October

Dr. Roseman lectured on “International Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights” in the Harvard Medical School (HMS) course on “Medicine and Human Rights” taught by Professor Eisenberg. The students — many of whom asked questions and expressed interest in the subject — engaged in a lively discussion of current issues and problems in sexual health.

On October 6, **Professor Marks** presented on “Development and Human Rights” to a packed house for the Global Chat lecture series. Organized by HSPH students, the Global Chat series hosts a weekly seminar.

On October 7, **Professor Leaning** presented a guest lecture on complex humanitarian emergencies in Richard Cash's course "Issues in Globalization of Health."

On October 13, **Professor Marks** attended the Dean's Lecture Series seminar. David Altshuler gave the Special Distinguished Lecture on the "Human Genome."

On October 29, **Professor Leaning** presented a lecture on war and public health as part of the HSPH Leadership Council meeting.

In November

On November 10, **Professor Leaning** presented a satellite training broadcast on population movement on behalf of the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness. In attendance were Maine public health professionals.

On November 17, **Professor Leaning** presented a guest lecture on the environmental health consequences of war as part of Howard Hu's HSPH course entitled "Introduction to Environmental Health."

On November 18, **Professor Leaning** presented a guest lecture on the topic of international practice and human rights issues as part of Howard Koh's HSPH course on the theory and practice of public health.

On November 23, **Professor Leaning** presented a guest lecture on health and human rights for Mary Jo Good's Harvard Medical School Seminar on Global Health Equity.

In December

Professor Gruskin was invited by the HSPH Division of Public Health Practice to speak as part of their monthly lunchtime seminar series centered around the theme of "Public Health Practice Across Disciplines." She was introduced by Howard Koh, the head of the Division and spoke on "Health and Human Rights: What Every Student Needs to Know." The group of approximately 100 attending students asked many questions and showed a keen interest in the subject matter, especially in the practical implications of human rights for their current and future work.

Professor Gruskin was a guest lecturer in Professor Saidi Kapiga's HSPH class, "The Frontiers of Knowledge in HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Research." Her lecture was called "AIDS and Human Rights: Case Study on HIV Testing." Students participated in an engaging discussion about current trends and the importance of human rights in the HIV/AIDS context.

Dr. Roseman presented at the final semester meeting of Harvard Students for Choice at the Adams House. Her lecture on the US foreign policy in relation to sexual and reproductive rights and health was attended by 17 undergraduate students. They were eager to learn about the scope of authority that the US executive branch has in matters pertaining to reproductive rights. Many students asked questions about internships and possible career choices and discussed other ways of contributing to international health.

On December 2, **Professor Leaning** presented a seminar entitled "Applying the Genocide Convention: The Case of Darfur" at the Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

On December 4, **Professor Marks** gave a lecture on "Terrorism and Human Rights" to the Harvard Alumni Association at the Harvard Club in Boston. Several hundred alumni attended his lecture, which was one of four given by faculty at this annual event.

On December 10, **Professor Leaning** presented a seminar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs entitled "Humanitarian Protection: The Crisis in Sudan."



Rogaia Abusharaf at the panel discussion "Crisis in Darfur" at the FXB Center in December.



Professor Leaning and Alex de Waal also participated in the panel discussion "Crisis in Darfur."

On December 14, **Professor Leaning** and FXB Center fellows **Rogaia Abusharaf** and **Alex de Waal** participated in a panel discussion entitled "Crisis in Darfur: What Are the Issues and What Can Be Done Now?" The discussion was co-sponsored by the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Africa Health Forum, Darfur Action Group, and Committee for African Studies all based at Harvard, and Physicians for Human Rights based in Boston.

FXBC CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS GROUP

One of the innovations of the Center's Strategic Plan, which was outlined in the report on the third quarter this year, was the creation of a core focus area in the Children's Rights and Health Initiative. This quarter provided the opportunity to get the Initiative off the ground. **Dr. Roseman** has been given responsibility to implement the initiative.

Dr. Roseman organized the first FXB Center initiative on children's rights and health lecture on the challenge to health faced by Inuit children and adolescents and how a rights framework could improve the situation. Several enthusiastic students and supporters of the FXB Center initiative attended the event in December. 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 group's objective is to provide a forum for discussion and synthesis of information and materials related to children's international health and rights in both the practical and theoretical contexts.

As previously mentioned, 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 publications of working papers and a public colloquium on relevant topics. A list serve will be established so members can share news and keep each other aware of developments in the field.



Dr. Tarantola presenting a lecture at the FXB Seminar Series in October, and Dr. Gruskin (seated).



Drs. Marton, Hasan, and Jarrar at the seminar "Health and Human Rights in the Holy Land" in October.

FXB CENTER SEMINAR SERIES

In October

On October 4, the FXB Center, in collaboration with Physicians For Human Rights, hosted Drs. Ruchama Marton, MD; Matani Hasan, MD; and Allam Jarrar, MD to present on "Health and Human Rights in the Holy Land: The Experience of Israeli and Palestinian Physicians." **Professor Marks** introduced the speakers to an audience of approximately thirty students.

On October 5, **Dr. Tarantola**, former Senior Policy Advisor to the Director General, World Health Organization, returned to the FXB Center. As part of the seminar series, **Dr. Tarantola** presented "Current Dilemmas in the Health and Human Rights Fields." The lecture was well attended and received excellent reviews.

On December 15, the FXB Center Seminar Series hosted Ms. Sarah Leah Whitson, JD, and Ms. Lucy Mair, MIA, to present "Razing Rafa," the recent report by Human Rights Watch on mass home demolitions in Gaza. Ms. Whitson is the Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division of Human Rights Watch and Ms. Mair is a Jerusalem-based Researcher in the Middle East and North Africa Division of Human Rights Watch.



Sarah Leah Whitson and Lucy Mair present "Razing Rafa," a Human Rights Watch report, at the FXB Seminar Series in December.

Education and Training Beyond Harvard

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

Professor Gruskin was invited by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in San Francisco, California, to present on “Children’s Rights and Child Health” at their annual meeting. She presented on using children’s rights as a framework for advocacy. The meeting was very successful and was attended by AAP members, physicians, health professionals, and students from all over the world. Many frank and important discussions about the current situation in children’s rights and health took place.

Dr. Roseman presented a lecture entitled, “Population Policy, Eugenics, and Human Rights: Thinking about Racism and Reproduction,” in a class on racism and human rights at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. Over 100 people attended. While most were undergraduates, a number of graduate students from Washington University, as well as faculty from the area’s universities, attended. The talk was well received and written about in the school’s newspaper.

Dr. Roseman participated in the Third International Conference on Urban Health at Northeastern University where she presented on HIV/AIDS and Women’s Rights in Africa. While she was one of thousands of participants at this international conference, she participated in the only explicit panel devoted to human rights.

Professor Gruskin was invited as one of few non-Australians to participate in the International Symposium on Human Rights in Public Health held in Melbourne, Australia. The symposium was organized by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne and the Department of Health and Social Development at Deakin University. In addition to her plenary presentation entitled, “Integration of Human Rights into Public Health Programming,” she presented on stigma, discrimination, and human rights considerations in HIV testing policies. The two-day symposium, which attracted international attention, focused on exploring the value of human rights for improving the health of marginalized populations. The symposium was well organized and provided a forum for the use of a rights-based approach in research and practice as it pertains to public health. Important contacts for future collaborations were made with representatives from universities in Australia and the region.

In October

Professor Leaning received the Humanitarian Rose Award from the People’s Princess Charitable Foundation in London, UK. The Humanitarian Rose Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals from around the world who have worked diligently to assist the less fortunate. **Professor Leaning** was nominated and selected for her work in the human rights field, including her role in founding Physicians for Human Rights. The award ceremony was held in the royal apartments at Kensington Palace. The primary beneficiary of the proceeds of the event was Operation Smile, an NGO focused on giving assistance to children in developing countries with cleft palates and other facial deformities.

Professor Gruskin was invited to a small, high-level meeting at Georgetown University on “Enhancing the Role of Academic Institutions in Confronting HIV/AIDS,” hosted by Professor Lawrence Gostin. This meeting was the first of its kind and brought together experts from each of the many US-based universities in the Northeast. She participated in an important discussion on how universities could contribute to the global struggle against the pandemic through teaching, scholarship, and engagement in public policy. Representatives attended from several universities (including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Hopkins), as well from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Institute of Medicine.

On October 6, **Dr. Michael VanRooyen** presented a lecture titled “International Humanitarian Assistance: The Emerging Role of Academic Institutions” at the New York Symposium on Humanitarian Assistance and Human Rights. **Dr. VanRooyen** is the Associate Director of the Humanitarian Crises and Human Rights Program.

On October 11-13, **Professor Marks** participated in several World Bank-sponsored meetings in Oslo, which are described in greater detail below under the Program on Human Rights in Development.

On October 16, **Professor Marks** spoke at the International Law Weekend, co-sponsored by the International Law Association and the American Society of International Law in New York City. He spoke on a panel entitled “Intellectual Property, Health, and Human Rights.” See more on this conference below under International Law Association.

On October 18, **Professor Marks** participated in the "Science, Technology and Human Rights" lecture series hosted by the MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice. He presented comments on "Human Cloning and Human Rights: Promises and Perils," a lecture by Rudolf Jaenisch. The MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice produced a recording of the seminar on a DVD.

On October 16-20, **Dr. VanRooyen** made three presentations at the American College of Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly in San Francisco, CA. The topics were "International EMS: Is it Really Different?," "International Humanitarian Assistance in Conflict and Disaster Zones," and "Evaluating the Tropical Traveler: Case Studies."

On October 26, **Dr. VanRooyen** made a presentation at McMasters University in Toronto, Canada, on the role of faith-based organizations in humanitarian operations.

In November

On November 9-10, **Professor Marks** actively participated in the 132nd Annual APHA meeting in Washington, DC. He was partially involved in the Human Rights and Public Health sessions and the Committee on International Human Rights business meeting. On the morning of November 10 **Professor Marks** went to the World Federation of Public Health Associations' International Leadership Breakfast.

On November 29, **Professor Leaning** presented a guest lecture on decision-making in times of crisis as part of Kathy Brinsfield's Boston University course on public health response to emergencies.

In December

Professor Gruskin was invited to Brazil by the US Center for Disease Control Global AIDS Program (CDC-GAP) to participate in activities focused around World AIDS Day. She participated in a range of meetings with government representatives, NGOs and academics and gave two formal presentations. The first presentation to the Brazilian National AIDS Program in Brasilia was entitled "Human Rights Perspectives on HIV / AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation," and provided a forum for discussion with members of the Brazilian National AIDS Program on ways to incorporate human rights concerns in their monitoring and evaluation activities. The second, to the National School of Public Health in Rio de Janeiro, was on the occasion of World AIDS Day and was called "Applying Human Rights to Global Public Health Evaluation." Both lectures were well received and many important issues were discussed as a result.

On December 3, **Professor Leaning** presented a lunchtime seminar entitled "Crisis in Darfur: Does How We Characterize It Influence How We Respond?" at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, MA.

On December 6 and 7, at the invitation of Theresa Heinz Kerry, **Professor Leaning** participated as a juror in the selection of awardees for the Heinz Awards in Pittsburgh, PA. The awards, administered by the Heinz Family Philanthropies, recognize outstanding individuals for their contributions in the areas of Arts and Humanities, Environment, Human Condition, Public Policy, and Technology, the Economy, and Employment.

On December 9, **Professor Leaning** participated in a private roundtable discussion and public forum on the situation in Darfur hosted by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

On December 13-17, **Professor Marks** and **Professor Arjun Sengupta** participated in a UN High-Level Task Force, described in greater detail below under the Program on Human Rights in Development.

On December 16 and 17, **Professor Leaning** participated in a site visit at Mississippi State University for a grant proposal on terrorism submitted to the Department of Homeland Security. Her presentation focused on the preparedness component of the proposal to be undertaken by HSPH.

FXB Center Collaborations and Partnerships at HSPH and Harvard

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UCHR)

The University Committee of Human Rights (UCHR) continues to play a large role in the interconnectivity of human rights centers within Harvard University. **Professor Marks** and **Professor Leaning**, both UCHRS members, attended two meetings on October 26 and December 10. At the December 10 session, scholarship grantees made presentations. UCHR's Scholars at Risk sponsored fellowship program had an event on October 27, which **Professor Marks** attended.

WORKING GROUP ON WOMEN, GENDER, AND HEALTH

In this period, **Professor Gruskin** served as Chair of the Working Group; both she and **Dr. Roseman** attended all meetings of the Working Group. **Dr. Roseman** has been appointed Chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee of WGH.

IT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Professor Marks continues to serve on the IT Advisory Committee Board and its subcommittee on instructional empowering and application through his participation in two meetings on November 17 and December 8.

HUMAN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on the Human Subjects Committee for HSPH.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Professor Marks continues to serve on the School's Disciplinary Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on the HSPH Committee on Educational Policy. She was elected Vice-Chair of CEP for this academic year, and attention for the year remains primarily focused on procedures for interdisciplinary concentrations and the process of review for existing degree programs.

DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on the Advisory Board of both the Center's Policy Committee and its Brazilian Studies Committee.

STUDENT HEALTH COORDINATING BOARD

Professor Leaning continues to chair the Harvard University Student Health Coordinating Board.

THE DEAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

Professor Leaning continues to chair the Dean's Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault at Harvard.

Faculty Affairs

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

In November, **Professor Leaning** was appointed to search committees at HSPH (for a professor of demography in the PIH department) and at HMS (for a professor in the Department of Social Medicine). She is also participating on the review committees of several faculty members at HSPH. She also continued to serve on the HSPH Faculty Council, attending meetings on October 5, November 16, and December 14.

FXB Center Collaborations and Partnerships with NGOs and Other Institutions

ASSOCIATION FRANÇOIS-XAVIER BAGNOUD (AFXB)

The Center continued its long-term association with AFXB through joint collaboration on the Winter Session Field Experience class directed by **Professor Marks**. **Professor Marks** and **Ms. Greenberg** met with the director Alejandro Haag and **Ms. Sara Greenberg** Sievers to renew this commitment on November 16, 2004. On December 28, **Professor Marks** met with the new CEO Bilg  O g n Bassani to discuss future collaboration on additional projects.

BOSTON CENTER FOR REFUGEE HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Marks continues to serve on the Advisory Board for the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights. On October 7, **Professor Marks** attended the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights Advisory Board meeting at the Boston Medical Center.

PEOPLE’S MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LEARNING (PDHRL)

On October 29-30, **Professor Marks** chaired a Board Meeting of PDHRL in New York City as part of PDHRL’s preparation for the General Assembly of the United Nations.

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION

In this period, **Professor Gruskin** served on the Organizing Committee for “Worlds in Collision? Intercultural Law and National Realities,” the International Law Weekend 2004 of the American Branch of the International Law Association. She worked on the conference generally and was responsible for two panels: one on issues at the margins of international health and human rights, the other on human rights issues in the Middle East. **Dr. Roseman** presented on using human rights to advance safe pregnancy based on the program’s work on the tool. Also on the panel were Ralf Jurgens and Alice Miller. A number of participants were very interested in the ways which we proposed for applying human rights to improving maternal and infant mortality. **Professor Marks** also spoke at the conference, making a presentation on “Intellectual Property, Health and Human Rights.”

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA

Dr. Roseman and Alice Miller will draft a background paper on the policy implications of Amnesty International work on reproductive rights. AI’s work on these issues has evolved piecemeal over the years and has been greatly hampered by the requirement to restrict research and campaigning to a strictly defined mandate. Like other human rights organizations, AI has yet to take a position on abortion and other reproductive rights concerns. The paper considers the state of international law and policy on reproductive rights, including termination of pregnancy, and lays out the potential policy positions it might take and the implications it would have for AI’s work. An expert meeting at the AI secretariat took place in December. It appears that further policy discussions are fast-tracked, an encouraging sign for the articulation of a reproductive rights policy.

In December, **Dr. Roseman** participated in two policy discussions on “full spectrum,” and on “reproductive rights” at the Amnesty International Northeastern Regional Meeting at Boston University. As AI’s mission now explicitly embraces economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCR), it is confronting new issues such as reproductive rights. **Dr. Roseman** is involved in drafting expert papers to the international secretariat and was invited to participate in a number of important discussions at the Regional Meeting. There was a frank and thoughtful discussion of issues such as whether an AI position in support of reproductive rights would help or hinder membership.

Professor Gruskin continues to serve on Amnesty International (AI) USA’s Task Force on HIV/AIDS. Established in 2001, the 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.

In December, **Professor Gruskin** was invited to present at a closed meeting of the International Executive Committee of Amnesty International in London, where she led a discussion of what AI’s role and priorities could be in addressing human rights in the HIV/AIDS context. Her presentation was called “Human Rights

Challenges in HIV/AIDS.” There was a great deal of enthusiasm during her presentation among the 25 participants, who later engaged in a question-answer session on Amnesty International’s past, current, and future role on HIV/AIDS and human rights.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Professor Marks attended the Human Rights Watch Advisory Committee meeting on November 15 in New York City. The Committee consisted of the Middle East and North Africa Division (MENA) of Human Rights Watch. **Professor Marks** extended an invitation to the head of the MENA division to be an FXB Seminar speaker and he set up a future meeting for possible collaboration.

On December 15, **Professor Marks** via phone, **Professor Leaning**, **Ms. Tara Gingerich**, **Dr. VanRooyen**, Tom Bossert and **Ms. Sarah Greenberg** attended a meeting, chaired by **Professor Leaning**, with Ms. Whitson and Ms. Mair from Human Rights Watch to discuss collaboration. Following the meeting, Ms. Whitson and Ms. Mair presented at the FXB Seminar Series detailed in the FXB Seminar Series section.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ISHR)

ISHR organized a special session on October 28 with Paul Hunt to discuss NGO representatives and government officials at the UN. **Professor Marks** moderated the event and broadcasted it via video conference to his class on “Issues in Health and Human Rights.”

Publications and Information

FXB BOOK SERIES — HARVARD SERIES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Marks negotiated with Harvard University Press (HUP) a new Harvard Series on Health and Human Rights to be distributed by HUP. With the assistance of **Ms. Lynn Martin**, **Ms. Rockman**, and **Mr. Cunningham**, we completed the first title in the series which the Center published as *Health and Human Rights: Basic International Documents*, edited by **Professor Marks**.

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PEER REVIEWS

Ms. Shepard reviewed an article for *Comparative Education Review*, edited by David Bloom of PIH.

Staff and Administration

ARRIVALS

During this period, **Ms. Rockman** joined the staff full-time as a designer, editorial assistant, and as Subscriptions Manager, working on *Health and Human Rights* and other Center publications. **Ms. Rockman** has freelanced as a graphic designer, a commercial photographic assistant, and in film and video production. She has a BS in Communications from Emerson College and an MFA from Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. **Ms. Rockman** is also a fine art painter, with over 20 gallery exhibitions to her name in the past 8 years.

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PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Collaboration 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-Principal Investigator 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 particular, efforts in this period were focused on strengthening the research efforts of the Puerto Rico team and working with each team to draft articles intended for publication in the *American Journal of Public Health* summarizing their results and “lessons learned.” Also in this period, work continued towards the building of a potential ECI to be based in Colombia.

THE HIV/AIDS PUBLIC POLICY TRAINING PROJECT

The program continues 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 China and Vietnam “HIV/AIDS Public Policy Training Program,” and in this period work proceeded towards delivery of the courses in 2005. This 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.

Collaboration and Partnerships with National and International Institutions

UNAIDS

The program continues to work with UNAIDS. Program staff worked extensively on matters related to the UNAIDS 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. Ahmed** serves as the Group’s Program Manager.

UNAIDS Secretariat on prioritizing lists of projects identified at the fourth meeting of the Group. It was agreed that work on the project to document the effectiveness of rights-based approaches will continue along two broad themes: 1) rights-based approaches, and 2) indicators that are human rights and/or human rights sensitive in relation to programming efforts.

UNAIDS has indicated that the focus should be on identifying positive examples of rights-based approaches. Some products to be pursued include: best practice guides, case studies, Dos and Don'ts, and, as a first step, an annotated bibliography. In November and December, research began on the annotated bibliography. An extensive search using various search engines initially for programs and efforts that explicitly apply rights-based approaches was begun. Best practice guides were also compiled to provide samples of how to present final products. The program will work over the next several months on putting together drafts. These will be presented for review and adjustment at the next group meeting.

One the second theme of indicator development, **Professor Gruskin** was invited to attend the Monitoring and Evaluation Response Group (MERG) held on October 25-26, 2004. At this meeting, **Professor Gruskin's** primary area of focus was the revisions of the UNGASS Core indicators, in particular the draft National Composite Policy Index Questionnaire to ensure close attention to human rights considerations. She provided a number of suggestions on the questionnaire and, to the extent possible, provided and raised concerns on other areas particularly around the indicators for programming in the area of HIV testing.

WHO

The program continues its collaboration with various departments of the World Health Organization. In this period, several activities took place. These include:

The database of health and human rights organizations, produced in collaboration with the World Health Organization is now available on both the WHO and FXB Center websites (~~<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/fxb-center/>~~ and ~~<http://www.who.int/hhr/databases/actors/en/>~~). The database contains information gathered from a survey of organizations concerning their structures and programs and is searchable either by country or specific health issue. The aim of this project is to present information on current sources of institutional experience and information in support of efforts to "mainstream" the consideration of health and human rights in national and international programs and policies.

Dr. Roseman and **Professor Gruskin** discussed next steps with the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) to finalize the tool, the project for integrating a human rights approach into national efforts towards reducing maternal mortality. The tool's field test in Mozambique began to be analyzed; the project will soon be engaged in Indonesia and Brazil. **Professor Gruskin** met with the RHR Department in Geneva to conceptualize a M&E framework for the project.

Dr. Roseman traveled to Brasilia to consult on using human rights to improve maternal and neo-natal health. The meeting was organized by the Brazilian Ministry of Health in conjunction with the World Health Organization. It was the first meeting in Brazil that field tested the Tool which has been developed over the past few years. **Dr. Roseman** joined Adriane Martin-Hilber and Ornella Lincetto of WHO to meet with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and PAHO officials over two-and-a half days. Meetings were very successful, and negotiations to launch in three of Brazil's states are going forward.

Discussions continued with the Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) Department about adapting the priority-setting tool drafted for RHR to the needs of CAH, as well as the potential for other projects.

The program continues to work with the Department of Gender and Women's Health to prepare a handbook for WHO country representatives on using the UN treaty monitoring body system at the country level in their work. **Dr. Roseman** finished a draft of the handbook, which is currently being reviewed.

NIH

In this period, **Professor Gruskin** was invited by the National Institute of Health (NIH) to serve as a reviewer on the Special Emphasis Panel, "Religious Organizations and HIV." The proposals focused on the engagement of faith-based organizations in HIV/AIDS efforts.

INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (UK)

The program, led by **Dr. Roseman**, with the assistance of student Laura Ferguson, completed the annotated bibliography on Children's Health and Human Rights for the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) on behalf of the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The bibliography puts together a short list of leading documents in child and adolescent health and human rights that are available online. This is to ensure that there is easy access to the information for those located in less well-resourced countries and institutions. The database is available on the IDS website.

UNICEF, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE

Ms. Shepard hired HSPH MS student Njoke Thomas as a research assistant on this project for the 2004-2005 academic year and is assisting with production of the final report on young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights in the region.

UNICEF JORDAN

In October, **Ms. Shepard** led the strategic planning workshop with seven divisions in the Ministry of Health, which resulted in a unified adolescent health three-year plan.

UNICEF, THE AMERICAS AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OFFICE

Ms. Shepard finished the regional situation analysis of adolescent health, development issues (education, violence, gender, substance abuse, juvenile justice) and participation, with recommendations on program strategy. As part of this contract, Harvard Law School LL.D. candidate Julieta LeMaitre completed an eight-country policy-study based on national legal databases and the comments of treaty bodies. In October, **Ms. Shepard** gave a presentation on the results to all of the programs in the regional office. As a result, the UNICEF Adolescent Officer is devising a program for the next three years based on the recommendations, in coordination with the Education and HIV Programs in the regional office.

Collaborations with NGOs and Foundations

ICASO

The “HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in a Nutshell,” booklet written by **Dr. Roseman** and **Professor Gruskin** in collaboration with International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), was completed. The booklet is a quick and useful guide for action as well as a framework to carry forward HIV/AIDS and human rights actions. The booklet is available on both the ICASO and FXB Center websites, and hard copies are being distributed widely. Efforts are currently underway to translate the Nutshell into French, Spanish, and Russian.

In December, **Dr. Roseman** was an expert participant at the ICASO consultation on the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS in Toronto, Canada. **Dr. Roseman** represented the program at the two-day meeting that brought together 35 people that internationally work on HIV in a variety of capabilities to talk about how the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS could be most usefully engaged. Some of the conclusions focused on incorporating NGO information into official government channels and conversely preparing alternative reports for presentation at the 2006 General Assembly meeting.

ESTHER

Professor Gruskin serves on the advisory board of the French government’s Ensemble pour une Solidarité Thérapeutique En Réseau (ESTHER). ESTHER’s work is focused on ensuring access to anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment to underserved communities in 10 developing countries.

FORD FOUNDATION

“HIV/AIDS and Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Linking Advocacy at the Grass-Roots in China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam,” is a project to develop and strengthen the linkages among those who work on issues of sexuality, HIV/AIDS and violence against women using a human rights framework. Working with partners in these four countries, the project includes intervention design as related to prevention, care, activism, and advocacy. In this period, work ensued on this 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. Having canvassed and identified researchers and groups that are working on these issues during the XV AIDS conference, **Dr. Roseman** began to synthesize the information and research and discussion and continued to approach collaborators in each of the four countries.

ABORTION ACCESS PROJECT

Professor Gruskin serves on the Advisory Board of the Abortion Access Project. A meeting was held in this period to introduce Advisory Board members to the new executive director and to discuss current areas of work.

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)

Ms. Shepard completed the final draft of a fundraising curriculum for NGOs after receiving comments.

In October, **Ms. Shepard** designed and facilitated a three-day working meeting on abortion law reform for advocates from the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The meeting took place in Mexico City and included 25 advocacy leaders.

In November, **Ms. Shepard** attended a two-day CFFC training course on communications and media relations for reproductive rights activists in preparation for writing a trainer's manual for the course in January 2005.

In December, **Ms. Shepard** designed and facilitated a working meeting on M&E for all of CFFC's Latin American partners involved in a three-year project supported by DFID's Civil Society Program, in partnership with Interact Worldwide. Program directors from Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, and Nicaragua took part in the meeting. Participants agreed on the final version of the logical framework for the project and developed several monitoring tools.

Also in December, **Ms. Shepard** led a five-day strategic planning workshop for CFFC's partner in Mexico, Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir.

KINSEY INSTITUTE

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

SOUTH AFRICA PARTNERS

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

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PROGRAM ON HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Collaborations and Partnerships at HSPH and Harvard

RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

During this period, **Professor Leaning** accepted an appointment as a senior adviser in international and policy studies at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. The three-year appointment will begin February 1, 2005. As senior adviser, **Professor Leaning** will join other faculty of the University who devote a portion of their time to Radcliffe Institute program development and administrative leadership. During this period, **Professor Leaning** attended meetings at Radcliffe on October 13 (staff meeting), October 20 (faculty meeting), and November 3 (faculty luncheon).

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND HEALTH/FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL AND DISASTER MEDICINE, BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Dr. VanRooyen and **Professor Leaning** continue to work closely with this program. In his role as the director of the Division of International Health and Humanitarian Programs in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the BWH, **Dr. VanRooyen** has oversight responsibility for the Institute and works closely with the fellows. **Professor Leaning** is the HSPH advisor to two of this year's fellows and, in that capacity, met with them regularly to discuss academic issues related to their MPH studies as well as career issues.

PROGRAM ON HUMANITARIAN POLICY AND CONFLICT RESEARCH, HSPH

Professor Leaning continues to chair the Advisory Committee for this program, which is based at HSPH. During this period, she attended an executive committee meeting in New York on October 12th.

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE, HARVARD COLLEGE

Professor Leaning has chaired this committee since its creation following her chairmanship of the Committee to Address Sexual Assault at Harvard (CASA). During this period, she chaired advisory committee meetings on October 20, November 17 and December 15.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH COORDINATING BOARD, HARVARD COLLEGE

Professor Leaning continues to chair this committee. During this period, she chaired meetings on October 28 (orientation for new faculty), November 1, December 3 (orientation for new faculty), and December 13.

HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

During this time, **Professor Leaning**, **Dr. VanRooyen**, and **Ms. Gingerich** held discussions and meetings with Dan Curran, Director of the Humanitarian Leadership Program, regarding areas of collaboration in humanitarian training and education.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ON AIDS

Professor Leaning is involved in this program and attended the first AIDS Frontier Seminar on December 13.

Collaborations and Partnerships with NGOs and Other Institutions

PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Leaning remains an active board member of PHR and continues to advise the organization on policies and priorities. **Professor Leaning** remained in frequent contact with PHR staff as they seek her advice on human rights missions and other programmatic activities. During this period, she attended the PHR board meeting on October 29.

Professor Leaning and **Dr. VanRooyen** met and conversed regularly with PHR regarding future research projects in Darfur, Sudan, and plans were made for a team including **Dr. VanRooyen** to travel to Sudan in January to conduct research on the destruction of livelihoods that has taken place and the use of livelihoods as an indicator of genocide.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE

During this period, **Professor Leaning** and **Ms. Gingerich** continued work with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on a project related to rule of law in Sudan.

INTER-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION (IUCIM) AND THE MELLON-MIT INTER-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ON NGOS AND FORCED MIGRATION

The Program on Humanitarian Crises is a member institution of IUCIM, which sponsors a seminar series, organizes workshops and conferences, and provides grants for faculty and graduate students (through the Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on NGOs and Forced Migration). **Professor Leaning** is a member of the Committee's steering group and sits on the executive committee of the Mellon-MIT Program. During this period, she attended IUCIM seminars on October 5 and November 30.

FEINSTEIN FAMINE CENTER, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Professor Leaning, **Dr. VanRooyen**, and **Ms. Gingerich** continues close collaboration with colleagues at the Famine Center.

OXFAM USA

Professor Leaning continues to sit on the board of directors and attend its meetings. During this period, she participated in a board meeting on October 16.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

Professor Leaning continues to be on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of this chapter of the Red Cross. During this period, she attended an annual meeting on October 19.

Project Developments

INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE ON HUMANITARIAN STUDIES AND FIELD PRACTICE

The Inter-University Initiative on Humanitarian Studies and Field Practice (HSI) 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, **Professor Leaning**, **Ms. Gingerich**, and **Ms. Neena Philip** worked on the continuing administration of the program. **Ms. Gingerich** and **Ms. Philip** coordinated the visits of guest lecturers in the Field Skills for Humanitarian Studies I course and began planning for the spring Field Skills for Humanitarian Studies II course. **Professor Leaning** and **Ms. Gingerich** communicated with HSI students and HSPH faculty and administration regarding overlapping MPH/HSI requirements. **Professor Leaning** and **Ms. Gingerich** met

with the students regarding their plans for field placements during the Winter Session and assisted a few students in finding placements. **Professor Leaning**, **Ms. Gingerich**, and **Ms. Philip** worked to solidify the spring curriculum, and **Ms. Philip** updated the HSI website with this and other information.

In December, the HSI steering committee invited Peter Walker, director of the Feinstein Famine Center at Tufts University, to join the steering committee, and he accepted. Also in December, the program was awarded a grant from MIT's Center for International Studies to create a listserv for the exchange of technical advice and information among humanitarian professionals arriving on the scene of a humanitarian crisis and humanitarian scholars. Work will now begin to create this listserv and get it up and running.

PARTITION OF INDIA PROJECT

During this period, the research team led by **Professor Leaning** learned that it was a finalist for the Weatherhead Initiative coordinated by Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. **Professor Leaning** and Dr. Sharon Stanton Russell of MIT made a presentation before the review committee on December 8. Soon thereafter, they were notified that they had been selected as a co-recipient of the grant. Plans were also made for **Professor Leaning** and Dr. Russell to make two trips to London in the spring to undertake research at the British Library on the humanitarian response to Partition. Work continues on two articles to be submitted to peer-reviewed journals.

HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH 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 during this time was the Train-the-Trainer program in Maine. The HSPH-CPHP is responsible for developing a series of preparedness curricula for public health and clinical personnel. The Scientific Core, under **Professor Leaning's** leadership, developed a curriculum on "Control of Population Movement During a Public Health Emergency" and delivered presentations on this topic to diverse audiences in Maine during this period. **Ms. Orfaly** participated in several planning meetings during this quarter with partners at the Maine Center for Public Health and the Maine Bureau of Health. Starting in February 2005, the HSPH-CPHP will expand the Train-the-Trainer program to include all divisions of the Maine Bureau of Health.

In December, **Ms. Orfaly** attended a conference on local emergency preparedness planning sponsored by the Maine Center for Public Health and the Maine Bureau of Health. Speakers included public health, emergency response, and medical personnel from Toronto, Canada, who shared lessons learned from their experiences responding to the SARS epidemic of 2003.

Additionally, the HSPH-CPHP has been involved in intensive planning of future training initiatives with state partners in Massachusetts. **Ms. Orfaly**, along with others from the HSPH-CPHP, met with all of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regional coordinators and health educators during this period to assess the preparedness training needs in each of the seven regions of the state. The HSPH-CPHP plans to roll out several new regional training initiatives during the upcoming calendar year, including a detailed preparedness checklist that regions can use to guide them through emergency planning at the local level. Other upcoming initiatives in Massachusetts include a large-scale emergency simulation exercise and a state-wide conference.

Finally, the consortium that applied for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant to fund a Center for Excellence in Behavioral and Social Aspects of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, of which HSPH is a partner, was selected as a finalist. **Professor Leaning** traveled to Mississippi in December to attend a site visit by DHS. At the end of the month, however, the team learned that it had not been awarded the grant.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF WORK

In the wake of the devastating hurricanes that hit the Caribbean and southeastern United States in the early fall, **Dr. VanRooyen** traveled to Haiti in both October and November. During the week of October 11, he traveled with Nancy Dorsinville of the Harvard Center for Population and Health Studies to meet with Haitian government officials and civil society regarding the post-disaster situation and relief efforts. Following the trip, **Dr. VanRooyen** prepared a report for USAID on these issues.

PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPMENT

RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Right to Development Project came to an end in December with a culminating grant report detailing the accomplishments of the Dutch-funded project, which spanned from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2004. The right to development studies from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Mali, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka were sent to the Dutch, with a selection of publications produced during the implementation of the grant and reports of the UN Independent Expert on the Right to Development — the position held by **Professor Sengupta** from 1998-2004 — for which research was conducted under the grant.

The project has significantly contributed to the clarification of the concept of the right to development and to the identification of strategies for realizing this right through national development policies of resource-poor countries and through international cooperation to help those countries implement sound policies based on the right to development. Where there was almost no sustained research on the right to development even in developed countries, the project established seven teams of local researchers in developing countries working on the topic. Staff are working to find funding to enable the teams to continue their work and to create similar teams in other countries to analyze a rights-based approach to development.

The Program on Human Rights in Development was the hub of the project, coordinating the research for the Independent Expert and the country teams. The program also established a permanent source of documentation and information, including a compilation of documents of the right to development since the 1950s and a website dedicated to the project (www.rightodevelopment.org).

Both **Professor Marks** and **Professor Sengupta** were appointed to the High-Level Task Force on the Implementation of the Right to Development, set up by the UN Commission on Human Rights. The objective of the Task Force is to provide the necessary expertise to the Working Group to enable it to make appropriate recommendations to the various actors on the issues identified for the implementation of the right to development. The Task Force is comprised of five experts nominated by the chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development in consultation with the regional groups of member States and representatives from the identified international trade, finance, and development institutions. They played a significant role in its session in Geneva from December 13 to 17, 2004. At the request of the chair, **Professor Marks** made a presentation on the origins, methods, findings, and follow-up plans of the Right to Development Project.

Collaborations and Partnerships

On November 22, **Professor Sengupta** and **Professor Marks** met with Naresh Singh, Director-General, Government and Social Development from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to discuss the possibility of funding FXB Center projects, including poverty-related initiatives and follow-up activities related to the RTD Project.

Conferences

On October 11, **Professor Marks** and **Professor Sengupta** participated in a workshop in Oslo, Norway, with the participation of the World Bank staff in charge of Social Analysis and Social Assessment. **Professor Sengupta** made a formal presentation on the right to development in relation to the social analysis work of the Bank and there was a positive response, with the cautionary acknowledgement of the relatively limited impact of social analysis in the Bank.

Professor Marks also participated in a second event organized at the Norwegian Center for Human Rights on “Human Rights, Equity, and Development.” He made presentations on “The Right to Development and Rights-Based Approaches: Conceptual Framework” and on “Sectoral Implications in Development: The Right to Health” at the Oslo Workshop. The event was sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and organized by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Development and the Environment.

Discussions continued with UNESCO, regarding the UNESCO project on “Poverty As a Violation of Human Rights: Economic Perspectives.” **Professor Marks** and **Professor Sengupta** were asked by UNESCO to coordinate the preparation of a publication containing essays by leading economists on the significance and practical implications of the proposition that poverty is or involves a human rights violation. One of the principal purposes of the project is to gain the perspective of leading economists on economic theories of poverty as they relate to human rights.

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