

As people move across borders due to conflict, economic disparities or environmental challenges, the intersection of human rights and immigration law becomes more complex.



The Immigration, Migration and Human Rights **Program** allows students to engage with these intersections and also explore the full range of opportunities available in the human rights and immigration fields, at home and abroad, through hands-on experiences and events.

Courses and extracurricular opportunities allow students to learn about the key legal and public policy issues involved in immigration and human rights, including international legal enforcement for human rights, political asylum, the impact of immigration on the economy and on national security, the role of nations and the challenges of building an effective immigration management system.

While the program directly serves students pursuing careers in immigration and human rights. it also enriches students in various legal fields by exploring connections to criminal, business, family and administrative law, as well as public policy, offering all students a more comprehensive legal perspective.

ALUMNI NETWORKS

The program maintains a network of recent graduates involved in human rights law. Current and recent employers include:

Center for

National Security

- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- Canadian Centre for International Justice
- Center for Constitutiona
 - Council for
 - Global Equality Iran-U.S. Claims

EarthRights International

> Freedom House

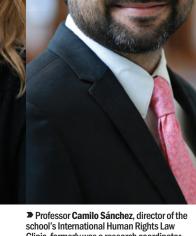
- Harvard Law Rights Clinic
- SECTION27
- U.S. Senate Judiciary and Armed Services
- U.N. Office of Legal Affairs

JOBS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UVA Law faculty mentor students on fellowship and career opportunities. The faculty, many of whom have worked abroad, also offer a significant networking resource for those interested in human rights work. Students working in the field have access to summer grants of \$5,000 (first year) and \$8,000 (second year) from the student-run Public Interest Law Association



➤ Professor Mila Versteeg's co-authored book, "How Constitutional Rights Matter." was awarded the nternational Society of Public Law prize for best book published in 2019 or 2020, and the Best Book Award from the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association



Clinic, formerly was a research coordinato of Dejusticia and associate professor at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Bogota. He has also served as an adviser to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and as a researcher at the

AND SEMINARS

Border Policy and Politics

Constitutional Law II: Survey

Liberties U.S. Refugee Crimmiand Asylum Law Semina gration: Intersection of Criminal and **Immigration** Law

CLINICS Immigration

Political

Race.

Human Rights Study Project International **Immigration Human Rights**

Policy International Human

Law and

Rights Law Law and Colloquium

Law and Public Service Law of Armed

Conflict

represent the 2022-25 school years. Not all courses are offered

Law Clinic

These courses

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▶ Professor Amanda Frost, an expert in immigration and citizenship law, is the author of the book "You Are Not American: Citizenship Stripping From Dred Scott to the Dreamers." Her scholarship has been cited by over a dozen federal and state courts, and she has testified before both the House and Senate **Judiciary Committees.**

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC

clinic offers students practical experience in human rights advocacy in collaboration with human rights lawyers and nongovernmental organizations in the United States and abroad.

CLINIC STUDENTS have worked on projects in the following areas:

Reparations for slavery and other historical iniustices

Deprivation of migrants' liberty

and sports

Impact of air pollution

Access to health care in Venezuela

Freedom of information and expression

Gender-based violence women's and LGBT rights Rights of indigenous

Legal literacy and

Right to life and prohibition against torture

Human rights in the Middle East

Corporate liability for human rights violations

Land law and housing rights

Protecting human rights during transitional justice

with the following organizations:

U.N. Committee on Their Families

Human Rights Center, Washington, D.C.

Center for the Study of Law, Justice and Society, Colombia

Social Rights, New York

Center for Reproductive

Immigration Law

The International Human Rights Law Clinic is the core of the program. The

Gender equality

Protecting human-rights advocates

on human rights

National security in the war on terror

THE CLINIC has partnered

Migrant Workers and

American Bar Association

Due Process of Law Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Center for Economic and

Rights, New York

to increase awareness about the

Run by the Latin American Law Organization student group, the Migrant Farmworker Project works with the Legal Aid Justice Center's

PRO BONO PROJECTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Immigrant Advocacy Program to assist this isolated population. The program represents immigrants and farmworkers throughout the state. Although the center handles mostly employment law cases, it also takes housing and discrimination cases. Students visit migrant farm labor camps and educate workers about their rights. The project also seeks

Outside of the classroom, the

numerous hands-on learning

Migrant Farmworker Project

Immigration Law Program

provides students with

experiences.

substandard treatment and living conditions of Virginia's immigrant workers. Students do not need to speak Spanish to participate.

International Refugee Assistance Project

UVA Law is home to one of 29 student IRAP chapters that assist refugees and displaced people on urgent resettlement cases, visa applications and family reunifications.

Legal Aid Justice Center Immigration Project

Students gain experience in immigration issues through a pro bono project sponsored by the Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville.

Human Rights Study Project

The project's mission is to further the study of law affecting the protection of basic rights in foreign countries. Each year, a project team of students and a professor travel abroad to research human rights issues in a specific country and report their findings. Participating students receive course credit.

International Law Fellowship for the International Court of Justice **Judicial Fellows Program**

The Law School has successfully placed several candidates in the ICJ's Judicial Fellows Program. When a candidate is selected, the UVA Law International Law Fellowship provides a stipend of \$50,000 to assist with travel, living expenses and health insurance.

IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC

Clinic students are responsible for individual immigration cases that range in complexity and urgency.

All students are tasked with investigating their cases, maintaining contact with their clients, briefing their cases and potentially representing their clients in immigration court. The clinic focuses on complicated cases for humanitarian relief, removal defense and impact cases arising out of emerging areas of the law.

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