PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE FOUNDATION OF LAW.

The HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM at the University of Virginia allows students to explore the range of opportunities available in the human rights field, at home and abroad, through hands-on experiences.

The program is the hub for human rights activities at the Law School, and cooperates with student groups, faculty members, the Public Service Center and Career Services, and human rights organizations to coordinate speakers, events, summer and postgraduate employment, and pro bono opportunities.

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC IS THE CORE OF THE PROGRAM.

The 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:

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WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

U.N. SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
WOMEN’S JUSTICE INITIATIVE GUATEMALA
CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS NEW YORK
CENTER FOR JUSTICE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW WASHINGTON, D.C.
CENTRO PARA LA ACCIÓN LEGAL EN DERECHOS HUMANOS GUATEMALA
Responsibility, Movement Lawyering for Global Justice and International Civil Litigation.

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 who intend to work in the United States and abroad have access to summer grants of $3,500 (first year) and $6,000 (second year) from the student-run Public Interest Law Association.

ALUMNI NETWORKS
The program maintains a network of recent graduates involved in the human rights law field. Alumni employers include the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Canadian Centre for International Justice, the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Center for National Security Studies, law firm Burke O’Neil, EarthRights International, Freedom House, the Council for Global Equality, the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, the Harvard Law School Human Rights Clinic, Section 27, the U.S. Senate Judiciary and Armed Services committees, and the U.N. Office of Legal Affairs.

EVENTS
Since its inception in 2003, the Human Rights Program has brought leading figures in the field to the Law School.

A PERSONAL HISTORY OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNALS, with David Scheffer, the first U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues and professor and director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law

A TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE STRATEGY FOR SYRIA, with Mohammad Al Abdallah of the Syria Justice and Accountability Center, and Balkees Jarrah of the International Justice Program and Human Rights

CROSSING BORDERS: RETHINKING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, a symposium sponsored by the Virginia Journal of International Law and the J.B. Moore Society of International Law; with keynote address by Hassane Cisse, deputy general counsel for knowledge and research at the World Bank

CORPORATE LIABILITY IN U.S. COURTS FOR GLOBAL ACTIONS, with EarthRights International Legal Director Marco Simons and Professor Brandon Garrett

RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTS OF LGBT COMMUNITIES THROUGH U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, with Mark Bromley ’95, council chair for the Council for Global Equality

BURMA’S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, with the president of U.S. Campaign for Burma and other experts

THE EXTRA- TERRITORIAL APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, with U.S. Army Maj. Matthew Lund (JAG Corps) and UVA law professors Ashley Deeks and Mila Versteeg