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David J. Akerson served previously as a prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and he was the Chief of Evidence at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He also was a staff attorney for South African Lawyers for Human Rights in Pretoria, South Africa during the apartheid era. He is a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and his current research focuses on the application of humanitarian law to drones and other robotic weapons. Mr. Akerson received his JD from Florida State University and his BA in Business and Computer Science from Furman University.

CLAUDE D'ESTRÉE



Professor Claude d'Estrée, M.T.S., J.D., is the Director of the Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC), the Center on Rights Development (CORD), and the Human Rights Degree Program at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies as well as the Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Denver.

Professor d'Estrée's other main area of interest is International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (IHL/LOAC). He has been teaching a stand-alone IHL/LOAC course for eight years, as well as a special course on "Torture" and an upcoming course on "Private Military Companies, Robotics and Cyber Warfare." Within IHL he has a special interest in the intersection between human trafficking and IHL as it pertains to child soldiers and U.N. Peacekeepers and the commercial sex trade (see: "Peacekeepers, the Military and Human Trafficking: Protecting Whom?," 6 U. St. Thomas L.J. 221 (2008)) and is a consultant to the American Red Cross International Services in adapting IHL to secondary school and undergraduate college students through their EHL (Essential Humanitarian Law) program.

He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, where he studied comparative religion and was appointed as the first Buddhist Chaplain at Harvard University by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, where he focused on critical legal studies and prisoner's rights, and studied at the Program on Negotiation (PON) at Harvard Law School. Before coming to the University of Denver he was at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, DC.

CAPTAIN AARON M. DRAKE



Captain Aaron Drake currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Law at the United States Air Force Academy. He teaches a comprehensive undergraduate law course, negotiations, and Spanish. He also serves as a pilot for an unmanned aerial systems R & D team. Captain Drake received his commission through the Graduate Law Program at AFROTC Det 855, Brigham Young University, in 2004.

Captain Drake received his JD in 2004 from Brigham Young University's Law School in Provo, Utah, where he served as the solicitations editor for the "BYU Education & Law Journal." He graduated in the top 5% of his class and is a member of the Order of the Coif. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Utah and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

MARC E. GARLASCO



Marc Garlasco has 15 years operational experience working on armed conflict. He was Chief of High Value Targeting during the Iraq Invasion in 2003 and led the Pentagon's targeting cell against Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi leadership. Most recently, he was Senior Military Analyst at Human Rights Watch where he led field missions investigating Law of War violations. He has worked in conflict zones such as Afghanistan, Gaza, Georgia, Iraq, and Lebanon during hostilities and specializes in battle damage assessment and civilian casualty analysis. He and his reports have been featured in the media worldwide, including BBC, CNN, NPR, the New York Times and Washington Post; and he was also featured in the Academy Award Nominated film, "No End in Sight." Marc currently lives in New York where he writes and consults for the US Military and NGOs.

WING COMMANDER (ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE) IAN HENDERSON



Wing Commander Henderson joined the Royal Australian Air Force as an Officer Cadet in July 1990 and after completing Articles commenced his first full-time posting with the Air Force in April 1993. Recent postings include being a Senior Prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Military Prosecutions, and a dual-hatted position as the Director Military Law Centre and Deputy Director Asia-Pacific Centre for Military Law. He is currently on loan to the United States military as a Law of Armed Conflict, International and Maritime Law advisor at United States Central Command. He has appeared regularly in trials under the Defence Force Discipline Act as both a prosecuting and defending officer, and has also appeared as Junior Counsel Assisting a Board of Inquiry into the death of a soldier in East Timor. Wing Commander Henderson has deployed on three operations: East Timor (1999), Afghanistan (2002), and to the Middle East (2003) where he was the senior Australian legal officer in the Combined Air Operations Centre. Publications include *The Contemporary Law of Targeting: Military Objectives, Proportionality and Precautions in Attack under Additional Protocol I* (2009), *Jurisdiction under the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* (book chapter — forthcoming), *The Fire Bombing of Tokyo and other Japanese Cities* (book chapter — forthcoming), and *Conduct of Hostilities and Relevance of Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (1977 Additional Protocol I)* in 'The Law of Armed Conflict: Realities, Perspectives and Training – Speeches at Xi'an Regional Seminar on the Law of Armed Conflict' (2006).

VED P. NANDA



Professor Ved P. Nanda is Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law and Director of the International Legal Studies Program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and in 1992 he was named John Evans University Professor. From 1994 to 2008 he served as Vice Provost for Internationalization at the University of Denver. In 2007 Professor Nanda was honored with a \$1 million gift to the College of Law, and a matching amount from friends and former students, to found the Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law. The Center began its programming in 2008.

He is Past President of the World Jurist Association, former Vice President of the American Society of International Law and its counselor, and a member of the advisory council of the United States Institute of Human Rights. He currently serves as Honorary President of the World Jurist Association, an elected member of the American Law Institute and as a council member-at-large for the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, Honorary Vice-President of the International Law Association – American Branch. He was formerly the United States Delegate to the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Geneva, Vice-Chair of its Executive Council, and on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Among his numerous national and international awards Professor Nanda has received the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award for Peace Building from Soka Gakkai International and Morehouse College and the Lifetime Best Teacher Award from the Indian Law Teachers Association. He was awarded the World Jurist Association's Highest Order of Justice and earlier its World Legal Scholar award. He was also the recipient of the United Nations Association's Human Rights Award and the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Award.

He has received honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan, and from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published in law journals and national magazines, has authored or co-authored 23 books in the various fields of international law and more than 200 chapters and major law review articles, and has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Scholar at a number of universities in the United States and abroad. Professor Nanda is the 2010 UN Day Chair for Colorado as appointed by Governor Bill Ritter. He writes regularly on international issues for the Denver Post and is a frequent commentator on TV and radio, including the BBC and the Voice of America.

MICHAEL A. NEWTON



Mike Newton came to Vanderbilt after serving in the Department of Law, United States Military Academy. He is a highly sought after speaker on post conflict accountability and conduct of hostilities issues, having published over sixty articles, editorials, and book chapters in journals such as, *inter alia*, The International Review of the Red Cross, Cornell International Law Journal, Connecticut Journal of International Law, Military Law Review, The Virginia Journal of International Law, The Yearbook of International Peacekeeping. He co-authored the definitive history of the Dujail Trial entitled *Enemy of the State: The Trial and Execution of Saddam Hussein*, which received the Book of the Year Award from the International Association of Penal Law in 2009 [see <http://www.enemyofthestatebook.com>]. Professor Newton is the Senior Editor of the *Terrorism International Case Law Reporter*.

Professor Newton negotiated the Elements of Crimes document for the International Criminal Court as part of the U.S. delegation, and coordinated the interface between the FBI and the ICTY while deploying into Kosovo to do the forensics fieldwork to support the Milosevic indictment. From 1999 to 2002, he served in the Office of War Crimes Issues, U.S. Department of State. As the Senior Advisor to the United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, he shaped a wide range of policies related to the law of armed conflict, including U.S. support to accountability mechanisms worldwide. After helping establish the Iraqi High Tribunal, he repeatedly taught Iraqi jurists and served as International Law Advisor to the Judicial Chambers in 2006 and 2007. He also served as the U.S. representative on the U.N. Planning Mission for the Sierra Leone Special Court, and was a founding member of its academic consortium.

Professor Newton is a member of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Bar Association. He has made numerous media appearances on, *inter alia*, CNN, BBC, Fox, Court TV, NPR and been widely quoted in other media. At Vanderbilt, he teaches courses relating to international law and international criminal law and coordinates educational opportunities for students interested in international legal issues. The American Society of International Law appointed him to serve on the Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward the ICC, and he served as an appointed expert in support of the Task Force on Genocide Prevention established by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has supported the Public International Law & Policy Group advising governments across the globe.

Professor Newton served as an armor officer after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was selected for the Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program. He served in uniform for more than twenty one years. Professor Newton earned his J.D. and L.L.M. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and a second L.L.M from the Judge Advocate General's School,

where he served as Professor of International and Operational Law from 1996-1999. Professor Newton served as the Chief of Operational Law with the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina in support of units participating in Desert Storm. He was also the Group Judge Advocate for the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed on Operation Provide Comfort to assist Kurdish civilians in Northern Iraq, as well as a number of other exercises and operations. As the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 194th Armored Brigade (Separate), he organized and led the human rights and rules of engagement education for all Multinational Forces and International Police deploying into Haiti.

MARY ELLEN O'CONNELL



Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell holds the Robert and Marion Short Chair in Law and is Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution—Kroc Institute for Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She is a specialist on the international law regulating the use of force and is the author of numerous books and articles on the subject, including, *The Power and Purpose of International Law, Insights from the Theory and Practice of Enforcement* (OUP 2008). She chairs the Use of Force Committee of the International Law Association and is a vice-president of the American Society of International Law. Professor O'Connell has been a professional military educator for the Department of Defense at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Professor O'Connell earned her B.A. in history at Northwestern with highest honors. She received a Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate work in the United Kingdom where she earned an M.Sc. in international relations at the London School of Economics and an LL.B. with first class honors in international law from Cambridge University. She also has a J.D. from Columbia University where she won the Berger Prize in international law.

JORDAN J. PAUST



Jordan J. Paust is the Mike and Teresa Baker Law Center Professor of International Law at the Law Center of the University of Houston. He received an A.B. and J.D. from UCLA, an LL.M. from the University of Virginia, and is a J.S.D. Candidate, Yale University (in residence, Ford Foundation Fellowship, 1973-75). Professor Paust has also been a Visiting Edward Ball Eminent Scholar University Chair in International Law at Florida State University (spring, 1997), a Fulbright Professor at the University of Salzburg, Austria (1978-1979), and a member of the faculty of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate

General's School, International Law Division (1969-1973, mob. des. 1973-1975). He has served on several committees on international law, human rights, laws of war, terrorism, and the use of force in the American Society of International Law, the American Branch of the International Law Association, and the American Bar Association, and was the Co-Chair of the American Society's International Criminal Law Interest Group (1992-2008). He was also the Chair of the Section on International Law of the Association of American Law Schools and was on the Executive Council and the President's Committee of the American Society of International Law. He is one of the most widely cited law professors in the United States and is ranked among the top 2 percent in Leiter's studies for 2000-2007 and 2005-2009. Two of his articles were cited by the U.S. Supreme Court. Among relevant books are: Paust, Van Dyke, Malone, *International Law and Litigation in the U.S.* (Thomson - West Group, American Casebook Series, 3 ed. 2009); Paust, *International Law as Law of the United States* (2 ed. 2003); Paust, Bassiouni, *et al.*, *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials* (3 ed. 2007); Paust, Bassiouni, *et al.*, *Human Rights Module* (2 ed. 2006). Professor Paust has published over 170 articles, book chapters, papers and essays in law journals in Belgium, Canada, China, England, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, and the U.S.: at Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Michigan, Virginia, Cornell, Texas, Duke, the American Journal of International Law, and elsewhere – many of which address treaties, customary international law, jurisdiction, human rights, international crimes, and the incorporation of international law into U.S. domestic law.

KIMON P. VALAVANIS



Dr. Valavanis received his Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, in 1981, and he completed his Professional Engineer (PE) exams in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in February 1982. He received an M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering and a PhD degree in Computer and Systems Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in 1984 and 1986, respectively.

From 1987 to 1990 he held the Analog Devices Career Development Chair for Assistant Professors at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Northeastern University, Boston, where he was also Director of the Robotics Laboratory. From 1991 to 1999 he was with The Center for Advanced Computer Studies (CACs), University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he served as Associate Professor (1991-1995) and Professor (since 1995) of Computer Engineering, as Associate Director for Research at the A-CIM Center (1993-1999) and as Director of the Robotics and Automation Laboratory. He also held the A-CIM/[TC]²/Regents Professorship in Manufacturing. From 1999-2003, he was Professor in the Department of Production Engineering and Management, Technical University of Crete, Greece, where he also served as Director of the Laboratory of Intelligent Systems and Robotics, Director of the Graduate Program and Chair of the University Industrial Advisory Board. From 2003-August 2008 he was Professor at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of South Florida where he also served as Deputy Director at the Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue (CRASAR) until the summer of 2005. In 2006, he created the Unmanned Systems Laboratory in the College of Engineering, in which he served as Director. He was also the Managing Director of the National Institute for Applied Computational Intelligence (NIACI) and a Faculty Associate at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR).

Professor Valavanis joined the University of Denver on September 1, 2008, as Professor and Chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. Since July 1, 2009, he is also Acting Chair of the

Computer Science Department. In 2009, he established the DU Unmanned Systems Laboratory, serving as its Director. He is also Guest Professor in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Department of Telecommunications, University of Zagreb; Croatia.

LT. COL. RACHEL VANLANDINGHAM



Lt Col VanLandingham was born on 30 April 1970 in Frankfurt a.m., Germany. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio in 1988 and then attended the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduating in 1992 with both a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and a commission as an Air Force second lieutenant. She subsequently attended the University of Maryland, College Park as a MacArthur Scholar, earning her Master of Public Management degree in National Security Studies in 1994. She was then assigned to the 8th Security Police Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea as the squadron section commander. From 1995 through 1997 she was assigned to Aviano Air Base, Italy where she served in several positions, including Chief, Wing Readiness and Chief, Wing Protocol. In 1997, Lt Col VanLandingham was selected to participate in the Funded Legal Education Program. She attended the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas, graduating with high honors in May 2000. From August 2000 through September 2002, she served as Chief, Adverse Actions and Chief, Military Justice in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, NM. She deployed as the Staff Judge Advocate, 379 Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, from 5 June 2002 through 8 September 2002. Lt Col VanLandingham served as the Area Defense Counsel, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico until 7 July 2003. She next served as Appellate Defense Counsel in Washington, D.C. from July 2003 through March 2004 and concluded her Washington D.C. tour as the Chief, Recruiting Branch, Office of Professional Development, the Pentagon, from March 2004 through July 2005. She then earned her Master's of Law, International Law, at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, VA, graduating on the commandant's list in May 2006. Lt Col VanLandingham then served as the Chief of International Law and International Committee of the Red Cross liaison, U.S. Central Command, from June 2006 – June 2010.

Lt Col Rachel E. VanLandingham is currently assigned to the Department of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO as the department deputy.