



Second-year student Pedro Dorado (center) serves as the Dean Rusk International Law Center Fellow, while law fellow students (l. to r.) Danielle Glover, Taryn Arbeiter, Chanel Chauvet and Olga Gambini are members of center's student ambassador initiative.

Center undergoes exciting changes

Georgia Law's 38-year-old Dean Rusk International Law Center continues to expand its collaborative efforts and increase opportunities for both students and faculty to focus on global legal issues.

Led by Associate Dean for International Programs and Strategic Initiatives & Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann, the center itself has a new, modernized look that also acknowledges the rich history of international scholars who have greatly influenced the direction of the law school. Artwork is a focal point, including portraits of former U.S. Secretary of State and Sibley Professor of International Law Emeritus Dean Rusk, the center's namesake, and the inaugural holder of the Woodruff Chair in International Law, Louis B. Sohn, namesake of the center's Sohn Library on International Relations.

At an October rededication ceremony, Kannan Rajarathnam (LL.M.'88), who serves as head of office for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, delivered a keynote address titled "The United Nations at 70: Pursuing Peace in the 21st Century."

New to the center this year are Director of Global Practice Preparation Kathleen A. Doty, Administrative Assistant Martica Marín and Executive Administrator Elena Williams. They join Amann and Director of International Professional Education Laura Tate Kagel

(J.D.'06). Assisting them are second-year student Pedro Dorado, the Dean Rusk International Law Center Fellow, and about one dozen other student ambassadors, who provide research and other support.

In addition to hiring new staff, the center broadened its adviser base. The Dean Rusk International Law Center Council, comprising faculty, alumni/alumnae and counselors, includes lawyers practicing in a variety of international and transnational law subfields throughout the world.

Center initiatives include study abroad in Europe and opportunities to obtain practice experience through the Global Externship At-Home and Global Externship Overseas. GEA offers placements within the United States in legal departments, government offices and nongovernmental organizations, while GEO offers summer placements in a variety of law-office settings around the world.

Numerous events are planned for the 2016–17 academic year. Among them is a Sept. 23 conference – sponsored by the center, the *Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law* and the International Committee of the Red Cross – at which experts will examine the new Geneva Convention Commentary edited by ICRC Legal Advisor Jean-Marie Henckaerts (LL.M.'90).



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More on these events and other Dean Rusk International Law Center initiatives may be found on social media, the center's Exchange of Notes blog (<https://deanruskintl.com/>) and its redesigned website (<http://law.uga.edu/RuskIntl>).