

Plenary Session, Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom, Hirsch Hall**9:15 a.m.** WELCOME

C. Donald Johnson, Director, Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy

Diane Marie Amann, University of Georgia School of Law; International Criminal Court Prosecutor's Special Adviser on Children in & affected by Armed Conflict

CHILDREN & INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: AN OVERVIEW

Mark A. Drumbl, Washington & Lee University School of Law: *Children, Armed Violence and Transition: Challenges for International Law & Policy*

Kerry L. Neal, UNICEF: *Child Protection in Time of Armed Conflict*

Linda A. Malone, William & Mary School of Law: *Interrelation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court*

Alec Wargo II, Office of the Special Representative to the U.N. Secretary-General for Children & Armed Conflict: *Securing Prevention and Accountability for the Six Grave Violations against Children*

Jo Becker, Human Rights Watch: *Civil Society's Role with Respect to Children in Armed Conflict*

Moderator: **Charles C. Jalloh**, Florida International University College of Law

11:15 a.m. Break**11:30 a.m.** INTRODUCTION

Rebecca H. White, Dean, University of Georgia School of Law

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Afternoon Workshops

In these closed sessions, assembled experts will discuss a range of issues; for example:

Regulatory Framework: Crimes against children; ICC Statute and other mechanisms for enforcing child rights, humanitarian law, and the law of peace

Witnesses, Testimony, and Procedure: Identifying, preparing, and protecting child witnesses; assessment of gravity; sentencing; reparations

Global Child: Vulnerability and agency; rights and best interests; developmental factors and issues of consent; child protection and child participation



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Children & International Criminal Justice

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

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Distinguished Keynote Speaker



Honorable **FATOU BENSOUDA** is the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. She was ICC Deputy Prosecutor (Prosecutions) from 2004 to 2012. Before that, she served as Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, rising to the position of Senior Legal Advisor and Head of the Legal Advisory Unit.

In her current post, she leads the Office of the Prosecutor at the world's first permanent international criminal court, which began operations in 2002. The ICC has nine situations under investigation, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, the Central African Republic, Darfur (Sudan), Kenya, Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, and Mali; preliminary examinations are open in Afghanistan, Colombia, Comoros, Nigeria, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq, and Ukraine. The first ICC trial ended in 2012 with the conviction of a Congolese militia leader on charges of conscripting, enlisting, and using children under fifteen to participate actively in hostilities.

The Prosecutor's international service followed a distinguished career in her home country, The Gambia. Upon earning a master of laws degree from the International Maritime Law Institute in Malta, she was the first Gambian expert in international maritime law and the law of the sea. Between 1987 and 2000, she was a government lawyer, beginning as Senior State Counsel and eventually becoming Attorney General and Minister of Justice; in the last capacity, she was the chief legal advisor to the Gambian President and Cabinet. She took part in negotiations on the treaty of the Economic Community of West African States, the West African Parliament, and the ECOWAS Tribunal, and served as a delegate to U.N. conferences on crime prevention, to Organization of African Unity Ministerial Meetings on Human Rights, and to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court.

Her many honors include the 2009 ICJ International Jurists Award, presented by Indian President P.D. Patil, as well as honorary doctorates from Middlesex University-London and the Vrije Universiteit-Brussels. In 2012, *Time* named her one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World; in 2013, *Foreign Policy* named her a Leading Global Thinker; and in 2014, *Jeune Afrique* named her one of twenty African women whose actions and initiatives advance the African continent.

Distinguished Panelists



JO BECKER is the Advocacy Director of the Children's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch. As the founding chairperson of the International Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, she helped campaign successfully for an international treaty banning the forced recruitment of children under age 18 and their use in armed conflict. Her advocacy helped lead to a groundbreaking 2011 treaty ensuring labor rights for domestic workers, of whom there are upwards of 100 million worldwide. Becker, who teaches human rights advocacy at Columbia University, is the author of an award-winning book, *Campaigning for Justice: Human Rights Advocacy in Practice* (2013).



MARK A. DRUMBL is the Class of 1975 Alumni Professor at Washington & Lee University School of Law, where he also serves as Director of the Transnational Law Institute. He has held visiting appointments at a number of law faculties, including Oxford, Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), Trinity College-Dublin, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Monash, and Ottawa. His scholarly interests include public international law, international criminal law, juvenile and children's rights, and transitional justice. He is the author of *Atrocity, Punishment, and International Law* (2007) and *Reimagining Child Soldiers in International Law and Policy* (2012).



CHARLES C. JALLOH (moderator) is an Associate Professor at Florida International University College of Law; previously, he was on the University of Pittsburgh law faculty and a Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court. His edited volumes include *The Sierra Leone Special Court and Its Legacy: The Impact for Africa and International Criminal Law* (2014). He practiced at Canada's Department of Justice, in Chambers at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and in the Office of the Principal Defender, Special Court for Sierra Leone.



LINDA A. MALONE is the Marshall-Wythe Foundation Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary Law School. She is a member of the American Law Institute and a board member for the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. Malone is the author of numerous articles and books on international law, human rights, and environmental law. Among other cases, she was co-counsel to Bosnia-Herzegovina in its genocide case against Serbia and Montenegro before the International Court of Justice. She has served on the American Bar Association Special Subcommittee on the Rights of the Child.



KERRY L. NEAL is a Child Protection Specialist, Justice for Children, at UNICEF headquarters in New York. Previously, Kerry worked as an independent consultant in the field of justice for children, and held staff positions in UNICEF field offices. Kerry is a lawyer by training, and has spent many years working in the field of juvenile justice / justice for children, as well as in other areas of child protection, most notably the prevention of sexual exploitation and trafficking. His career has included work in diverse locations with nongovernmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and government.



ALEC WARGO II has served since 2004 as a Program Officer at the Office of the Special Representative to the U.N. Secretary-General for Children & Armed Conflict in New York. From 2001 to 2004, he served as a Child Protection Adviser in MONUC, the U.N. Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Previously, he worked in child protection for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Additional Expert Participants

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