

Profiles

(sorted in alphabetical order by family name)



Amy Barrow has a keen interest in inter-disciplinary research, and to date her research has largely focused on the intersection between public international law, gender, peace and security. Her research and teaching expertise includes Gender and Law, Human Rights and Socio-Legal Studies including empirical research methods. Amy has been actively engaged with civil society activism focused on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. She has represented WILPF, an international NGO with ECOSOC status, at the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters, New York. Amy is a member of the WILPF Academic Network, a think tank connecting academics and peace activists working on issues of gender, peace and security. Amy was a founding Member of the Centre for Rights and Justice (CRJ) in the Faculty of Law. She currently serves as an Executive Committee Member of the Gender Research Centre and is a research team member of the GRC's 'Feasibility Study on Legislating against Discrimination on the Grounds of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status' commissioned by the Equal Opportunities Commission.



Stewart Chang is Assistant Professor of Law at Whittier Law School, and Assistant Professor of English, by courtesy, at Whittier College. He joined the Whittier Law School faculty in 2011 after ten years of practice as a Staff Attorney at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, now known as Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles, where he specialized in domestic violence, immigration, and family law. His scholarship analyzes different ways in which contemporary Asian and Asian American identity have been structured within imagined legal idealizations of citizenship, sexuality, and family both domestically and internationally. His work has been published or is forthcoming in the UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal, the Boston University International Law Journal, the Florida International University Law Review, the Washington International Law Journal, the Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, and the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender. He teaches Contracts, Immigration Law, Family Law Practicum, Asian Americans and the Law, and Comparative Law and Sexuality.



Cheah Wui Ling is Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS)'s Faculty of Law since 2007. She is also Senior Adviser of the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law and Adviser of the Case Matrix Network, an independent international non-profit organisation that specialises in the strengthening of national capacity to prosecute core international crimes. She was educated at National University of Singapore (LL.B., LL.M.), Harvard Law School (LL.M.), European University Institute (Diploma in Human Rights Law, one of two diplomas awarded), and Oxford University (D.Phil., ongoing). She is a qualified lawyer (called to the New York Bar) and holds a diploma in arbitration (Queen Mary University of London).



Simon Chesterman is Dean of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law. He is also Editor of the *Asian Journal of International Law* and Secretary-General of the Asian Society of International Law. Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, Professor Chesterman's teaching experience includes periods at the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, Southampton, Columbia, and Sciences Po. From 2006-2011, he was Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme. Professor Chesterman is the author or editor of twelve books, including *One Nation Under Surveillance* (OUP, 2011); *Law and Practice of the United Nations* (with Thomas M. Franck and David M. Malone, OUP, 2008); *You, The People* (OUP, 2004); and *Just War or Just Peace?* (OUP, 2001). He is a recognized authority on international law, whose work has opened up new areas of research on conceptions of public authority - including the rules and institutions of global governance, state-building and post-conflict reconstruction, and the changing role of intelligence agencies.



Lynette J. Chua is assistant professor of law at the National University of Singapore. She is a law and society scholar with research interests in law and social change, and law and social movements. She is conducting fieldwork and writing on the emergence of sexual minority rights mobilization in Myanmar at a time of political transition. She has also conducted an ethnographic study of Singapore's gay and lesbian movement to analyze the emergence, development, and strategies and tactics of the movement, and explore the complex role of law and meanings of rights. Her book, *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State*, received the 2015 Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association. Her work is also published in *Law and Society Review*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, and the *Asian Journal of Law and Society*.



Andrew Harding is a Professor at the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law. He is a leading scholar in the fields of Asian legal studies and comparative constitutional law. He commenced his academic career at NUS before moving to SOAS, University of London, where he became Head of the Law School and Director of the Centre for South East Asian Studies. He joined NUS, as Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies and Director of the Asian Law Institute, from the University of Victoria, BC Canada, where he was Professor of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations and Director of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives. Professor Harding has worked extensively on constitutional law in Malaysia and Thailand, and has made extensive contributions to scholarship in comparative law, and law and development, having published nine books as author or editor. He is co-founding-editor of Hart Publishing's book series 'Constitutional Systems of the World', a major resource for constitutional law in context, and has authored the books on Malaysia and Thailand in that series (2011, 2012).



Laurence R. Helfer is the Harry R. Chadwick, Sr. Professor of Law and co-director of the Center for International and Comparative Law at Duke University Law School in the United States. Professor Helfer, a member of the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*, has coauthored three books and more than seventy scholarly articles on his diverse research interests, which include human rights, international LGBT rights, international adjudication, and the interdisciplinary analysis of international laws and institutions. His recent publications include *International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe*, 68 *International Organization* 77-110 (2014). His advocacy work on international LGBT rights includes submitting a coauthored amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a constitutional right to same-sex marriage; speaking on the first expert panel at the U.N. Human Rights Council on violence and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; and serving as the inaugural Jacob L. Martin Fellow to the Office of the Legal Adviser of U.S. Department of State to consult with attorneys and policymakers on strategies for promoting LGBT rights globally.



Jessica Hinchy joined the School of Humanities and Social Sciences as Assistant Professor in 2013. Her research examines gender, domesticity, and colonialism in late eighteenth and nineteenth century north India. Jessica is interested in the marginalisation of sections of north Indian society due to their social, domestic and gendered practices during British colonial rule. Her work also analyses broader questions about the nature of colonial governance at the local level in north India and the manner in which colonial knowledge of Indian society was produced. Jessica received her PhD from the Australian National University in 2013. This project examined various groups the British colonisers classified as ‘eunuchs,’ including the khwajasarai, eunuchs employed in Indian courts and the female quarters of households, and the hijra, who identified as feminine and had a socio-cultural role as performers at the time of births. Jessica’s research into the khwajasarai and hijra communities focuses on their everyday lives in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, their interactions with Indian-ruled polities and the colonial state, and the impacts of colonial governance on these groups.



Michael Hor is Dean of University of Hong Kong’s Faculty of Law. Professor Hor specializes in most matters related to criminal justice. He has taught and published in criminal law, evidence, and criminal procedure. He has been a Consultant to the Ministry of Law, Singapore, and the Criminal Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. He has also been Chief Editor of the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, a member of the editorial boards of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* and the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*, and an advisor to the *Singapore Law Review* and the Criminal Justice Club, NUS. He has also been Chairman of the Faculty Search (Hiring) Committee and a member of the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee, NUS. He has been a Distinguished Visitor at the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto, a Visitor at Oxford Centre for Criminology, and Visiting Professor at the University of Hong Kong Law Faculty, where he was also an advisor to its Centre for Comparative and Public Law.



Md. Zahid Hossain has more than 12 years' experience in Government of Bangladesh and more than 6 years' experience in the development sector. In GoB, he provided technical assistance to the ministries, enforced laws and liaised with the civil society organizations. In UNDP, for last 5 years, he worked for the protection and promotion of human rights through building capacity of the National Human Rights Commission and CSOs. His regular tasks include programme implementation, preparing annual and quarterly work plan, monitoring, evaluating and writing periodical progress reports and maintaining liaison with UN agencies and development partners. He is experienced in legal, administrative and programme implementation. He has completed all the UN mandatory training courses. He has LL.M from Bangladesh, MSc from Sweden and Hubert Humphrey Fellowship from the US. He has lived in and visited to many countries for academic and professional purposes which made me confident in working diversified environment. Presently he is working with UNDP-Bangladesh. The Project is assigned to build the capacity of the newly established National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh.



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The Honourable Michael Kirby was one of the 7 judges of the High Court of Australia, and the nation's longest serving judge, when he retired from judicial service in February 2009. He had previously served as inaugural chair of the Australian Law Reform Commission; Judge of the Federal Court of Australia; President of the Court of Appeal of New South Wales and of Solomon Islands. Since judicial retirement he has been engaged in many international activities. He served in 2010-11 on the Eminent Persons Group of the Commonwealth Secretariat which unanimously recommended repeal of the laws against LGBT citizens as contrary to universal human rights. He served 2011-12 on the UNDP Global Commission on HIV and the Law which likewise recommended repeal of criminal laws against LGBT people in the context of the HIV epidemic. He currently serves on the Council of the International Bar Association's human rights Institute as vice chair. The IBA has recently adopted recommendations to all member bar associations that lawyers worldwide should support repeal of the criminal laws against LGBT people. At the recent Commonwealth Law Conference in Glasgow, 2015, he gave the closing plenary address, describing the failure to initiate reforms in the Commonwealth (where 42 of 54 member countries still criminalise private, adult, consenting same-sexual conduct) as a serious "logjam" incompatible with the Commonwealth Charter. He is a member of the LGBT Global Forum based in Berlin and, in Australia, patron of the Kirby Institute at UNSW which works on diseases (including HIV) that afflict LGBT people worldwide. He is also patron of the Pinnacle Foundation and the Kaleidoscope Foundation. He lives in Sydney Australia with his partner of 46 years, Johan van Vloten.



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Claire Pamment is a postdoctoral associate at Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music. She is a performance practitioner and scholar in South Asian theater and performance, with a focus on the popular, comedic, burlesque and queer in Pakistan. Over the last two years, with the support of a Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant, she has been working on the performance culture of the Pakistani transgender community of khwaja saras (hijras), resulting in the documentary theatre *Teesri Dhun* (The Third Tune) in collaboration with Olomopolo Media. During her fellowship at Yale she is extending this research by investigating how Sufism informs khwaja sara identity and history in Pakistan, and shapes performance practices that enable this transgender community to negotiate a variety of restrictive social scripts. Her monograph 'Comic Performance in Pakistan: The Bhand', is forthcoming from Palgrave.



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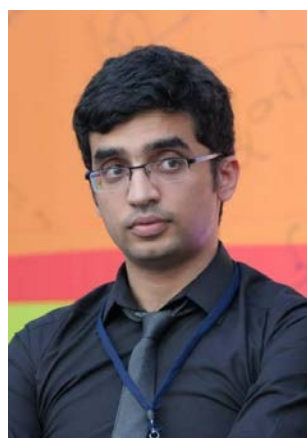
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He is the Principal Investigator of the 'Feasibility study on legislating against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status' commissioned by the Equal Opportunities Commission, an independent statutory body of the Hong Kong government, leading a multi-disciplinary researcher team with faculty members from across seven academic disciplines. The study comprises of focus groups with LGBTI people and the general public, a territory-wide representative telephone survey, public forums, interviews with legal experts from different overseas jurisdictions, and a comparative legal review.



Mrs. Zar Li Aye graduated LL.B from Eastern Yangon University, Myanmar, in 2009. After she graduated, she served at Community-Based Organization as programmer and represented in respective cases. In Community-Based Organization, she represented and consulted sex-workers, MSM and Drug users for 15 months. After that, she collaborated as a freelance consultant with Amnesty International, Frontline defender and AJAR. Zar Li Aye has helped with research, translation of court documents and also arranged meetings between lawyers and victims who suffered from torture. Since 2012, she worked as an advisor Board member in LGBT rights network in Myanmar. Today, she works on concerns of the rights of Women, Farmers and LGBT issues. Recently, she finished her Masters of Business Law from Yangon University, Myanmar. Not only a license lawyer, she has been a practicing lawyer for over four years. Zar Li emphasizes her work mostly with Vulnerable and Marginalize people and very enthusiastic to work with victims that are far away from access to lawyers in Myanmar.