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## GRUBER FOUNDATION BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

This document provides general background information on the work at Yale of the Gruber Foundation. Founded in 2011 by a landmark contribution from philanthropists Peter and Patricia Gruber, the Foundation is dedicated to the advancement of science, young scientists, global justice, and women's rights.

The Gruber Foundation succeeds The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation, originally established in 1993, and carries on its philanthropic mission and prestigious annual science prizes.

The Gruber Foundation encompasses three major programmatic initiatives: the Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights at Yale Law School; the Gruber Prizes and Young Scientists Awards; and the Gruber Science Fellowship Program at Yale.

### Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights

The Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights at Yale Law School supports outreach and education programs that reflect the Foundation's commitment to furthering global justice and women's rights (which were formerly expressed through the annual Gruber Justice and Women's Rights Prizes).

The Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights comprises three core components: (i) support for Yale Law School's annual Global Constitutionalism Seminar; (ii) the Gruber Distinguished Global Justice and Women's Rights Lectures Series; and (iii) the Gruber Global Justice and Women's Rights Fellowships.

The Program's work reflects an appreciation that "global justice" is not limited to formal systems of laws, but also entails the essential elements of public health, social welfare and redistribution, and the non-legal means which are frequently necessary for the achievement of global justice.

#### *1. Global Constitutionalism Seminar*

The Global Constitutionalism Seminar annually convenes a group of approximately fifteen Supreme Court and Constitutional Court judges from around the world. The group meets for four days in a seminar-style setting to consider topics of common interest. The Seminar has been heralded as perhaps the only forum where leading jurists can confidentially and freely discuss the most important legal issues of the day with leading academic lawyers. Topics considered at past meetings have included freedom of expression, international norms, and terrorism.

## *2. The Gruber Distinguished Lectures in Global Justice and Women's Rights*

The Gruber Distinguished Lecture in Global Justice and the Gruber Distinguished Lecture in Women's Rights are separate signature lectures open to the entire Yale community and other interested group. The events feature speakers whose exceptional achievements have served the causes of global justice and women's rights. The lectures are often enhanced by panels and conferences. In addition, the lecturers may spend time at Yale Law School teaching a class or engaging in a range of other community activities, such as Master's teas, faculty workshops, and similar opportunities.

The Inaugural Gruber Distinguished Lecturer in Women's Rights is Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court. The event will take place at Yale Law School in October 2012.

The Inaugural Gruber Distinguished Lecturer in Global Justice is Luis Moreno Ocampo, the first Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Mr. Ocampo's lecture is scheduled for January 2013.

## *3. The Gruber Fellowships in Global Justice and Women's Rights*

The Gruber Fellowships in Global Justice and Women's Rights help foster international understanding and dialogue in the fields of global justice and women's rights.

The Gruber Program annually awards post-graduate fellowships that allow recent graduates of Yale graduate and professional schools to spend a year working on issues of relevance to the fields of global justice and/or women's rights. The 2012-2013 Gruber Fellows include two Yale School of Nursing graduates and two Yale Law School graduates. Their fellowship work will include midwifery training and capacity building in Haiti, protecting migrant labor issues in Argentina, advocating on behalf of Iraqi refugees, providing critical pediatric nursing care and training to rural populations, and protecting against "land-grabbing" and other violations of property rights of women in Uganda. A more detailed description of the Gruber Fellows and projects is included at the end of this document.

In addition to launching careers in the areas of global justice and women's rights, Gruber fellowships have supported multi-disciplinary initiatives and valuable international exchanges at the faculty level, such as:

- an international conference on "Parity as Practice: The Politics of Equality" – a forum for scholars to discuss the impact of, as well as the challenges posed, by gender parity models;
- a new collaboration between Yale Law School and the School of Public Health: an international working group to address problems at the intersection of health, rights and justice in southern Africa. The group is addressing drug-resistant tuberculosis, HIV and silicosis in African miners, and it will examine how these public health problems affect not only miners' health, but also their freedom and human rights;

- a week-long convening in New Haven, the Global Health Leadership Institute Annual Conference, bringing together delegations of policymakers, academics and health workers to develop country-specific action plans to address public health challenges, including access to and quality of health care. Gruber faculty fellowships made possible the participation of faculty from Ethiopian, South African and Ghanaian universities.

### Gruber Prizes and Young Scientists Awards

The Gruber Foundation will continue to award three \$500,000 Gruber Prizes each year in the physical and life sciences, including a Cosmology Prize, a Genetics Prize, and a Neuroscience Prize, and will maintain the Gruber Young Scientists Awards. Considered among the most prestigious awards in the sciences, the prizes honor contemporary individuals whose groundbreaking work provides new models that inspire and enable fundamental shifts in knowledge. Recipients are chosen by independent prize selection panels comprised of experts active in the respective fields. The members of the panels are in turn selected by independent, non-governmental organizations.

The 2012 Genetics Prize honored Douglas C. Wallace, widely considered the founder of mitochondrial genetics in humans. The Neuroscience Prize recognized the pioneering discoveries by molecular neurobiologists Lily Jan, PhD, and Yuh Nung Jan, PhD, who have laid the groundwork for many important advances in the understanding of the development and function of the nervous system. The Cosmology Prize honored Charles Bennett and the WMAP Team for their use of Cosmic Microwave Background radiation, to determine the universe's vital statistics—its age, content, geometry, and origin – a feat that in turn has helped transform cosmology itself into a precision science.

In 2011, the Gruber Prize in Cosmology recognized four astronomers - Marc Davis George Efstathiou, Carlos Frenk, and Simon White – for their “pioneering use of numerical simulations to model and interpret the large-scale distribution of matter in the Universe.” The Genetics Prize honored the many groundbreaking biotechnologies developed by biochemist and geneticist Ronald W. Davis. Neuroscientist Huda Y. Zoghbi was a Neuroscience Prize recipient for her pioneering work that has unlocked the genetic and molecular mysteries of a number of devastating neurological disorders

In 2010, Gruber prize recipients included astronomer Charles Steidel, whose studies of ancient galaxies have shed light on their formation and evolution over 12 billion years. Gerald R. Fink was recognized for his foundational work in molecular genetics, and neuroscientist Robert H. Wurtz was honored for a forty-year career that helped to launch the field of visual cognition.

### Gruber Science Fellowship Program

The Gruber Foundation will also support the training of new leaders within these key science disciplines through the Gruber Science Fellowship Program at Yale. Providing \$2.5 million annually, the program will initially provide approximately fifty graduate fellowships each year.

### Background on Peter and Patricia Gruber

Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1929, Peter Gruber escaped to India with his parents in 1939, three months before the Second World War engulfed Europe. He was educated in the Himalayas by Irish Christian Brothers and Jesuits, sparking a lifelong dedication to scholarship and human rights. He later came to the United States, where he launched a successful investment career and is recognized as a pioneer in the area of emerging markets.

Patricia Gruber has a background in liberal arts, holding a master's degree in psychology from Antioch West University and a post-master's certificate in psychology from the Psychotherapy Institute in Berkeley. Previously a psychotherapist in private practice in California, she has in recent years devoted herself full time to the Foundation. In 2010, she was awarded a Ph.D. honoris causa from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, for her work with the Foundation. In addition to her dedication to the Gruber Foundation since its inception, Pat has been involved with a number of human rights organizations, including the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights, the International League for Human Rights at the United Nations.

**Gruber Fellows 2012-13**



**Erin George** will spend her fellowship year with Partners In Health, where she will work in partnership with Haitian health care leaders to build capacity among Haitian nurses and midwives. Erin will conduct needs assessments of nurses and midwives at Partners In Health sites and create clinical, education, and research partnerships between Haitian and American health organizations in order to strengthen the nursing and midwifery professions in Haiti. A member of Yale School of Nursing Class of 2012, Erin graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2006 with a B.A. in Growth and Structure of Cities and from MGH Institute of Health Professions in 2010 with a BSN. She previously worked as a nutrition educator in Hawaii and a women's health and HIV community health researcher in Boston, MA.

**Amanda Gutierrez** will spend her fellowship year working with the Center for Justice and International Law in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in collaboration with domestic organizations to address the exploitation of migrant Bolivian workers in the Argentine textile industry. Amanda will document labor practices in the industry, assess the Argentine government's response to pervasive exploitation, and develop strategies to leverage the power of international law and domestic organizing to improve the government's approach on this issue. Amanda, a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2012, graduated with highest honors and highest distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was involved with a number of immigrants' rights initiatives.



**Becca Heller**, Yale Law School Class of 2010, will spend her fellowship year working with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), specifically by developing legal interventions for Iraqi refugee young women and girls who are being sexually trafficked. With Jonathan Finer '09, Becca co-founded IRAP as a student organization when she was a YLS student. With enormous support from Yale Law School, IRAP has since become an international law student movement for refugee rights, with chapters at



more than 20 law schools in the United States and the Middle East. In addition to the honor of being selected as a Gruber Fellow, Becca has received Skadden and Echoing Green Fellowships in recognition of her work with IRAP. She is currently a visiting clinical lecturer in law at YLS and was recently named one of the Christian Science Monitor's "30 Change Agents Under 30."

**Stephanie Keene** will work with the International Justice Mission (IJM) in Kampala, Uganda, to provide legal services to women and children who have been victims of illegal property seizure, or "property grabbing." Stephanie will support IJM lawsuits on behalf of victims of property grabbing; lead and develop legal training for Ugandan justice officials; and develop strategies to reform customary practices that impede women's property rights in rural communities. Before joining the Yale Law School Class of 2012, Stephanie graduated with high honors from Princeton University and worked for the U.N. World Food Program in Dakar, Senegal.



**Nichole Trumper**, a member of the Yale School of Nursing Class of 2012, will spend her fellowship year working with the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) in Limón, Nicaragua, as a pediatric nurse practitioner.



Nichole's primary project will be to support the Pediatric Health Program through execution of acute and preventative patient care, the creation and distribution of health education materials, and streamlining data tracking and institutional memory practices. Secondary projects will encompass on-site initiatives such as designing and implementing community outreach activities focused on dental hygiene, water sanitation and healthy habits. Before coming to Yale, Nichole graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was academic All-Big Ten as a Badger crew team rower.

## **Gruber Fellows 2011-12**

### **Caroline Gross YLS '10**

*International Association of Women Judges in Washington, DC and Tanzania*

Caroline Gross is a 2010 graduate of Yale Law School. During her fellowship year, Caroline will work for the International Association of Women Judges on combating "sextortion," or the abuse of power through sexual exploitation, in Tanzania. Working with Tanzanian judges and NGOs, she will develop materials for practitioners, victims, and government officials on the application of Tanzanian and international anti-corruption laws to the problem of sexual exploitation, and she will prepare a report on barriers to the implementation of these laws.

Caroline graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University in 2005, with an A.B. in History and Science. She clerked for the Honorable Stanley Marcus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit before beginning her fellowship.

### **Scarlet Kim YLS '11**

*Human rights work with the New York Civil Liberties Union*

Scarlet Kim will spend her fellowship year at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where she will work on a project addressing the use of prolonged solitary confinement in New York state prisons. Scarlet will document conditions of confinement at several New York supermax prisons and conduct legal research exploring methods of incorporating international human rights law into a New York state constitutional challenge to prolonged solitary confinement.

A member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, Scarlet graduated from Yale College, where she studied history and international studies. Scarlet has also studied in China on a Fulbright Fellowship and worked as a research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations.