



Hastings-to-Haiti Newsletter

Fall 2011

The Hastings-to-Haiti Partnership

Founded in 1999, HHP works to advance the rule of law in Haiti by supporting legal education. HHP is a collaboration between UC Hastings College of the Law and L'École Supérieure Catholique de Droit de Jérémie (ESCDROJ).

2010-2011 Activities

Spring 2011 Delegation

Following final exams, HHP members headed straight to SFO to begin our week-long delegation to Haiti.



Our trip to ESCDROJ this year featured a criminal clinic simulation that Professor Kate Bloch and the delegation designed during the Spring 2011 semester, and presentations from Professor David Takacs and 3L Edris Rodriguez. The delegation also had opportunities throughout the week to interview a prosecutor and various police officials, and visit the Jeremie prison.



Faculty and Student Presentations

The Delegation spent three nights at ESCDROJ making presentations to Haitian law students and facilitating academic exchange. On the first night, Professor Takacs presented on the international aspects of climate change and its potential affects on Haiti. The conversation generated many questions and



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~SAVE-THE-DATE~ Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

CLE Event: "Enforcing Human Rights in Haiti" Featuring

Gabrielle Paul, ESCDROJ Graduate and Clinical Instructor

Ms. Paul will be joined by HHP Alums, Professor Kate Bloch and

Blaine Bookey, Staff Attorney with the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

5:30 p.m., Alumni Reception Center, UC Hastings

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Ms. Paul, a graduate of ESCDROJ and co-founder of the school's newly launched Criminal Justice Clinic, will participate in an intensive two-week component of the UC Hastings Criminal Practice Clinic.

At the conclusion of her visit, Ms. Paul will speak about criminal justice issues in Haiti, challenges faced, and how her Hastings experience will help ESCDROJ develop its clinical program.

Please join us for a reception beginning at 5 p.m., and continuing after the event.



theses) to the entire class. The focus of many of these mémoires was on habeas corpus in Haiti.

Criminal Clinic Simulation

The centerpiece of our trip to Jeremie was a three-day criminal clinic simulation that our delegation designed to help students develop their fact-finding and interviewing skills. The exercise featured a hypothetical involving a stolen cell phone. Hastings students played the role of the client, defendant Francois Champion, who was accused of stealing a student's cell phone. ESCDROJ students peppered the client with questions regarding our guilt and alibis, and learned to create rapport with the client. During the simulation, Professor Rory Little and Bloch presented their "cardinal rules" for client and witness interviewing.

comments from ESCDROJ students.

Edris also presented on Internet research materials. During the semester, he designed and executed, with the help of Hastings Librarian Hilary Hardcastle, a video in French that walks students through websites where they can access free legal resources. The transcript of the video, and the video file was saved on flash-drives that Lexis-Nexis donated and distributed to ESCDROJ students.

On the last night ESCDROJ students also presented portions of their mémoires (i.e.,





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Partnership Profiles

Professor Rory Little, one of the faculty members of HHP, was born and raised in New Jersey, which probably explains a lot of things. He practiced law for twelve years at a private firm and in the U.S. Department of Justice (two years as a criminal prosecutor, five years as Appellate Chief, arguing over

During his visit to Hastings in April 2011, Father Jomanas met with Judge Charles Breyer of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; Judge Carlos Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit; and California Court of Appeals Judge Martin Jenkins in their chambers, during which he discussed Haitian law. He also toured the courthouses around UC Hastings.

Father Jomanas also appeared on KQED's "Forum with Michael Krasny" in which he discussed the Haitian elections. A broadcast of the show appears on:
<<http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201104060900>>



50 federal appeals; and one year as Associate Deputy Attorney General) before joining the Hastings faculty in 1994. He teaches, lectures, and publishes in the areas of criminal law and procedure, constitutional law, and legal ethics.

Father Jomanas Eustache is the co-founder and Dean of ESCDROJ. He has degrees in Canon and Civil law.



Inspired by his trip to Haiti with HHP in 2009, David Rathmann-Bloch, Professor Bloch's son, developed innovative educational software that begins with teaching students how to use the laptop computers donated by HHP, the Nueva School, and other generous donors.

Support the work of HHP and ESCDROJ!

To keep this delegation open to those who could not afford the trip on their own, and to bring ESCDROJ students to Hastings, we actively fundraise throughout the year.

Your support will bring much needed computers, clothes and medicine to Haiti. In the past, we have established a computer lab at ESCDROJ and provided supplies to rape survivors. HHP supporters can also donate American Airlines miles.

HHP also encourages attorneys to lend their legal expertise through mentoring of Haitian students as they complete their dissertations, as well as hosting them at their offices when they visit the Bay Area.

You can make a tax deductible donation here:

<http://www.uchastings.edu/giving>

Select "Student Organizations" and then write "Hastings-to-Haiti Partnership" in the comment box when you check out.

Thank you to everyone who has already generously supported HHP!

Questions? Contact: hastings-to-haiti@gmail.com