

Washington University Law

THE U.S. GUN VIOLENCE CRISIS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY & HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

Friday – November 2, 2018 | Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 310

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Conference Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

Dean Nancy Staudt, Washington University School of Law

Leila Nadya Sadat, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute

William G. Powderly, Institute for Public Health at Washington University

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **Opening Keynote Address – *Gun Violence Prevention 2.0: A New Framework for Addressing America’s Enduring Epidemic***

Mike McLively, Urban Gun Violence Initiative, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Panel 1: Gun Violence and Human Rights**

This panel seeks to re-direct the conversation of U.S. gun violence away from the gun rights of the shooters and towards the human rights of the victims, particularly in cases involving mass shootings. It will focus on U.S. obligations under international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture, and the American Declaration.

Moderator: **Leila Nadya Sadat**, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute

Christina Cerna, Georgetown University Law Center

Victoria Coy, Amnesty International USA

Aaron Fellmeth, Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law

Barbara Frey, Human Rights Program, University of Minnesota

11:45 – 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch Keynote Address – *The Second Amendment in the U.S. Supreme Court***

Lee Epstein, Washington University School of Law



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1:15 – 2:45 p.m. **Panel 2: Gun Violence and the Right to Health**

This panel will explore how gun violence's impact on public health affects the right to health found in numerous international human rights instruments and the work of the World Health Organization. It will also consider whether the physical, mental, and psychological harm caused by gun violence and mass shootings—school shootings in particular— might be considered ill-treatment under the Convention against Torture.

Moderator: Aaron Fellmeth, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Jonathan Hafetz, American Civil Liberties Union

Sean Joe, Washington University Brown School of Social Work

Kimberly J. Mitchell, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire

Poli Rijos, Institute for Public Health at Washington University

Jaclyn Schildkraut, State University of New York – Oswego

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Panel 3: Special Roundtable: Gun Violence and Communities of Color, Immigration, Trafficking of Firearms, and U.S. Law**

Given that the problem of gun violence is so multi-faceted, this roundtable will consider other important issues not explicitly included in the first two panels. Topics include, but are not limited to, the disproportionate ways in which communities of color are affected by this crisis, the issue of firearm trafficking, and the export of gun violence to other American States.

Moderator: Vetta Sanders Thompson, Institute for Public Health at Washington University

Lisa A. Crooms, Howard University School of Law

Geoff Dancy, Tulane University

Jennifer Green, University of Minnesota Law School

David T. Konig, Washington University School of Law

Eugenio Weigend Vargas, Gun Violence Prevention, Center for American Progress

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. **Closing Keynote Address – *America Already Led, Tested and Proved Many of the Solutions: Now They're Inevitable***

Philip Alpers, University of Sydney School of Public Health; GunPolicy.org

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