The 2009 JCRSJ Symposium, held in the W&L Law Moot Courtroom on Friday, April 3, was a tremendous success. Organized in conjunction with W&L Law’s 2008-2009 Scholar-in-Residence, Charles Ngwena, the Symposium featured speakers, who traveled to Lexington from as far away as Canada and South Africa.

The Symposium began with opening remarks by Rodney Smolla, Dean of the Law School. He, among many others throughout the day, remembered the late Professor Louise A. Halper. Dean Smolla acknowledged Halper’s efforts in planting the seeds from which the 2009 Symposium grew.

All of the day’s speakers were invited to comment on the African Women’s Protocol, which was adopted by the African Union in 2003 and went into effect in 2005. W&L Associate Professor of Law, Scholar Charles Ngwena

Benton Keatley (’10L) Named First Winner of Louise A. Halper Award

In fall 2008, JCRSJ Editor-in-Chief, Erica Knott, and Managing Editor, Kristen Hutchens, created the Louise A. Halper Award to honor the many efforts of the late Louise A. Halper. The Award’s description reads as follows:

During the seventeen years that she taught at Washington and Lee University, Professor Louise A. Halper was an advocate for minority viewpoints on campus. She founded and served as faculty advisor to the Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Digest, which evolved

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Johanna E. Bond, moderated the first panel. **Frans Viljoen**, Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa, gave opening remarks on the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights. **Rebecca Cook**, Chair in International Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada then spoke on the broad topic of sexual and reproductive rights and specifically about related lessons learned from CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination. **Melissa Upreti**, Senior Manager & Legal Adviser for Asia, Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, closed the first panel by illuminating lessons learned from the Asian continent regarding sexual and reproductive rights.

The second panel of scholars, moderated by Professor Ann Massie of W&L Law, included **Dr. Edith Miguda**, Fellow, Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame; **Cynthia Eyakuze**, Project Director, Public Health Watch, Open Society Institute, New York; **Rachel Rebouché**, Associate Director of Adolescent Health Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families in Washington, D.C. and Adjunct Professor at American University, Washington College of Law; and **Charles Ngwena**.

Dr. Miguda began her critique of the Protocol by arguing that while it uses the language of rights, it lacks language that will empower women. Eyakuze discussed the interplay of HIV and women’s health in Africa. She noted the failed policies of the World Health Organization. Rebouche analyzed the drafting process of the Protocol to show its inner contradictions – giving rights to women in some areas, while holding back in others. Finally, Ngwena spoke on abortion, a right which is specifically recognized under Article 14 of the Protocol. He focused on the importance of the Protocol’s recognition of abortion as a health right.

Mark Drumbl, Class of 1975 Alumni Professor of Law, Director Transnational Law Institute, W&L School of Law moderated the final panel. Its participants included **Ebenezer Durojaye**, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Constitutional Law, University of the Free State, South Africa; **Johanna E. Bond**, Associate Professor of Law, W&L School of Law; **Susan SaCouto**, Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence, Director, War Crimes Research Office, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C.; and **Dr. Bernard Dickens**, the Dr. William M. Scholl Professor Emeritus of Health Law and Policy at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

Durojaye addressed sexual and reproductive rights issues

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affecting adolescent populations. Bond spoke on the efficacy of the Protocol’s language in addressing marital rape. She, like others, supported the Protocol because it has more regional credibility and less potential to create backlash in local African communities than CEDAW. SaCouto talked about accountability, or lack thereof, for sexual violence during conflicts. Finally, Dickens tackled the issue of HIV, in addition to the ways in which the public health system in Africa can be improved to protect women’s reproductive rights, especially in instances of rape.

In his concluding remarks, Professor Ngwena complimented all participants for their dedication to the theme of the Symposium. Indeed, almost all speakers were dismayed when their time ran out and were eager to ask questions of each other and to hear from the audience! We appreciated their energy and look forward to another successful symposium next year.

Keatley Wins Halper Award

into the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice. Both inside and outside the classroom, she encouraged students, whatever their politics or beliefs, to speak their minds about today's most complicated social problems. She also urged students, via their written work, to identify and advocate for new ideas, solutions or paths towards making the world a more just society for all individuals.

Created after Professor Halper’s unexpected passing in June 2008, the Louise A. Halper Award seeks to honor her efforts as an advocate, educator, mentor, colleague, and friend. Each spring, the Award is presented to the second-year law student who is judged to have submitted the best note for publication in the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice. Members of the Journal's board determine the winner.

Keatley won for his note, The Liberty of Innocent Delights: Obscene Devices and the Limits of State Power after Lawrence v. Texas. He received a cash prize provided by James Williams ('98L) and his wife, Elizabeth. Williams is a former Editor-in-Chief of the R.E.A.L. Journal.
Alumnus Profile: Luis Rivera, 2004-2005 Editor-in-Chief

Since graduating, Luis Rivera has practiced law in Fort Myers, Florida with the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. He focuses on commercial litigation. He has worked in the areas of creditor representation in bankruptcy, real property disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, title insurance litigation, contract disputes, as well as other general civil matters.

Outside the office, he is active in Southwest Florida's Hispanic community. He serves as the Chairman of the Lee County Board of County Commissioner's Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board and also as a member of board for the Hodges University Hispanic Institute. During 2007 - 2008, Rivera had the privilege of serving on the Lee County Charter Review Committee, which is established every eight years to consider amendments to the Lee County Charter. In May 2007, Rivera married Amanda L. Rivera (Brock).

When asked how his Journal experience influenced his work as an attorney, Rivera responded, “My work on the R.E.A.L. Journal, now JCRSJ, greatly influences my law practice. Serving as Editor in Chief required me to work with, and motivate, a large team for a common goal. While this is no easy task, it is a required skill as a litigator. More importantly, though, my work on the Journal instilled in me a sense of civic duty and social justice which is borne out in my work in the local Hispanic community.”

Student Profile: Crystal Doyle, 2008-2009 Senior Articles Editor

Doyle was one of two dynamite SAEs in 2008-2009. Regarding her SAE work, Doyle said, “As a senior articles editor, I've enjoyed my small part in furthering that mission by reviewing and selecting articles and student notes for publication, as well as using my obsession with proper cite-checking to help make our issues look as perfect and professional as possible. I'm really going to miss having a direct hand in such an interesting publication, as well as working with all the great people who were on Board this year.”

Doyle will join Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobson, LLP in New York to partake in their three-year public interest fellowship program. For two years, she will do general corporate litigation and pro bono work. In her last year, she will extern at inMotion, a legal services provider for low-income women. Doyle explained, “Though most of my work will focus on individual casework, it is important to supplement casework with advocacy for broader policy changes to a legal system that can be, at work, hostile and at best, indifferent. I feel like my experiences with the Journal have been invaluable in preparing me to work toward those much-needed policy changes.”
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National Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C.