

**Ruth K. & Shepard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series**  
Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs



**“Gun Control: International Perspectives”**  
**Panel Discussion:**

By the Australian Federal Police Commander, and FIU College of Law Experts

**Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus**  
**11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Miami, FL 33199 – FIU College of Law – RDB 1009**

**Panel Discussion Participants: Biographical Notes**

**ACADEMIC PANELISTS**



**Professor Manuel A. Gómez**

*Associate Dean for International and Graduates Studies*  
*& Associate Professor of Law, FIU College of Law*

J.S.D., J.S.M., Stanford University

J.D. (cum laude), Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (Caracas, Venezuela)

Manuel A. Gómez is an Associate Professor of Law, and currently serves as Associate Dean of International and Graduate Studies at FIU College of Law. Professor Gómez regularly teaches courses on Complex Litigation, International Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Law and Society, and Introduction to International and Comparative Law, with emphasis on Latin America. He has law teaching experience at other US universities such as Stanford and Iowa, and has been at numerous Latin American, European, and Asian universities, either as guest lecturer, speaker or visiting professor. Professor Gómez’s research and academic writing focuses on dispute resolution, governance and private ordering, legal and institutional reform in Latin America, the globalization of the legal profession, and innovations in legal education. Professor Gómez’s research has earned important awards such as the Law and Society Association’s Dissertation Prize, the Richard S. Goldsmith Award in Dispute Resolution at Stanford University, and the prize awarded by the Venezuelan Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). At FIU, Professor Gómez has received the Inaugural Bhagwan Mahavir Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship in 2011, and a CIBER Faculty Research Award in 2013. Professor Gómez has also been appointed as a Research Fellow at the Universidad Metropolitana Law School, Faculty Fellow at FIU CIBER, and a Fellow at Stanford Law School’s Center for the Legal Profession.



**Professor Charles C. Jalloh**  
*Professor of Law, FIU College of Law*  
*Founding Director of the African Court Research Initiative (ACRI)*  
B.A., University of Guelph  
LL.B., McGill University  
B.C.L., McGill University  
M.St., Oxford University

Charles C. Jalloh is a tenured professor at FIU College of Law, the Founding Director of the African Court Research Initiative (ACRI) and an FIU Top Scholar for 2015. He was formerly Assistant Professor of Criminal and International Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where he was the Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar for 2013-2014.

Professor Jalloh has taught and written widely on issues of international law focusing on topics relating to criminal justice and human rights. His recent research has focused on jurisdiction, selectivity and legitimacy of international criminal law, including the tense relationship between Africa and the International Criminal Court, on which he is a globally renowned expert. A prolific scholar, he has published articles in top peer-reviewed and student edited journals in the United States and abroad as well as many invited book chapters edited by leading authorities. His recent edited books include *The Sierra Leone Special Court and Its Legacy: The Impact for Africa and International Criminal Law* (Cambridge, 2014 hardback, 2015 paperback); *Shielding Humanity: Essays in International Law in Honour of Judge Abdul G. Koroma*, (Brill, 2015, with Femi Elias); *Promoting Accountability Under International Law for Gross Violations in Africa: Essays in Honor of Prosecutor Hassan Jalloh* (Brill, 2015, with Alhagi Marong) and three volumes of the first comprehensive Law Reports of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (Brill, 2012, 2014, 2015, with Simon Meisenberg).

Before academia, he practiced law as Counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Canadian Department of Justice; an Associate Legal Officer in Chambers at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; the Legal Advisor to the Office of the Principal Defender, Special Court for Sierra Leone; and as a Visiting Professional, in the International Criminal Court. Professor Jalloh has advised states and international organizations on issues of international law, including most recently the African Union, for which he appeared as first ever Amicus Counsel in proceedings before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Professor Jalloh is the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal of Legal Studies and the African Journal of International Criminal Justice.



**Professor Noah Weisbord**  
*Associate Professor of Law*  
*FIU College of Law*  
B.Sc., B.S.W., LL.B., B.C.L., M.S.W. (McGill)  
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S.J.D. (Harvard)

Professor Weisbord's primary research interest is in the field of international criminal law. He is a leading expert on the crime of aggression, individual criminal responsibility for illegal wars. Professor Weisbord was a law clerk and a visiting professional in the Immediate Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and later served as an expert assisting the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC to draft the crime of aggression. Prior to working at the ICC, he traveled to Rwanda to study gacaca—community-based genocide trials inspired by an indigenous justice tradition. Professor Weisbord holds a Doctorate of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School which he completed under the supervision of Dean Martha Minow. He holds common and civil law degrees from McGill. Professor Weisbord is currently writing a book on the crime of aggression which will be published with Princeton University Press in 2017. His next project will be on the role of the criminal law in managing, reflecting or exacerbating intergroup conflict in the United States.

## **INTERNATIONAL PANELIST**



**Commander Grant Edwards**  
*Manager Americas – Washington DC*  
*International Operations*  
*Australian Federal Police (AFP)*

Commander Edwards has 32 years of policing experience with the Australian Federal Police at the local, national and international level. His broad breadth of operational experience extends across countering cyber crime, transnational drug activity, organised crime, people smuggling, human trafficking, child exploitation, counter terrorism, and peace and stability operations.

Grant has held senior international roles including the Chair of the Interpol Experts Working Group on the Exploitation of women and children, Co-chair (with the Royal Thai Police) of the Bali Process on People Trafficking and smuggling and child exploitation and the Asian Region Heads of Intelligence Working Group (ARCHIWIG).

Moreover, Commander Edwards has held senior multi faceted roles internationally as Security Advisor to the Secretary of State for Security - Government of Timor-Leste / Commander Timor-Leste Police Development Program and as the Deputy of the International Police Coordination Board of Afghanistan / Commander AFP Afghanistan Mission.

Grant has also held two posting to the USA as Liaison Officer Los Angeles (1998-2001) and is currently the AFP's Senior Member in the America's responsible for managing the AFP's response across the Americas Region and is based in Washington D.C.

Grant holds a number of academic qualifications including a Bachelor of Arts (ANU), post graduate qualifications in leadership and policing studies through the Australian Institute of Police Management and a Master of Leadership through the Charles Sturt University. He is also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Senior Executive Program, is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has completed the United Nations Senior Mission Leaders program.

Commander Edwards has presented across a number of academic institutions including the Australian National University, Flinders University South Australia, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, University of Queensland, the Folke Bernadotte Academy for Peace, Security and Development in Sweden and the National Defense University, Washington D.C. Routledge.