

**The Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights
and the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Law Clinic**

Yale Law School

Fellowship Announcement:

Robert M. Cover - Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinical Fellowship

Application Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2018

The Cover-Lowenstein Fellowship is a two-year position designed for lawyers with international human rights or other relevant experience who are interested in preparing for a career in human rights practice or human rights teaching. The Fellow will help supervise the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and coordinate activities of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights.

The Lowenstein Clinic has three main goals: to provide students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in the range of activities lawyers pursue to promote respect for human rights; to help students build the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective human rights lawyers and advocates; and to contribute to current efforts to protect human rights through valuable, high-quality assistance to partner organizations and individual clients. Through work on projects and classroom discussion, the Clinic encourages students to explore critical issues affecting the promotion of human rights and to integrate the theory and practice of human rights law. Recent work has included international human rights litigation in U.S. and other national courts, particularly through the preparation of *amicus* briefs; advocacy before international and regional human rights bodies; investigating and writing reports on human rights situations; and drafting model legislation and treaties.

Working under the supervision of the director of the Lowenstein Clinic, the Cover-Lowenstein Fellow supervises student work on Clinic projects and participates in the planning and conduct of the Clinic, including the development of the curriculum and course materials and the selection of projects.

The Schell Center sponsors a wide range of human rights events, including the weekly Human Rights Workshop: Current Issues and Events, the annual Bernstein Human Rights Symposium, and frequent lectures, conferences, panels, and films. The Fellow works closely with the Center's faculty directors, executive director, and student directors to coordinate the rich program of events and supervises the work of the student directors. The Fellow also advises Law School and other university students on human rights research topics, advocacy, summer and post-graduate human rights opportunities, and career development. The Fellow may assist on other Center activities as well.

The Cover-Lowenstein Fellow will be able to engage in scholarly research and writing and may also have the opportunity to teach an undergraduate course in human rights.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- a J.D. degree from a U.S. law school and an outstanding law school record;
- at least 4-5 years of prior experience in human rights or related advocacy;
- bar membership in a state or jurisdiction of the United States;
- strong written and oral communication skills (fluency in a foreign language is highly desirable);
- an enthusiastic commitment to working closely with students;
- experience in outreach and in organizing events;
- an interest and capacity in legal scholarship; and
- ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

The position is for a two-year term, starting in mid-summer 2018.

Applications should include: a cover letter, a resume and the names and contact information for five references. These may include professional as well as academic references. Please have two or three of your references submit recommendation letters directly to the program.

Applications are due Friday, March 9, 2018, and should be sent by email to schell.law@yale.edu. Letters of recommendation should be sent to the same address.

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