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University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts

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Biography

Michael Bazylar is professor of law and The 1939 Law Scholar in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies. He is holder of previous fellowships at Harvard Law School and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. In fall 2006, he was a Research Fellow at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem (The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority of Israel) and the holder of the *Baron Friedrich Carl von Oppenheim Chair for the Study of Racism, Antisemitism and the Holocaust*. Before joining Chapman in 2008, he was a professor for 25 years at Whittier Law School. He received his B.A. from UCLA and his JD from USC.

Professor Bazylar is the author of over a dozen law review articles on subjects covering public international law, international human rights law, international trade law and comparative law. His work has been published in such journals as *The University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Kansas Law Review*, *Arizona Law Review*, *Northwestern Law Review*, *University of Richmond Law Review*, *Stanford Journal of International Law*, *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, and *Fordham Journal of International Law*.

Over his 30-year law teaching career, Professor Bazylar has been a visiting professor at various law schools in the United States, Australia, Russia, Belarus and Israel, teaching Comparative Law, Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, International Business Litigation, International Business Transactions, Criminal Law, Torts and a course he created entitled Holocaust, Genocide and the Law.

In spring 2007, Professor Bazylar held the position of Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law, teaching Comparative Law

and Holocaust, Genocide and the Law. He is a leading authority on the use of American and European courts to redress genocide and other historical wrongs. Professor Bazylar co-authored *Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust* (New York University Press, 2014, soft cover 2015) with Frank M. Tuerkheimer, reviewed in the *New York Review of Books*. His book, *Holocaust Justice: The Battle for Restitution in America's Courts* (New York University Press, 2003, soft cover 2005), was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and reviewed in the *Harvard Law Review*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times* (London), and *The Economist*. He is a contributor of chapters to various books on genocide and the law, and the co-editor/author with Roger Alford of *Holocaust Restitution: Perspectives on the Litigation and Its Legacy* (New York University Press, 2006; soft cover 2007).

His work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court, and he has testified in Congress before the House Reform Committee on the subject of Holocaust restitution. He has also been interviewed by CNN, 60 Minutes, CBS Sunday Morning, Dateline NBC, ABC News, Voice of America, the Australian Broadcasting Company, National Public Radio and the BBC. Bazylar has also delivered the Austin Owen Lecture at the University of Richmond and the Feibel Family Lecture at Ohio State University.

He is presently working on two books: a textbook based upon his Holocaust law course entitled *Holocaust, Genocide and the Law* to be published in 2016 by Oxford University Press and a Comparative Law casebook entitled *Comparative Law: Global Legal Traditions in the 21st Century* (with three co-authors), to be published by LexisNexis in 2017.

Courses Taught: International Law (including Holocaust Studies), International Business Litigation, International Business Transactions, Civil Procedure, Torts and Criminal Law