

## Michael Ross Fowler

Michael Fowler, Associate Professor of Political Science, specializes in international law and organization, negotiation and conflict resolution, diplomacy and world order, and the foreign relations of the United States. His area interests include Asia, Southeast Asia, and Latin America, especially the Caribbean Basin. He first joined the faculty at the University of Louisville in the fall of 1994.

A graduate of Dartmouth College (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), University of Virginia, and Harvard Law School, Professor Fowler has taught politics at Tufts University, Georgetown University, George Washington University and the University of Virginia. Between 1996 and 2003 he served on the faculty of the Brandeis School of Law, regularly teaching negotiation and international law and coaching five award-winning teams in the national American Bar Association negotiation competition. Alongside U of L teaching responsibilities, he served from 2000 to 2004 as the founding director of University of Louisville's Muhammad Ali Institute, a multi-disciplinary undertaking involved in training, mediation, and educational initiatives aimed at promoting international understanding and furthering peace and justice in local, state, national, and international communities.

Professor Fowler is currently at work on two forthcoming books: *Who Holds the Reins?: Enhancing United Nations Accountability*, which he is co-editing with Sumihiro Kuyama, longtime Japanese diplomat, formerly UN Assistant Secretary-General and Chairman of the UN Joint Inspection Unit, and *Bribes, Bullets, and Intimidation: Narco-Corruption and the Law in Central America*, which he is co-authoring with Professor Julie M. Bunck, an analysis of drug trafficking and corruption in the primary bridge states of the Caribbean Basin.

He is the author of articles in various scholarly journals, including *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*, *Review of International Studies* (Cambridge University Press), and *Ohio State Journal of Dispute Resolution*, and he has published four books including *With Justice For All?: The Nature of the American Legal System* (Prentice Hall, 1997) and *Thinking About Human Rights* (University Press of America, 1986). His best known work is *Law, Power, and the Sovereign State: The Evolution and Application of the Concept of Sovereignty* (with Julie M. Bunck, Pennsylvania State University Press, 1995). Richard Falk of Princeton University termed this "an invaluable study of sovereignty," and Daniel Philpott at the Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame noted that it poses "a vigorous challenge, rich in its implications about sovereignty – its history, its role in international politics, its place in international relations scholarship, and its changing status today ..."

In 1992 and again in 2006 Michael Fowler carried out Fulbright lecturing scholarships to Japan, and over the last dozen years he has served on repeated occasions as a visiting professor in China, Laos, and Vietnam for the Program for International Studies in Asia (PISA), the premier faculty-exchange institution at work in Asia. On a 1995 PISA program Professor Fowler became the first American international lawyer invited to present a semester-long lecture course to government personnel in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. During a year in Hanoi he taught International Law and then Multilateral Diplomacy to mid-career diplomats and other officials at the Institute for International Relations, the training wing of Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He returned to

Hanoi to teach Conflict Management in 2002 and then, at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy, he inaugurated a similar PISA program in International Negotiation at the Institute of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos, again serving as one of the first American academics to engage in scholarly communication with government officials in that country since the Vietnam War. In 2006 he presented a two-week intensive workshop for PISA at the China Foreign Affairs University, using a Ford Foundation grant to illustrate active-learning methods of teaching international negotiation for two dozen university professors drawn from institutions across China

In 2004 the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisville awarded Professor Fowler the Distinguished International Service Award. He has conducted research throughout Central America, led advanced workshops for professionals in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Panama, and taught in Mexico and on numerous occasions in Panama, where he helped U of L to institute the country's first Master's program in international relations. As Director of the Ali Institute, Michael Fowler was instrumental in the University winning a prestigious Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education (FIPSE) grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide scholarships for an innovative conflict resolution student exchange program that brought together the resources of six North American universities. In that capacity he also initiated a speakers series known as the Louisville Forums on Arms Control, and brought to campus an array of other distinguished lecturers, including leading U.S. and British diplomats, professors from Israel, Italy, Spain, and South Africa, human rights activists from Guatemala and Colombia, a former prime minister of Rwanda, the first African papal envoy, the defense secretary of the United Kingdom, and a former Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Once a practicing attorney, Michael Fowler is admitted to the bars of Maryland, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C., and was a lawyer for three years in the Boston offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. There, while specializing in environmental law, corporate law, litigation, and international law, he represented a wide range of clients, appeared in state and federal courts and before various government agencies, and undertook legal work involving companies or government agencies in Britain, Canada, Japan, Taiwan, the United States, and the Dominican Republic.

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