

Brian D. Lepard
Biographical Summary

Brian D. Lepard is Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law, where he has taught international human rights law, among other courses, since 1995. Professor Lepard received his undergraduate degree in international relations from Princeton University, and was named a Scholar of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his J.D. degree from the Yale Law School. Prior to entering law teaching, Professor Lepard worked for three years as an international human rights specialist at the United Nations Office of the Bahá'í International Community.

Professor Lepard has authored a number of books and articles on the subject of international law, ethics, and world religions. He wrote the book, *Rethinking Humanitarian Intervention: A Fresh Legal Approach Based on Fundamental Ethical Principles in International Law and World Religions*, which was published by Pennsylvania State University Press in 2002. He also contributed an article on humanitarian intervention to a book on human rights and the world religions that was published in 2003 by Oneworld Publications. Further, Professor Lepard wrote an article on humanitarian intervention and the ethical principle of open-minded consultation, which will be included in a book on humanitarian intervention to be published by New York University Press in 2005. And he has contributed an essay entitled *Peace Through Unity: A Bahá'í Perspective on War and Reconciliation* to a book on war and reconciliation in the world religions, which will be published by Cambridge University Press. He is currently writing a book on common ethical principles in the world religions entitled *Hope for a Global Ethic in a Despairing World: Shared Principles in Religious Scriptures*.

Professor Lepard is a Vice-Chair of the International Legal Theory Interest Group of the American Society of International Law. He is a member of the International Board of Consultants of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum and a member of the Board of Directors of Genocide Watch. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Board of *The Journal of Bahá'í Studies*.