

# *Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies*



Governance and Social Policy Roundtable

## *The Human Rights Movement in Brazil*

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James L. Cavallaro graduated with honors in Government from Harvard University in 1984. Between 1986 and 1988, and again from 1990 to 1992 he studied at University of California in Berkeley in both the Law School (Boalt Hall) and the Center for Latin America Studies. He was graduated with top honors (Order of the Coif) from Boalt Hall (J.D.) in 1992. From 1992, he worked at Human Rights Watch in Washington, DC, and as Brazil office director (1994-1999). Cavallaro has co-authored several publications dealing with human rights issues in Brazil, including: (with Joanne Mariner), *Behind Bars in Brazil* (O Brasil Atrás das Grades) (for Human Rights Watch, December, 1998); *Police Violence in Urban Brazil* (Brutalidade policial Urbana no Brasil); (with J. Méndez and J.M. Vivanco, for Human Rights Watch), "Introduction," in G. Dimenstein, *Democracia em Pedacos* (São Paulo, Companhia das Letras (March 1996)); with A. Monteiro, "Fighting Violence with Violence: Human Rights Abuse and Criminality in Rio de Janeiro" ("Violência contra Violência, Criminalidade e Violações aos Direitos Humanos no Rio de Janeiro") (Human Rights Watch, January 1996)." Cavallaro has published over two-dozen opinion pieces in major Brazilian newspapers and has participated in more than one hundred conferences on human rights issues in Brazil. From 1994 until 1997, as the director of CEJIL/BRASIL, Cavallaro introduced over 15 cases to the OAS Human Rights Commission and led a series of workshops on the use of the inter-American human rights system in six Brazilian cities. In 1999, Cavallaro founded the Global Justice Center (Centro de Justiça Global), a non-governmental organization dedicated to facilitating the access of Brazilian rights groups to the international system ([www.global.org.br](http://www.global.org.br)).

### **Location**

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