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Professor Jonathan Gutoff, one of the nation's top piracy experts, will join a panel on piracy and other crimes of the sea at the United Nations on June 10.

Professor Jonathan Gutoff, a leading authority on piracy issues, will be featured on a UN discussion panel for an NGO briefing titled "High Tide, High Crime: Piracy and other Crimes of the Sea," at the United Nations in New York on June 10.

In addition to his popular courses on Administrative Law, Admiralty, Civil Procedure, and Remedies, Gutoff is a former acting director (and present faculty member) of RWU Law’s Marine Affairs Institute. His articles have appeared in prestigious legal publications such as the Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce (“The Law of Piracy in Popular Culture”), the Tulane Law Review and the University of Pittsburgh Law Review. He has addressed regional, national and international conferences on marine and environmental law issues, and he is regularly sought out for his expert commentary by media outlets as diverse as the National Law Journal and National Public Radio. Professor Gutoff, a classics major at Brown, earned his J.D. at the University of Chicago.

In recognition of Roger Williams University’s continued commitment to global issues, the United Nations Department of Public Information recently awarded the University status as an associated non-governmental organization (NGO). The designation – more typical for humanitarian and global policy agencies – makes RWU one of fewer than 25 higher education institutions with NGO status in the United States.

For further information on the piracy panel, please call the UN's DPI/NGO Resource Centre at +1-212-963-7232 / 7233 / 7234 or e-mail dingo.briefings@un.org.