Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to update you on the scholarship produced by our faculty since 2020. Situated on the flagship campus of a premier, research-intensive public university, University at Buffalo School of Law has long been associated with innovative, interdisciplinary research and critical approaches to the study of law. Many of our faculty members hold doctorates in areas other than law, and the thoughtful scholarship catalogued here reflects this rich and diverse background. We hope you enjoy getting to know their work.

Yours sincerely,

S. Todd Brown
Interim Dean and Professor of Law

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I investigate how the law influences where people live. My research centers on what legal tools exist, or should exist, to reduce racial segregation. My ambition remains practical as well as theoretical—creating a roadmap for litigators and policymakers to leverage existing laws to meaningfully deconstruct the systems that perpetuate racial segregation.”

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CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION  
CIVIL PROCEDURE  
CIVIL LIBERTIES  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
DISABILITY RIGHTS  
FAIR HOUSING  
FEDERAL COURTS  
LEGISLATION  
PROPERTY  
RACE AND THE LAW

ARTICLES  


Just a “Planning Rule”: Enforcing the Duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (with Jason Knight, Russell Weaver & Christopher Holtkamp), 31(2) JOURNAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW 203 (2022).


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AREAS OF INTEREST
INSURANCE LAW
COMMERCIAL LAW
REGULATION OF FINANCIAL ENTITIES
LEGAL ETHICS

BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES
Uniform Commercial Code, West’s
McKinney’s Forms for New York
(the definitive set on the New York
Uniform Commercial Code and
official companion to McKinney’s
CONSOLIDATED LAWS OF NEW YORK
ANNOTATED) (Thomson Reuters,

Volume 4: Specific Types of Liability
Insurance (Chs. 24-40), New Appleman
on INSURANCE LAW LIBRARY EDITION
(Aviva Abramovsky, ed., 2010- present).

NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE,
(Aviva Abramovsky, ed.,
2nd ed., 2008- present).

CHAPTERS
Enforcement: A survey of the
approaches taken to insurance
regulatory enforcement in the United
States of America and in the United
Kingdom (with Dan D. Kohane,
Farhaz Kan KC & Paul Bonner
Hughes), in RESEARCH HANDBOOK
ON INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE
AND REGULATION (Julian Burling
and Kevin Lazarus, eds., Edward

Transparency in the Insurance Contract
in the United States (with Peter
Kochenburger), in TRANSPARENCY
IN INSURANCE CONTRACT LAW
683 (Pierpaolo Marano & Kyriaki

“MY research is focused on
insurance law with emphasis on
re-insurance. I am particularly
interested in global insurance
products and disaster and
catastrophe liability. Insurance
is a gatekeeper for all corporate
behavior and as such the
industry’s laws and policies
are relevant to every aspect
of the world’s economy.”
AREAS OF INTEREST

LEGAL RESEARCH
STATUS OF ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES AND LAW LIBRARIANS

BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES


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The core of my scholarship focuses on the process of conducting legal research effectively. The fourth edition of my book, New York Legal Research, highlights the connections between sources, legal research, and analysis. Another area of interest is on the status of the academic law library. My recent scholarship examines the autonomy of academic law libraries, the status of the law library director, and the implications of both in the context of the ABA Standards.”

MAKING LAW LIBRARIES THE BEST THEY CAN BE

As law school libraries nationwide face increasing cost pressures, law schools are grappling with how to both contain costs and maintain high-quality service. In Organizational Structures for Academic Law Libraries: Past, Present, and Future (W.S. Hein, 2023), Elizabeth G. Adelman and her co-editor, Jessica de Perio Wittman, present a history of and case studies about different law library structures.

The contributors assess their experiences with autonomous law school libraries, the semi-autonomous model (connected to the university library system) and a hybrid called the shared services model. They then lay out the advantages and disadvantages of each model, providing an invaluable resource for decision-makers in academic law librarianship.
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My research examines factors that impede the law’s ability to achieve its intended objectives, particularly in the context of law and development reforms within the Global South. By integrating empirical studies derived from ethnographies of law and social practices, I aim to substantively contribute to the scholarship surrounding the protective potential of law and regulatory frameworks. In line with this overarching goal, my research spans various domains, encompassing topics such as tenant rights in the low-income housing market, land rights in plural legal settings, and the evolving role of African legal professionals in the continent’s dynamic political sociology.”

Areas of Interest
PROPERTY LAW
IMMIGRATION LAW
NATURAL RESOURCES
ENERGY LAW
GLOBALIZATION & LEGAL PROFESSION
LAW & DEVELOPMENT
HUMAN RIGHTS

Articles


My work examines the interconnections between free speech law, American social and cultural history, and the history of mass communications. I have focused on the history of privacy, defamation, and First Amendment law, looking at topics ranging from the history of the ACLU and the career of famed civil liberties attorney Morris Ernst to the canonical First Amendment and libel case, New York Times v. Sullivan (1964).”

In Defense of a Robust Free Press

The 1964 U.S. Supreme Court case New York Times v. Sullivan was a landmark for defenders of the First Amendment, setting a high bar for libel claims by public officials. In the current environment of heightened hostility toward media, Samantha Barbas’ new book defends the Court’s decision and its implications for public discourse.

In Actual Malice: Civil Rights and Freedom of the Press in New York Times v. Sullivan (University of California Press, 2023), Barbas argues that the actual malice standard evoked by the Court has protected media organizations from lawsuits meant to stifle vigorous debate or shield officials from legitimate criticism. “I think Sullivan strikes the proper balance between protection of freedom of speech and protection of reputation,” she says. “Any alteration to the Sullivan line of cases would undermine the ability of the press to report on public figures and give the public the news it needs about important issues.”
AREAS OF INTEREST
CIVIL PROCEDURE
ANTITRUST
EVIDENCE
CONSUMER PROTECTION
REMEDIES

BOOKS

ARTICLES


Antitrust Class Actions in the Wake of Procedural Reform, 97 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 1315 (2022).

Ford’s Underlying Controversy (with Anya Bernstein), 99 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1175 (2022).


My recent scholarship focuses on the intersection of antitrust, civil procedure, and evidence, specifically private enforcement of antitrust laws through class actions. On the one hand, judicial resources are far from absolute, and procedural rules restricting antitrust class actions can promote judicial efficiency. On the other hand, a raft of new procedural hurdles threatens class actions’ potential to regulate corporate behavior. It is now harder to get into court; harder to plead a claim; and harder to certify a class. I analyze how such hurdles impact private antitrust enforcement, and then identify ways to balance efficiency and enforcement goals. Because rule interpretation is primarily left to the judiciary, my work analyzes judicial interpretation and decision making.”
My current research explores the implications of neuroscientific discoveries for intellectual property law. As a tool meant to improve our understanding of human behavior, brain science has the potential to transform our flawed regimes for regulating creative conduct and commercial communications. But it needs to be applied with careful attention to the reasons our system of intellectual property law exists in the first place. My work utilizes prior collisions between law and science to help diagnose the potential benefits and pitfalls in using neuroscience to recalibrate the balance of power between artists and copyists, businesses and consumers.”

**Areas of Interest**
- Intellectual Property
- Law and Neuroscience
- Law and Technology
- Legal History
- Advertising Law

**Books**


**Articles**

*A New Addition to the Trademark Litigator’s Toolkit: A Neuroscientific Index of Mark Similarity* (with Zhihao Zhang, Ming Hsu, Andrew Kayser & Femke van Horen) 113 *Trademark Reporter* (forthcoming 2024).


*From Scanner to Court: A Neuroscientifically Informed “Reasonable Person” Test of Trademark Infringement* (with Zhihao Zhang, Maxwell Good, Vera Kulikov, Femke van Horen, Andrew Kayser & Ming Hsu) 9 *Science Advances* (Feb. 2023).

**Chapters**


**Amicus Briefs**

AREAS OF INTEREST
BIBLIOMETRICS
CITATION AND THE LAW
COPYRIGHT
LAW SCHOOL RANKINGS
SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

ARTICLES
Citation Sources for Legal Scholarship, 39 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 56 (2020).

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My research is focused on the scholarly communication infrastructure as it applies to legal scholarship and on the role of citation. I am interested in expanding the audience for legal scholarship by making it more accessible through open access and other avenues. I have also explored the uses and misuses of citation in assessing the quality of legal scholarship and law faculties. My ongoing work is investigating the role of persuasive authority in law practice through citation analysis.”
Police Killings as Felony Murder considers how the double-edged sword of felony murder applies to unjustified killings by police. Observing that prosecutors relied on felony murder charges in prosecuting the officers who killed George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, we show that limitations on felony murder liability and an absence of civil rights felonies preclude such felony murder prosecutions of police in most states. We also show that in a substantial minority of states, felony murder laws are used to shift blame for police violence onto its targets, by prosecuting surviving arrestees for felony murder. We show that the expansion of felony murder to permit such prosecutions is a recent legacy of the War on Crime, and that defendants in such cases are often Black. Noting data showing dramatic racial disparities in felony murder prosecution, we propose a racial justice frame for efforts to reform or abolish felony murder.

Police Funding as a Deficit of Democracy, not Deterrence (with Anthony O’Rourke & Rick Su), 84 Ohio State Law Journal Online 1 (2023).


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REVIEWS
Book Review, 93 AMERICAN LITERATURE 713 (2021) (reviewing Karla F. C. Holloway, LEGAL FICTIONS (Duke University Press, 2013) and Eric Bachman, LITERARY OBSCENITIES (Penn State University Press, 2018)).

Book Review, CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOOKS (Sept. 2020) (reviewing Lawrence Friedman, CRIME WITHOUT PUNISHMENT: ASPECTS OF HISTORY OF HOMICIDE (Cambridge University Press, 2018)).

AMICUS BRIEFS
My research takes a bottom-up view of law. In my published work I have focused on the ways that social practices structure legal relationships involving belonging, dependency, immorality, and exclusion. It is in this vein that my current book project, GEOGRAPHIES OF RACE, examines how non-planners have shaped cities and, in the process, generated and reinforced legal commitments to segregation.”
My scholarship lies mainly in two fields. I study the law of marriage, family, gender, and sexuality, and I study queer history. The first branch of my research traverses multiple bodies of legal doctrine, including constitutional, criminal, and family law, and is strongly influenced by critical and sociolegal scholarly traditions. The second branch of my research focuses on queer identities, communities, and politics since the mid-nineteenth century. The two branches of my scholarship are substantively and methodologically intertwined. I see law through a historian's eyes and history through the eyes of a legal scholar. In both guises I welcome frameworks and insights from other disciplines. Hence my scholarship's intense engagements with work in sociology, anthropology, philosophy, critical theory, and literature."

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The Administration of Nature

In SETTLING NATURE: THE CONSERVATION REGIME IN PALESTINE-ISRAEL (University of Minnesota Press, 2023), Irus Braverman draws on more than seventy interviews with Israel’s nature officials and observations of their work to explore the widespread ecological warfare practiced by the state of Israel. Recruited to the front lines as part of this warfare are the fallow deer, gazelles, wild asses, griffon vultures, pine trees, and cows on the Israeli side—against the goats, camels, olive trees, hybrid goldfinches, and akkoub on the Palestinian side. The state’s use of these nonhuman organisms as soldiers in a human war is all the more effective because nature camouflages their tactical deployment as such. At the end of the day, the administration of nature by the state of Israel advances both the Zionist project of Jewish settlement and the corresponding dispossession of non-Jews from this space.

Chapters


Contemplations on Dig Safe Markings: Law as Street Art, in FRICTION ATLAS (Paolo Patelli, Giuditta Vendrame & Elise Limon, eds, Onomatopee, 2022).


Corals in the City: Cultivating Ocean Life in the Anthropocene, 16(1) CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL SCIENCE 96 (2021).


Fleshy Encounters: Meddling in the Lifeworlds of Zoo and Aquarium Veterinarians, 11(2) HUMANIMALIA 49 (2020).

The law is meant to be for the people and accessible to the people. We take that very seriously, and as part of my work, I seek to empower everyone in the law. The law should be easy to find, easy to understand, and easy to navigate. That is where librarians can help. We dedicate ourselves to the principle that the law should be available to everyone. Our teaching, our trainings, our work is dedicated to information literacy and empowering all students to grow and advance in these skills.

AREAS OF INTEREST
LEGAL RESEARCH
INDIGENOUS TOPICS
AND NATIVE SOVEREIGNTY

ARTICLES
When the Goalposts Move: Government Information, Classification and Censorship, 41:3-4 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 117 (2022).

Protecting Our Spaces of Memory: Rediscovering the Seneca Nation Settlement Act through Archives, 113 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 173 (Summer 2021).

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My research lies at the intersection of criminal law, philosophy, and comparative law. Drawing from my experience teaching and lecturing about criminal law in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, and Asia, my work aims to understand and critique domestic criminal law doctrines by looking at how other countries approach basic concepts of criminal theory.”
My research interests include (1) writing a transnational account of prisoners’ rights movements and the production of new forms of penal knowledge and management techniques since the 1970s; (2) rethinking the political economy of punishment, focusing specifically on the role of work and employment in treatment discourse and prisoner advocacy organizations; and (3) analyzing the role of carceral management technologies and risk assessment in immigration and refugee law and detention. I am also currently involved in a collaborative research project with a colleague at Osgoode Hall Law School on the relationship between disaster management, carceral state formation, and human displacement before and after the emergence of climate change discourse.”
My research interest focuses on international commercial law, conflict of laws, labor and employment relations, social security law and African legal philosophy. My research reflects on the nexus between law and African traditional values/ethics/principles and its overall integration into the global legal order.

**Areas of Interest**
- International commercial law
- Private international law (conflict of laws)
- Contract law
- Labor law
- Social security law
- African jurisprudence
- Human rights

**Books**

**Articles**


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“My substantive research focuses on a number of related areas, including both international wetlands law and policy as well as other environmental regulatory and related subjects. Another area in which I am active as a scholar is access to justice. Finally, I also conduct research and write on student learning and andragogical issues, including work on experiential and interdisciplinary learning. In all cases, I seek to bring serious and practical scholarly study to pressing issues facing people and ecosystems on various levels.”

AREAS OF INTEREST

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
ACCESS TO JUSTICE
CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
INTERNATIONAL LAW
LAW AND SCIENCE
LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
LEGAL EDUCATION
LEGISLATION
NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

ARTICLES

My scholarship centers on practical research skills as well as the scholarly discussion currently taking place at the intersection of legal technology and legal practice. I am interested in exploring the many ways that changes in technology have impacted the practice of law, and how we can use that knowledge to provide our students with the practical skills they will need to be successful as they embark on their careers.”
My research studies the relationship between law and economic inequality. While we may well condemn inequality as an injustice in itself, it also has many negative side effects: a corrosion of the political process, skewed public policies, and an unstable financial system, to name a few. While the causes of rising income inequality are many and complex, the law undoubtedly plays a role. Traditionally, the economic analysis of law has focused on efficiency—how the law can make society’s economic pie larger. While using many of the same economist-inspired tools, my research uses a more sociologically-inspired set of questions to ask how the law distributes—slices up—the economic pie.”
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AREAS OF INTEREST
SPORTS LAW
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

ARTICLES
Title IX in Historical Context: 50 Years of Progress and Political Gamemanship (with Marissa Egloff & Josie Middione), 29 WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 103 (2022).

Title IX’s Impact Upon Collegiate Coaching: The Unfortunate Unintended Consequences of Title IX, 33 MARQUETTE SPORTS LAW REVIEW 1 (Fall 2022).

In my role as director of the UB Center for the Advancement of Sport, I am interested in a variety of cross-disciplinary sports law matters, including the impact of NILs upon Title IX compliance, researching and developing policy to improve athlete safety and health, and the increasing role of analytics in all areas of sport. I am especially invested in improving access and equity in sports participation from youth to professional levels.”
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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

TORTS  
LAW AND SOCIETY  
ASIAN LEGAL CULTURES  
LEGAL ETHNOGRAPHY  
RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS

**BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES**


**ARTICLES**

Judging and Judgment in Contemporary Asia: Editor’s Introduction to Special Issue, 8 Asiana Journal of Law and Society 1 (2020).

Legal Consciousness Reconsidered (with Lynette Chua), 15 Annual Review of Law and Social Science 335 (2020).


**CHAPTERS**


**REVIEWS**


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My research traces the ways in which rights become active, identities are forged, and law is woven into the fabric of day-to-day experiences. One line of work examines the earliest stages of the tort law system, when individuals suffer traumatic physical harms and, in most cases, refuse to lodge a claim or even consult a lawyer. I explain this overwhelming preference for law avoidance by drawing on interdisciplinary studies of injury and cognition. Another line of work explores recent transformations in law, culture, and society in Southeast Asia, with particular attention to Thailand. I have also attempted to chronicle the evolution of law and society research in all the regions of Asia and to feature some of the most significant work, particularly among younger scholars.”
A Look at Emerging Law and Society Scholarship in Asia

Law and Society, a research approach that examines the place of law in social, political, economic and cultural life, is well-established in the Western Hemisphere but still new to many in Asia. David M. Engel has been an active mentor to promising scholars as they apply these insights to Asian societies.

In THE ASIAN LAW AND SOCIETY READER (Cambridge University Press, 2023), co-edited with Lynette J. Chua and Sida Liu, the editors bring together some of the most perceptive Law and Society scholarship being done in Asia today. It’s the first collection of its kind featuring that entire region and includes extensive commentaries on each topic discussed.

Among other issues, the contributors address the legacies of colonial rule among Asian nations, and the rapid legal and social transformation those societies have undergone.
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AREAS OF INTEREST
LEGAL THEORY
JURISPRUDENCE
TORTS
GLOBALIZATION
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES


ARTICLES


The Theoretical Puzzles of Non-State Legal Phenomena, 12 (1) TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL THEORY 110 (2021).

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ASSESSING COLOMBIA’S NEW ERA OF PEACE

Five decades of armed conflict came to an end in 2016 with the signing of the Colombia Peace Accord between that country’s government and the insurgent Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. It was the longest and most violent conflict ever to occur in the Western Hemisphere.

Truth, Justice, and Non-Repetition in the Colombian Conflict (Bogotá: Tirant Lo Blanch, 2023), co-edited by Jorge Fabra-Zamora, Andrés Molina-Ochoa and Nancy Doubleday, makes a sweeping appraisal of the peace agreement. Published in Spanish, it includes contributors from many spheres of Colombian society, including justices of the country’s Special Jurisdiction of Peace and representatives of civil society. Also included are a wide array of experts in many disciplines: international and domestic criminal law, human rights, transitional justice, international law, history, philosophy, political science and psychology.

The authors look forward as well as back, exploring strategies for avoiding a repeat of the conflict.
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My research focuses on the gender-based impact of seemingly neutral tort doctrines. I am studying caps on non-economic damages to demonstrate that caps have a disparate impact on women, the elderly, and children’s death cases. I’m also exploring why non-economic damages are an under-sustained challenge, and why women tend to receive greater proportions of their tort awards in non-economic damages. And I am investigating other important empirical questions about the hidden or unintended consequences of tort reform, including how it will affect lawyers’ case selection and settlement strategies. Better understanding of the actual consequences of legal change on the institutional players and the people who seek access to the civil justice system can lead to sounder and more equitable law reform.”

AREAS OF INTEREST
TORT LAW AND GENDER ISSUES
FEMINIST LEGAL THEORY
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
EQUAL PROTECTION LAW AND EQUALITY THEORY
FIRST AMENDMENT AND LIMITS ON PROTEST ACTIVITY

BOOKS

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Introduction (with Martha Chamallas), in Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Tort Opinions 3 (Martha Chamallas & Lucinda Finley, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2020).
In the course of my investigation of the Tibetan legal system, I discovered a hole in the substantial discipline of Religious Legal Studies — the study of Buddhist Legal Systems. Very little has been written on the legal systems that were influenced by Buddhism, one of the largest world religions with a 2,500 year history and 500 million followers. My project for the last several years has been to write books and articles in this area, to edit a journal called *Buddhism, Law & Society* available through Hein Publishing, and to organize conferences with international scholars to talk, think and write in this exciting new subject matter.”
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AREAS OF INTEREST
CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF POLITICS
LAW AND DEMOCRATIC THEORY
ELECTION LAW
FEDERALISM
STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES


ARTICLES
Dividing the Body Politic, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW FORUM (forthcoming 2024).

New Challenges to Judicial Federalism, 112 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2024).


Illiberalism and Authoritarianism in the American States, 70 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 829 (2021).


Democratic Legitimacy under Conditions of Severely Depressed Voter Turnout, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW Online 24 (2020).

Lessons from a Journey through Subnational Constitutional Law, 72 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1187 (2020).

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"The Trump presidency, and the social and political movements it summoned forth, have drastically altered the constitutional, democratic, and political landscapes. My most recent work, drawing heavily on comparative sources tracing the rise of authoritarianism around the globe, focuses on the impact that American populism and authoritarianism have had, and are having, on the U.S. system of constitutional democracy. The questions I seek to address are basic, and alarming: Will American democracy survive? Will Americans continue to enjoy the liberties to which they have become accustomed? Will the long American project to perfect a liberal democracy of equal citizens continue in any form, or will it be abandoned?"


REVIEWS
My current research focuses on the court-like procedures deployed by mass adjudicatory agencies. These adjudication systems process high volumes of vital and important claims, and they deploy procedures that resemble courts and whose closest analogy is court-centric procedure. At the same time, we justify removing these claims from generalist, independent Article III courts based on the perceived efficiency and subject-matter expertise underpinning much of administrative law.

I’m interested in the ways in which these adjudicatory systems both build on and trouble our understanding of procedure and administrative law, primarily through qualitative and ethnographic research about how they function in practice.”
My research addresses business law, employment law, criminal law and racial justice issues, with a primary focus on the intersectionality of these areas of law. For example, my published research in 2020 dealt with the intersection of securities regulation and criminal law, specifically, the use of misappropriation theory to regulate insider trading. Another example is my forthcoming research in 2024, which will concentrate on the marginalization of black women in the workplace through family responsibilities discrimination.”
My research explores the aims of sentencing and how these goals influence opportunities for back-end sentence review or ‘second-looks’ for people who are incarcerated. Whether we aim, in incarcerating someone, to rehabilitate, to incapacitate, to deter, or to punish informs how we view the sentence and any later efforts to modify it.

My research and writing have developed from my own practice representing individuals at parole and resentencing hearings, in clemency proceedings, and in lawsuits against prison systems. I run a clinic that allows me to select cases from legal areas ripe for reform and development, so my scholarly interests have developed in tandem with my legal practice. My hope in writing is that the pieces will both contribute to the academic discourse about the issues they center, and also assist attorneys representing incarcerated individuals.”
I am a legal practitioner, so I research practical legal issues that are ripe for litigation and are in the public interest. I then apply the results of my research to support toxic tort and civil rights litigation.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

**TOXIC TORT**

**CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION**

**BOOKS**


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**A WRITING COMPANION FOR CLINIC STUDENTS**

Law students enrolled in legal clinics need to draft legal memorandums, briefs, client letters and pleadings, often with minimal supervision. Real-world clients depend on their legal writing skills.

To support that important work, Nan Haynes’ *Legal Writing Handbook for Clinical Students* (CALI, 2023) provides a clear and cogent guide to legal writing in the clinical context. Providing copious examples, Haynes covers the key writing skills that clinical students need to master, one chapter at a time.

Sections include “Organization and Reasoning,” “Persuasive Writing,” “Headings and Issue Statements” and “Your Client’s Story,” as well as solid advice on improving one’s writing by using concrete subjects and active verbs.
Alfred S. Konefsky, a UB Distinguished Professor Emeritus, joined the University at Buffalo School of Law faculty in 1977 after serving as the Charles Warren Fellow in American Legal History at Harvard Law School and as editor of *Legal Papers of Daniel Webster* at Dartmouth College. He taught contracts and a variety of courses in American legal history, including the subject areas of the 19th century (from the Revolution to the Civil War), the colonial period, law and American labor history, American constitutional history, and Melville and the law. **

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY  
AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY  
CONTRACTS  
MELVILLE AND THE LAW

**ARTICLES**

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Areas of Interest
International Economic Law
International Trade Law
Plurilateralism
Free Trade Agreements
International Dispute Settlement
International Commercial Arbitration
International Business Transactions
Dissenting Opinions in Domestic and International Adjudication

Books/Edited Volumes


My research focuses on international trade law, particularly issues relating to the World Trade Organization, plurilateralism, free trade agreements, trade policy and dispute settlement. I approach much of my scholarship through an international political economy lens. I also have a strong interest in East Asia and the Pacific, a result of having lived and worked in New Zealand and Japan.”
**OTHER**


Combining interests in critical theory with international socio-legal studies, I study transformations of legal and political form under contemporary globalization. My recent research focused on the European Union, and my first book developed an account of postnational constitutionalism that reimagined the nature of solidarity, legal interpretation, and sovereignty beyond the nation-state. My current research poses similar questions in the field of international human rights law, asking how we might rethink the purposes and ambitions of international refugee protection. My present work traces the implications of contemporary border control policies not just for the rights of refugees but also for the legitimacy of state power and the future of international legal order.”

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AREAS OF INTEREST
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND THEORY
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW
COMPARATIVE LAW
EUROPEAN UNION LAW
CRITICAL LEGAL THEORY
LAW AND LITERATURE
TRANSFORMATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY

BOOKS
POSTNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONALISM: EUROPE AND THE TIME OF LAW
(Oxford University Press, 2023).

ARTICLES
Europe and the Federal Conceit, 13(3) JURISPRUDENCE 458 (2022).


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R E V I E W S


O T H E R
Whose Suffering Matters, BOSTON REVIEW ONLINE FORUM (September 2020). bostonreview.net/law-justice/paul-linden-retek-whose-suffering-matters

RETHINKING WHAT UNITES THE EUROPEAN UNION

In a polyglot continent with a complicated history and sometimes very different cultures and traditions, what holds the 27 member states of the European Union together? It’s more than a common currency and a shared interest in security and trade, argues Paul Linden-Retek. In POSTNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONALISM: EUROPE AND THE TIME OF LAW (Oxford University Press, 2023), he develops an understanding of the EU and its constitutional order as an aspiration to a particular kind of political life. Such a life asks citizens to understand their identities, histories, and legacies to be unfinished, as sites of possibility and transformation, and always developing in relation to the lives of others.

Linden-Retek argues that the EU’s present troubles have come about because social and historical relationships are often misattributed in European law as timeless relations—and thus are closed off to the possibility of reform and change.
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AREAS OF INTEREST
HEALTH LAW  
TORT LAW  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  
LAW AND ECONOMICS

ARTICLES


The Specific Consumer Expectations Test for Product Defects (with W. Kip Viscusi) 95 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 183 (2020).

My research examines the appropriate role of courts and agencies in efficiently regulating risks to public health and safety. I combine insights from law and economics theory and empirical and statistical approaches to investigate the incentives the law provides to entities that create risks to public health and how institutions value those risks.”
What influences lawyers in their decisions at work and how do those factors vary in different fields of legal practice? My research has explored these questions empirically in studies of lawyers working in different areas. Also, what values do bar associations pursue through lawyer regulation and other efforts to influence law? One recent article compared international lawyer organizations and a second article compared national lawyer organizations in different countries. The role of courts in conflict resolution and policy-making constitutes another central research area for me. What is a ‘case’? The concept of a case in court reflects multiple perspectives, from a litigant’s interest in filing a claim to the government’s interest in designating certain conduct as ‘illegal.’

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

LEGAL ETHICS  
LEGAL PROFESSION  
LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY  
COURTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
LAW AND SOCIETY

**ARTICLES**

“Who’s the Fairest One of All?” The Construction of Ethical Hierarchy in the Legal Profession (with Leslie C. Levin), ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE (forthcoming 2024).

Communities of Scholars and Communities of Practice, 48 JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIETY 25 (2021).

What is a ‘Case’?, 11(2) ONATI SOCIO-Legal SERIES 355 (2021).

**CHAPTERS**


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“...I explore questions of social and economic policy and regulation using insights from feminist legal theory, vulnerability theory, heterodox economics, and other critical theories. As part of the growing Law and Political Economy movement, I am active in several scholarly organizations addressing the legal underpinnings of contemporary crises of environment, health, inequality, and democracy.

My work challenges the division between economics and social justice, recognizing that ideas about production and value are interrelated with issues of race, gender, class, sexuality, and disability status.”

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AREAS OF INTEREST

LAW AND ECONOMICS
LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY
CLIMATE JUSTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
WELFARE LAW
GENDER AND LAW
CRITICAL LEGAL STUDIES
HEALTH LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW
FAMILY LAW
DISABILITY LAW
CIVIL RIGHTS LAW
RACE AND THE LAW
INSURANCE AND THE LAW
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
GOVERNMENT ETHICS
REGULATION
ENERGY LAW
HIGHER EDUCATION LAW
FINANCE

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ LAW
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT
LEGAL THEORY
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

ARTICLES
On Preparing the Soil for Rain, 71(5)

CHAPTERS
Private Environmental Regulation and Resurgent State Authoritarianism,

“...My research focuses on how non-governmental actors interact with each other and with governments to establish and maintain transnational regulatory programs in fields where governments have typically been the main regulators—e.g., environmental protection, human rights, and food safety. I am studying how effective, fair, and democratic the emerging governance ecosystems are, and particularly, how competition and cooperation among the different regulators affects the overall system. It is important to understand these processes because the nation states have had great difficulty in creating effective international environmental and social regulatory programs. As non-governmental programs become more important, we may also need to revise some of our main assumptions about what counts as law and how law is made and implemented.”
My general research is in the areas of conflict of laws, transnational litigation and contract law. Private law operates within a procedural framework. The content of that procedure—often dismissed as mere ‘rules’—actually has tremendous importance for the parties and defines the contours of whether, and how, parties can obtain redress for civil wrongs. I look at how these rules are best calibrated to balance the interests involved: that of the plaintiff in access to justice; that of the defendant in predictability and finality; and that of society in institutional efficiency.”
AREAS OF INTEREST
BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS
CIVIL RIGHTS LAW
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
CRITICAL RACE AND FEMINIST LEGAL THEORY
LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

ARTICLES


ClassCrits Time?: Building Institutions, Building Frameworks, 1 JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY 333 (2021).


My work is inspired by much of the activism (both recent and historical) in pursuit of human dignity, democracy, justice, and prosperity. My scholarship focuses specifically on issues related to racial, economic, and gender justice. In it, I seek to map the mechanisms by which law, together with other social structures, works to both hinder and support these justice pursuits.”

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“My scholarship has centered on state legitimacy, postcolonialism, constitutionalism, and the critiques of the human rights idiom. In a world that is increasingly defined by relativism — and the expansion of the meaning and content of freedom — shackles of state power are constantly being loosened. Human rights are the medium of choice for this discourse which has become indispensable in post-colonial societies, by far the overwhelming majority of the earth’s inhabitants. How societies resolve the questions I tackle may very well determine the pace at which the chasm between power and powerlessness shrinks or grows.”

Areas of Interest

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW
HUMAN RIGHTS
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
POST-COLONIALISM
THIRD WORLD APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW (TWAIL)
STATE RECONSTRUCTION
POST-CONFLICT SOCIETIES
CONSTITUTION-MAKING
TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

Books/Edited Volumes


Chapters


Die Rolle von Nichtregierungsorganisationen bei der Rechtserzeugung [The Role of NGOs in the Creation of Norms], in Dekoloniale Rechtskritik und Rechtspraxis 223 (Karina Theurer & Wolfgang Kaleck eds., Nomos, 2020) (in German).
I am interested in recognizing the systemic racism in our criminal justice system. I would like to pinpoint the areas where simple improvements can be made, while acknowledging that most areas need a comprehensive overhaul, and discussing what that may look like. While working on UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, a digital publication, I was able to input videos and interactive exercises that discuss the difficult topics and more! Accordingly, students will receive instruction from several points of view and learn that criminal law and procedure is not black and white.”
Much of my research lies at the intersection of criminal procedure and institutional design. I am currently exploring how political and economic conditions affect the capacity of courts to solve difficult doctrinal problems as well as how these conditions help structure policing and the criminal legal system more broadly. Using a methodological approach that integrates doctrinal analysis with legal theory and social science, my work challenges some common assumptions concerning how institutional pressures shape policing, constitutional doctrine, and statutory interpretation.”

**Areas of Interest**
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Legislation
- Statutory Interpretation
- Legal Theory

**Articles**
- *Police Funding as a Deficit of Democracy, Not Deterrence* (with Guyora Binder & Rick Su) 84 Ohio State Law Journal Online 1 (2022-23).

**Chapters**
Having finally published my book about community, economy and law since the Civil War, I have turned my attention to an area of inquiry that completely occupied me for the first 22 years of my academic life – American Legal Realism. I have begun this new work with a little-known member of the group, the historian, Walter Nelles. Next, I will attend to Thurman Arnold and Walton Hale Hamilton. The work of this group expressed a social scientific understanding of law in society that might be called anthropological, in contrast to that of the work of the scholars in my earlier work whose sensibility was quantitative.”

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Saying Thanks with Some Self-Reflection, 69 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 201 (2021).

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Humor, A Meditation, 26 THE GREEN BAG 2D 51 (2022).


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AREAS OF INTEREST
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
CIVIL PROCEDURE
EMPIRICAL LEGAL METHODS
EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
LEGISLATION
PATENT LAW
PROPERTY

My research focuses on studying legal institutions in intellectual property law (particularly patent law) and administrative law from an empirical and statistical perspective. I have created several databases of administrative agency and court decisions in intellectual property law, immigration law, labor law, and environmental law so as to better understand how agencies and courts make decisions. This empirical research then allows me to posit how these institutions can best be reformed.

ARTICLES


AREAS OF INTEREST
LEGAL HISTORY
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
LEGAL THEORY

BOOKS

ARTICLES

Life and Afterlife in the Steel Seizure Case, 70(2) BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 875 (2022).


Presidential Whim, 46(3) OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 489 (2020).

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REVIEWS

“...
My central research interest is the development of legal institutions and ideas. I am currently at work on a book on the early history of Parliament.”
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PhD, University of Copenhagen
LLM, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
LLB, Addis Ababa University

My research has focused on human rights, the evolution of international courts, the role of the legal profession in regional integration and international courts, and the threats posed to supranational legal entities, particularly international courts. My scholarly work currently focuses on the backlash and resistance directed towards international courts. Specifically, I am inquiring into instances where individual access to international courts is revoked. This investigation involves a comparative analysis to discern distinct patterns: why some states retract individual access to certain international courts while maintaining it for other international courts. Furthermore, I am exploring environmental and climate change litigation in regional courts in a separate yet interconnected research strand. This additional pursuit aligns with my interest in legal dynamics, focusing specifically on the intersection of environmental concerns and legal frameworks at the regional level.

AREAS OF INTEREST
PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW
HUMAN RIGHTS
SOCIOLGY OF LAW
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
INTERNATIONAL WATER LAW AND THE LAW OF TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFERS
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
INTERNATIONAL COURTS

ARTICLES

Human Rights, the Rule of Law, and the East African Court of Justice: Lawyers and the Emergence of a Weak Regional Field, 34(2) Temple International and Comparative Law Journal 339 (Spring 2020).

CHAPTERS
Coming from a background of teaching undergraduates, my research interests still closely align with library instruction and engaging teaching practices. Having come back to my legal roots this year and returning to working as a reference librarian in addition to teaching, has re-inspired my thirst for legal research. Moving forward, I endeavor to combine my interests in instruction with my passion for legal research and look forward to many years ahead of working in law librarianship and legal education.”
My research involves delving into the intersection between librarians, community building, and the success of law students within legal education. I am specifically exploring the role librarians play in shaping a holistic educational landscape for law students. My articles, *Fostering Community: The Library as a Third Space and the Effect of Social Capital on the Flow of Information among Law Students*, 42(2) Legal Reference Services Quarterly 120 (June 2023), and *Infinite Archives, Infinite Possibilities: Learning Research and Databases with Archive of our Own* (with Alayna Vander Veer), 10.1 Proceedings from the Document Academy (2023), look at the different ways librarians interact with and support student educational needs in academic and non-academic contexts. Additionally, my work involves surveying the current landscape of how librarians are trained to support instruction in higher education and legal education. “
**AREAS OF INTEREST**

GLOBALIZATION AND THE CONTEMPORARY CORPORATIONS AND CAPITAL MARKETS
ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
POLITICAL ECONOMY AND SOCIAL THEORY

**BOOKS**


**ARTICLES**


Anticipation, Social Theory, and the Stories We Tell Ourselves (with Mark Maguire) 205 TELOS: CRITICAL THEORY OF THE CONTEMPORARY (Winter 2023).


Foreword, Symposium: Serious Fun: A conference with & around Schlegel!, 69(1) BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 1 (2021).


The Public Problem With Counterterrorism (with Mark Maguire), SAPIENS (Sept. 2020).

Security by Design: Counterterrorism at the Airport, 12:3 ANTHROPOLOGY NOW 122 (2020).

**CHAPTERS**

Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Counterterrorism: The “Realities” of Security Practitioners and Technologists (with Mark Maguire), in DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND STATES OF SURVEILLANCE: ETHNOGRAPHIES IN POLICING AND JUSTICE (Maya Avis, Daniel Marciniak & Maria Sapignoli, eds., Routledge, forthcoming 2024).


The last few years have been especially collaborative, lots of learning from others as I worry the same old questions and try to make worthy things. Blessed by many conversations, I’m obliged to leave out dear friends and important interlocutors, but for examples, Amy Deen Westbrook and I have written law review articles on the significance of developments in the equity markets and corporate governance for our understanding of this commercial society. Computer scientist Perry Alexander and philosopher John Symons have introduced me to a bunch of folks who are struggling with what ‘computing,’ ‘data’ and ‘technology’ mean. Mark Maguire and I are struggling with a book exploring the possibilities for humanizing bureaucracy, as a political matter, and the life of the mind, as a personal one, once the university no longer enchants. Some of my more literary work is reappearing as audiobooks or podcasts. More information is available at davidawestbrook.com.”
The Baldy Center Fellows in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies

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Alan Clarke is a professor emeritus in the Integrated Studies Program at Utah Valley University. His academic research since 1997 has revolved around several broad, connected themes in international and transnational criminal law and human rights, criminology and criminal justice policy, civil rights, legal history, law and society, critical legal studies, climate change, and survival refugees.

As a Senior Baldy Fellow, Clarke is analyzing interdisciplinary legal studies on the boundaries of human rights, international criminal law, immigration law, demography, human and cultural geography, and political science. Clarke’s recent focus on policy and legal responses to human migration and refugees influenced by climate change has been published in an article Climate Change, Migration and Pandemics: Human Rights in the Anthropocene, 47 VERTONM LAW REVIEW 1 (2022).

While continuing his work related to survival migrants, Clarke will also investigate the evolving international legal issues surrounding Russia’s war of aggression with a particular focus on the need to create a hybrid international court.

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Melissa Crouch is a member of the Faculty of Law & Justice at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. As a Senior Baldy Fellow, her research contributes to the interdisciplinary fields of law and society and comparative constitutional law, with a focus on Asia. She is currently working on a manuscript on constitutional endurance and how past constitutions matter to contemporary reform debates in Myanmar. Based on her field research, the manuscript offers a constitutive approach to the relationship between constitutions and societies in the postcolony, with a focus on how periods of military rule and unconstitutional rule shape constitutional futures.

Crouch won the Podgorecki Prize in 2022 for outstanding scholarship by an early career socio-legal scholar, awarded by the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on the Sociology of Law. She is the 2023-24 president of the Asian Studies Association of Australia, the leading academic body for the study of Asia in Australia.
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Greta LaFleur is an associate professor of American Studies at Yale University. LaFleur’s research and teaching focus on eighteenth-century North America, with special emphasis on the histories of science, the histories of race, the history and historiography of sexuality, and queer & trans studies.

At The Baldy Center, LaFleur will work on a scholarly monograph, tentatively titled How Sex Became Good: The Feminist Movements and Racial Politics that Made Modern Sexuality (under contract with The University of Chicago Press). The work tracks how cultural and legal responses to the problem of sexual violence shaped the politicization of sexuality in the modern period.

LaFleur is also the co-editor of Origins of Biopolitics in the Americas, a special issue of American Quarterly (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019); Trans Exclusionary Feminisms and the Global New Right, a special issue of Transgender Studies Quarterly (Duke University Press, 2022); and The Science of Sex Itself, a special issue of GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies (Duke University Press, 2023).

RESEARCH FELLOWS 2023–24

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Jennifer L. Gaynor
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BA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Gaynor is an historian and anthropologist of Southeast Asia and its surrounding seas from the seventeenth century to the present. Her current projects assess both historical and contemporary dynamics of how coastal ecotones shape social, economic, and political relations, as well as how humans continue to reshape coasts. Building on her previous research, she is examining the history of capture, slavery, and piracy in maritime Asia, as well as the recent history of global land reclamation.

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Whalen, an economist with a career spanning three decades, has contributed to national economic policy discussions, equitable regional development, and business success based on employee involvement. He has been active—as president, past president, and now trustee—in the Association for Evolutionary Economics, an international group of scholars in the tradition of those who fashioned the New Deal and Great Society. He is currently editing two books that explore the frontiers of that tradition; his own chapters examine the notion of reasonable value and apply institutional law and economics to the problem of worker insecurity.

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