

AALS Clinical Section Newsletter

Spring 2015

Conference Updates

News from the AALS Clinical Conference Planning Committee

The AALS Clinical Conference Planning Committee looks forward to seeing more than 600 clinical faculty at our gathering in the Southern California desert in a couple of weeks. We hope you will arrive laden with ideas, hopes, and worries about our conference theme, “Leading the New Normal: Clinical Education at the Forefront of Change.” We feel some urgency to the conversations we need to have about where legal education is; our traditional and emerging roles in the law school curriculum; and the ways legal education is at last confronting the challenges and opportunities of technology in the 21st century. We hope to engage broadly and deeply on these issues.

We have a couple of updates for those planning to come:

- First, we are grateful to the organizers of a special event, #BlackLivesMatter, on **Tuesday, May 5, at 5:45 p.m.** We are also grateful to the **UCLA** and **Pepperdine School of Law** for hosting a reception for the event. It promises to bring our community together over one of the most important social justice issues of our time, one on which many of us, in many ways, have been working tirelessly.
- Second, we have some bad news followed by some good news. Bryan Stevenson, NYU, previously scheduled to present the keynote address on social justice and clinical education, has been called to engage in social justice and will have to be in court on that day. The good news: **Peter Edelman**, Georgetown, has stepped in to help us to tell the truth about poverty and to highlight the role of clinical education in confronting it. It promises to be a terrific talk.
- Third, we wanted to reassure those of you who will find it useful to breathe in the course of all these conversations that we have set aside a **contemplative space** for your use. Early on Tuesday and Thursday, Deborah Cantrell, Colorado, will convene a short meditation session. She will lead a longer session on Wednesday. We will hold a separate room open for contemplation during each of the concurrent time periods.
- Finally, we’ve had a very good response to our Thursday afternoon trip to the **Joshua Tree**

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National Park*, and so have added a second bus, for which there are still a couple of seats available. Email registration@aals.org if you're interested in seeing this spectacular desert landscape.

See you soon!

Kimberly Ambrose, University of Washington School of Law
Claudia Angelos, New York University School of Law
Eduardo R. Capulong, University of Montana School of Law
Michele R. Pistone, Villanova University School of Law
Laura L. Rovner, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Alexander Scherr, University of Georgia School of Law, Chair

Other Conference-Related Announcements

International Committee: Wednesday Concurrent and Thursday Committee Meeting

Please join the International Committee on the morning of **Wednesday, May 6th** for our Concurrent Session, co-planned with **Gillian Dutton** (Seattle), *Globalization of Legal Practice: A Comparative Exploration of the Benefits, Challenges, and Pitfalls of Preparing Lawyers for Practice in the Global Community through Clinics and International Externships*. We are excited to welcome **Guadalupe Barrena Nájera** (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico). The International Committee has established engagement with non-US clinicians at the Clinical Conference and beyond as a priority Committee agenda item. We want to thank the AALS Clinical Section's support in bringing Ms Barrena to the Clinical Conference. We hope this marks the beginning of ongoing engagement that will deepen all of our critical thinking and understanding about how to effectively and responsibly train students as lawyers operating in a globalized world.

We also invite you to join us for the International Committee meeting(s) on **Thursday** to discuss suggestions for future conferences, and increased international engagement of not just individual members of the Clinical Section, but the Section as a whole. Please contact International Committee Co-Chairs **Sarah Paoletti** (paoletti@law.upenn.edu) and **Peggy Maisel** (pmaisel@bu.edu) with any questions or suggestions.

Externship Section: Tuesday Breakfast Meeting, Wednesday Dinner

The Externship Section will be having a **breakfast meeting** on **Tuesday morning** at approximately 7:30 AM – exact time and location to be announced. Some agenda items are below. Please feel free to comment and send us your suggestions for additional agenda topics.

1. Elections
2. Committee Updates
3. Update on ABA Standard 305(e) 28 credit requirement
4. Update on ABA Standard 305(2) – credit and pay
5. Meeting the “Experiential Course” requirement under ABA Standard 303(2).

* Newsletter editor inserts note of jealousy that she is missing the conference this year and proposed making a National Park excursion part of all future Clinical Section Conferences.

6. Information on new ABA Standard 314: Assessment
7. Grading of externship clinics
8. Impact of declining student enrollment and resources on the status and security of externship faculty
9. FLSA Updates

The Externship Section will also be having **dinner** together on **Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM** at Las Casuelas Nuevas at 70050 CA-111 in Rancho Mirage, which is about 10 minutes from the Westin Mission Hills. If you would like to join us please RSVP!

New Veterans Clinic Working Group at Conference

If you are currently serving veterans in your clinical program, or are interested in learning more about doing so, join the Veterans Clinic Working Group during the times that will be noted in the conference schedule. If you would like more information about the working group meetings or want to be added to a veterans clinic listserv, email veterans@wm.edu.

News from the Clinical World

Faculty Promotions and Appointments

Denise Platfoot Lacey was promoted to Associate Professor of Externships at the University of Dayton School of Law under the School's newly adopted 405(c) policies and procedures for long-term contracts for its externship faculty.



Paul Radvany, Fordham Law School, received a promotion to Clinical Professor of Law.

Professor **Avidan Cover**, in the Civil Rights and Human Rights Clinic at Case Western Reserve University was promoted to Associate Professor of Law.

Two of Washington University (St. Louis) School of Law's clinical professors have received appointments in recognition of their

Paul Radvany

expertise and leadership. Professor **Eunkyong Choi** (Low Income Taxpayer Clinic) has been named to the *Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council* (IRSAC). The Council provides the IRS commissioner and division leaders with observations and suggestions on IRS policies and practices, including those affecting low-income taxpayers.

Karen Tokarz (Civil Rights, Community Justice and Mediation Clinic) also was recently appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court/Missouri Bar Joint Task Force on the Future of the Profession.



Karen Tokarz

Toby Merrill has been promoted to Clinical Instructor and Lecturer on Law with the Harvard Predatory Lending/ Consumer Protection Clinic. Toby joined HLS's Legal Services Center as a Skadden fellow in 2012.

Also at Harvard, **Eloise Lawrence** has been promoted from Staff Attorney to Clinical Instructor at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. Eloise has worked previously as a staff attorney with the Consumer Rights Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, the Environmental Health and Justice Initiative at the Conservation Law Foundation, and with Business and Professional People for the Public Interest in Chicago.



Crystal Shin

Crystal Shin, Director of William & Mary Law School's PELE Special Education Advocacy Clinic, was recently appointed Clinical Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Shin helps her students advocate for children with disabilities throughout local school districts, and, with encouragement from the bench, is developing a program in a local J&DR court to aid children with special needs who are charged with crimes and ensure that their due process rights, and those of their

and court services.

typically developing peers, are protected by the schools

Aniela Szymanski, Visiting Professor of Practice and Staff Attorney for William & Mary Law School's Lewis B. Puller, Jr.'s Veterans Benefits Clinic, is currently serving as President of the Bar Association for the U.S.



Roy Hoagland

Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, where she previously clerked.

Roy Hoagland was appointed a Professor of Practice at William & Mary Law School in fall 2014, and the clinic work he previously directed was incorporated into the new Virginia Coastal Policy Center, more accurately reflecting the diverse interdisciplinary projects and studies the Center undertakes.



Aniela Szymanski

Amy Applegate, of Indiana University Maurer School of Law, was awarded a faculty research fellowship for 2015-16. She also was elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the Kinsey Institute, the mission of which is to advance sexual health and knowledge worldwide.

The Sheller Center for Social Justice at Temple Law School has hired **Colleen Shanahan** as a clinical professor starting July 2015. Colleen will design and develop a clinic at Temple that responds to systemic community legal needs in a dynamic and innovative way.

Brian Krumm was recently named to the Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Council, in the Haslam College of Business. With an objective of advancing the quality and quantity of UT generated research on entrepreneurship and innovation, the Anderson Center Research Council is comprised of eight faculty members from across UT's Knoxville campus.

Inga Laurent was promoted to Associate Professor of Law at Gonzaga University School of Law.

Golden Gate University School of Law has promoted Professor **Hina Shah** to take over as Director of the Clinic. Professor Shah has been a clinical professor at WERC for eight years and for the last two years has been the co-director of the clinic. She has spearheaded the clinic's effort to integrate policy with direct client services.

UC Hastings Clinical Professor of Law **Eumi Lee** was installed as the President of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area on March 12, 2015.

Desiree Hensley was recently granted tenure and promoted to Associate Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Professor Hensley, who leads the law school's Housing Law Clinic, is the first to be awarded tenure under the law school's new standards for tenuring clinical professors. Her groundbreaking work on behalf of tenants living in Low Income Tax Credit Housing in the Mississippi Delta is described in *Out in the Cold: The Failure of Tenant Enforcement of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit*, 82 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1079 (Summer, 2014).

Penn State Law has named **Michael Foreman**, professor of law and director of the Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, to the newly created position of director of clinics and experiential learning.

The faculty at Quinnipiac recently granted tenure to **Sarah French Russell** and promoted her to full professor. Sarah now joins **Kevin Barry** as both tenured full professors on a unitary tenure track that we have for our clinical faculty. Kevin and Sarah co-teach and co-direct Quinnipiac's Civil Justice Clinic.

Clinicians Get Endowed Professorships



Jane Murphy

Jane C. Murphy, who directs University of Baltimore's Mediation for Families Clinic, was awarded the Laurence M. Katz professorship. She is the [well-deserved] inaugural recipient of this professorship, which recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship and service.

Professor **Judith Lipton**, Case Western Associate Dean for Experiential Education, has been appointed as the inaugural Honorable Blanche E. Krupansky and Frank W. Vargo Jr. Professor in Criminal Law at Case Western Reserve University. This is a newly endowed chair and with Judy's appointment she becomes the law school's first clinician with an endowed professorship.

Bill Weeks, the director of the Conservation Law Clinic at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, was appointed the Glenn and Donna Scolnik Clinical Chair. This is the first endowed chair for

a clinical professor of law at Maurer. Bill's appointment follows a \$2 million gift from the Scolniks to support the Conservation Law Center, which houses the clinic.

New Clinicians

The AALS Clinical Section welcomes all our new clinicians. Please reach out to these new clinicians at the conference, to make them feel welcome!



Jeena Shah, Esq., from the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) in New York City, has been appointed as a visiting Clinical Professor of Law to teach in and continue the work of the Rutgers-Newark International Human Rights Clinic and participate in the Constitutional Rights Clinic after the departure of Penny Venetis. Professor Shah has already commenced new projects at the Rutgers IHCR including a project intended to provide strategic legal support to Black Lives Matter activists facing various forms of retaliation for their defense of human rights.

Jeena Shah

Lindsay Barna was hired as a Domestic Violence Fellow under a Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women grant to expand services in our domestic violence clinic beyond protective orders into more general civil matters and safety planning, with special focus on underrepresented groups of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. (She is a former clinic student at Washington College of Law's Domestic Violence Clinic.)



Four new clinicians join Suffolk University Law School Clinical Programs: **Regina Holloway**, Testing Coordinator in our Housing Discrimination Testing Program; **Nadiyah Humber**, Testing Coordinator in our Housing Discrimination Testing Program; **James Matthews**, Clinical Fellow, Accelerator Practice Clinic; **Sherley Rodriguez**, Clinical Fellow Housing Discrimination Testing Program. These four new hires represent Suffolk's increased capacity to fight housing discrimination

Regina Holloway



Sherley Rodriguez

including the enforcement of discrimination claims, which takes place in the Accelerator Practice Clinic.



James Matthews

Sarah Huffman, '14, will join UC Hastings Clinical Professor of Law **Yvonne Troya** in fall 2015 to expand medical-legal partnership services to the VA, through an Equal Justice Works Fellowship.



Regina Holloway

University of Baltimore has hired **Jack Snyder** to direct its re-born Tax Clinic. Professor Snyder was a fellow in UB's clinical program at the start of his teaching career, and UB is thrilled to welcome him back.

Golden Gate University School of Law has hired **Stephen Rosenbaum** as an Associate Professor of Law and clinical staff attorney at WERC. Professor Rosenbaum has extensive teaching and litigation experience, and international experience setting up legal clinics throughout Africa and the Middle East. Most recently, he was a Visiting Senior Lecturer at University of Washington School of Law where he taught human rights advocacy and co-directed a human rights law clinic.

Norm Hedges joined the Indiana University Maurer School of Law faculty in January 2015 to direct the new Intellectual Property Law Clinic. Norm previously was a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Indianapolis and an adjunct professor at the law school.

The Rutgers-Newark clinical program has the extraordinary good fortune of having four post-graduate clinical fellows on its staff this year: **Stella Lyubarsky** (Rutgers H.E.A.L. Collaborative), **Sabrina Styza** (H.E.A.L. Collaborative, Rutgers Child Advocacy Clinic (CAC), and Director of the Aging Out Project), Eliza Nagel (Rutgers Criminal and Youth Justice Clinic) and Megha Charalambides (Rutgers Criminal and Youth Justice Clinic).



Genevieve Mann

Genevieve Mann started at Gonzaga University School of Law last June directing the Mortgage Mediation Program. Starting this June, she will be replacing Larry Weiser as the Director of the Elder Law Clinic when he retires.

Donna Huntermark joined Duquesne Law's clinical legal education program as administrative assistant and paralegal. A Pennsylvania certified paralegal and PACE registered paralegal, Huntermark worked for 15 years as a bankruptcy paralegal and as a paralegal in a corporate law department. She is on the board of the



Donna Huntermark

National Federation of Paralegal Associations and a

member of the Pittsburgh Paralegal Association.

Brian Wilson has joined Boston University School of Law's Criminal Law Clinic, as supervisor of the Prosecutor Program. Wilson is a 17-year veteran of the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, and an alum of the Criminal Clinic himself.

Two new faculty members are joining University of Detroit Mercy's clinical program. **Wissam Aoun** will direct the new Intellectual Property Clinic. Professor Aoun joins UDM from the University of Windsor, where he led an innovative and highly successful entrepreneurial IP clinic. **Alexander Vernon** will direct the Immigration Law Clinic. Professor Vernon joins UDM from Ave Maria University, where he directed the Immigration Law Clinic in Naples, Florida. Professor Vernon has a great deal of experience with all facets of U.S. immigration law, as well as Canadian refugee law.

Susan Crawford has been appointed clinical professor of law at Harvard Law School. She had been the John A. Reilly Visiting Professor in Intellectual Property at HLS. She has also been a faculty co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society since 2012. Crawford was formerly a professor at Cardozo Law School and the University of Michigan Law School.

Dehlia Umunna has been appointed Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. She has been a lecturer at HLS since 2007, and is Deputy Director and Clinical Instructor at HLS's Criminal Justice Institute (CJI). Prior to coming to Harvard Law School, Umunna was a trial attorney with the D.C. Public Defender Service and an adjunct professor of law and Practitioner in Residence at the Washington College of Law, American University.

Julia Devanthery has been appointed to Clinical Instructor in the Harvard Housing Law Clinic. Julia joined the Legal Services Center as Staff Attorney for the Mattapan Initiative in 2013. She has also worked as a Clinical Law Fellow at Northeastern University School of Law's Domestic Violence Institute.

Audrey Patten joined the Harvard Predatory Lending/ Consumer Protection Clinic as an Attorney and Clinical Fellow to help represent victims of domestic violence on their consumer issues. Previously, Audrey was a staff attorney at Northeast Legal Aid, Inc. in Lowell, Massachusetts where she worked for the Battered Women's Legal Assistance Project.

Hired in Fall 2014, University of New Mexico School of Law Assistant Professor **Serge Martinez** is taking the lead role in expanding and revitalizing the transactional core of the Business and Tax Clinic. In the Business and Tax Clinic, students represent small businesses and low-income individuals under close and supportive faculty supervision. In addition to student learning goals, Professor Martinez also wants to accelerate economic development in specific low-income communities throughout New Mexico by offering legal services to low-income individuals, micro-businesses, and small nonprofits.



Serge Martinez

Albany Law School's Law Clinic & Justice Center welcomes Visiting Assistant Professor **Sarah D'Alessandro** to the Tax & Transactions Clinic. A graduate of Fordham Law School and formerly a veteran staff attorney at Legal Aid of Northeastern New York, Sarah brings a wealth of public interest experience and taxation expertise to the position.



Ashley Dobbs

Ashley Dobbs will be joining the University of Richmond School of Law as Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic beginning in June 2015. A 2005 graduate of Richmond Law, Ms. Dobbs comes to Richmond from the firm of Bean, Kinney & Korman in Arlington, Virginia where she was a shareholder and where her practice focused on helping clients protect, grow and benefit from their ideas and assets through corporate formation, business transactions and by protecting their intellectual property.

Comings, Goings, and Transitions

Washington College of Law Professor **Rick Wilson** is retiring after an admirable career as a public interest lawyer and clinical teacher. As founder of our International Human Rights Law Clinic 25 years ago, Rick created a model that put client-centered representation at the core of human rights advocacy and student learning, promoting the belief that law and legal institutions should be harnessed to advance the cause of justice. [Editorial note: In addition to all his other accomplishments, if ever a clinician should have won the award for Mightiest Laugh, it is Rick Wilson. Thank you for helping make clinical education a joyful place. We will miss you, Rick!]



Rick Wilson

Natalie Nanasi, a Practitioner-in-Residence and director of the Washington College of Law Domestic Violence Clinic, is going to the Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Jasmine Harris, a Practitioner-in-Residence in the Washington College of Law Disability Rights Law Clinic, will join the faculty at UC-Davis, where she will teach Disability Law and Evidence.

Professor **Keith Fogg** of Villanova University School of Law (where he directs the Federal Tax Clinic) will join Harvard Law School in Fall 2015 as a Visiting Professor to teach at the new HLS Federal Tax Clinic.

James S. Liebman, the Simon H. Rifkind Professor of Law at Columbia Law School will teach at HLS's new Public Education Policy and Consulting Clinic as a Visiting Professor of Law. This full-semester interdisciplinary Clinic brings together upper-level graduate students in law, business, education and policy from Harvard, Columbia, Dartmouth, Michigan, NYU and Stanford to work on high-priority multi-dimensional consulting projects on behalf of public- and social-sector organizations serving the educational and related needs of children.

At a ceremony in late-March, University of Detroit Mercy commemorated the retirement of Clinic Director **C. Michael Bryce** and the departure of **David Koelsch**, the director of the Immigration Law Clinic. Professor Bryce directed the clinical program at UDM Law since 2000 and Professor Koelsch directed the Immigration Law Clinic since 2002, and is turning to government service with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Washington, DC starting this summer. Careful readers of the December newsletter will be happy for the newsletter editor about this update.



After four years of serving as Director of the University of Tennessee Legal Clinics, Professor **Val Vojdik** will begin teaching a new Human Rights Practicum, along with Civil Procedure, Civil Rights, Gender and the Law, and related courses beginning in fall 2015. During her time as director, Val helped diversity and expand our clinical offerings to add an Immigration Clinic, the hybrid Nonprofits Clinic, the Trademark Clinic as part of our

Val Vojdik

Business Clinic, and Appellate Clinic, as well as two mini-clinics (Expungement and Federal Clemency).

Professor **Penny White**, Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professor of Law, will serve as Acting Director of Clinical Programs. Prof. White is the Director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution at UT. She will be co-teaching our Advocacy Clinic this fall with Professors **Wendy Bach** and **Joy Radice**.



Penny White

Penny M. Venetis has taken a several year leave of absence, effective January 2015, from Rutgers School of Law–Newark, where she is Clinical Professor of Law, Director of the

International Human Rights Clinic and Judge Dickinson R.

Debevoise Scholar, to join Legal Momentum as Executive Vice

President and Legal Director. Professor Venetis has taught at Rutgers-Newark since 1994, first in the Constitutional Rights Clinic and then as the founding Director of the International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC).

After establishing the Women's Employment Rights Clinic at Golden Gate University School of Law and directing it for 20 years, Professor **Marci Seville** is retiring.

Cornell Law School is pleased to announce the creation of our new Farmworker Clinic beginning fall semester 2015 and that **Beth Lyon** will be the new director. We are all enthusiastic about having Beth join the faculty and share her enormous experience working with farmworkers, immigrants, and low-wage workers. Beth developed the first farmworker clinic in the country at Villanova Law School in 2001 and has been a respected scholar in the areas of immigrant workers, international law and clinical education and a beloved [very, very beloved] clinician for 15 years. We are delighted to welcome her to Cornell Law School.

Awards and Recognitions

These awards and recognitions run the gamut from scholarship prizes to teaching awards, to recognition from external entities of the valuable, numerous, diverse contributions that clinicians make to their communities. Congratulations to all!

University of St. Thomas School of Law Professor **Nekima Levy-Pounds** is a 2015 recipient of the Saint Paul Foundation Facing Race Ambassador Award, which honors Minnesota's anti-racism activists. Read more [here](#). Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal also named and profiled Prof. Nekima Levy-Pounds as 40 Under 40 (can read more [here](#)), and was named an Attorney of the Year 2014 by Minnesota Lawyer ([here](#)), and one of the 11 Most Interesting Teachers of 2014 in Minnesota by MinnPost ([here](#)). As clinic director Virgil Wiebe writes, "She's increasingly a spokeswoman for a reignited civil rights movement that is protesting the treatment of black people by the criminal-justice system, especially following the killings of unarmed black men by police officers in Ferguson, Mo., and New York, among other places."

Sue Lang, a part-time assistant at University of St. Thomas law school, was recognized for her great work in support of the law school and the clinic, in a cover story in the March 2015 newsletter of Kaposia, an organization which “invests in the prosperity of people with disabilities and the profitability of our partners.” Read more [here](#).



Wendy Bach

University of Tennessee Professor **Wendy Bach** was awarded the 2014 Harold C Warner Outstanding Teacher Award in recognition for her incredible commitment to teaching in clinical and non-clinical courses.

Also at University of Tennessee, Professor **Val Vojdik** won the 2014 W. Allen Separk Faculty Scholarship Award for her article, *Sexual Violence Against Men and Women in War: A Masculinities Approach* 14 Nev. L. J. 923 (2014).

Seth Lahn (Indiana University Maurer School of Law) received a prestigious IU Trustees' Teaching Award in April 2015.

Patty Roberts was recently named one of the Class of 2015's *Influential Women of Virginia*, which recognizes Virginia women in all fields, including law, business, health care, education and the arts, and who are selected for making “notable contributions to their chosen professions, their communities and society at large.” Read more [here](#).



Patty Roberts

Kate Elengold, a Practitioner-in-Residence in the Washington College of Law Women and the Law Clinic, recently won the 2015 Emerging Scholar Award at the Denver University Law Review for her article *Branding Identity*, which comes with a \$500 cash award and publication in the Denver University Law Review in early 2016.



Elisabeth Semel

Berkeley Law Clinical Professor **Elisabeth Semel** has been awarded the law school's Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction. The Rutter Award, which is Berkeley Law's highest teaching award, honors a professor who inspires students and demonstrates a deep commitment to teaching. Professor Semel, who is the founding director of the law school's Death Penalty Clinic, is the first-ever clinician to win this award at Berkeley Law.

The **University of Tennessee** selected the College of Law's Clinical Programs as one of 50 exemplars of community engagement at the University.

At University of Connecticut, **Jon Bauer** received the 2015 Tapping Reeve Legal Educator Award from the Connecticut Bar Association. The award is given for sustained contributions to legal education, scholarship, and the practice of law.



Jon Bauer

UC Hastings Associate Professor **Alina Ball**, Director of the Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic, on April 8, 2015, received the Faculty Leadership Award, which recognizes a faculty member who expanded the horizons and skills of UC Hastings students, provided exceptional guidance and support outside of the classroom, and generally went above and beyond in their contributions to student and community life at UC Hastings.

UC Hastings Clinical Professor of Law **Carol Izumi** received the Chris K. Iijima Teacher and Mentor Award from the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty on March 7, 2015 in Boston. The award honors “the impact she has had on the many students and legal educators she has mentored and supported, and her extensive contributions to public service, teaching, and scholarship advancing Asian American rights and in other areas.”

At the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director and Associate Professor **Laura Rovner** was recognized by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and received the Edward Sherman award for her outstanding legal work as director of Denver Law’s Civil Rights Clinic. (October 2014). Professor Rovner was also named a 5280 Top Lawyer in the category of Civil Rights by 5280 Magazine (November 2014).

Tracey McCants Lewis, assistant director of clinical legal education and assistant clinical professor of law, was named Woman of the Year by Duquesne University School of Law’s Women’s Law Association. McCants Lewis, supervising attorney for Duquesne Law’s Civil Rights Clinic and Pro Bono Program, was honored in April at the 23rd annual event. Also this spring, McCants Lewis was appointed to serve on the Government Review Commission by Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.



Tracey McCants Lewis

University of Houston clinicians won a series of recognitions recently. Professors **Janet Heppard** and **Barbara Stalder**, at the University of Houston Law Center Civil Clinic were recognized as a Pro Bono “Law Firm” Partner at the Lonestar Legal Aid Lex Legacy Luncheon in December 2014. Professor **Tasha Willis**, who directs the UH Mediation Clinic, has been re-elected to a second term as the educational representative for the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association Board of Directors. She is currently the only law professor in Texas to serve on the TMCA board, the Houston Bar Association ADR Section Board, and the State Bar of Texas ADR Council. Professor **Janet Beck**, of University of Houston’s Immigration Clinic, won the UH Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Distinguished Service to Women Award in the Clinical Faculty Category for 2015. Professor **Geoffrey Hoffman**, Director of the University of Houston Immigration Clinic, won American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)’s Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014. Professor **Susham Modi**, of UH’s Immigration Clinic, was recognized as one of Houstonia Magazine’s Top 2014 Immigration Lawyers. **Hoffman, Beck, Modi**, and **Veronica Bernal** (fellow) also won the AILA Pro Bono Hero Award for Central Region – 2015.



Maxine Lipeles

Maxine Lipeles, Professor in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic at Washington University (St. Louis) School of Law, received the *Darrow Award* from St. Louis University School of Law. The award recognizes attorneys who have devoted their time, energy, and professional reputation to helping better society through work in the field of public interest law.

Washington University (St. Louis) School of Law Professor **Karen Tokarz**, who teaches in the Civil Rights, Community Justice and Mediation Clinic, received the *Outstanding Legal Educator Award* from the Black Law Students

Association (BLSA).

Emily Broad Leib, the director of Harvard Law School's Food Law and Policy Clinic, was awarded a research grant in the inaugural year of Harvard President Drew Faust's Climate Change Solutions Fund. Her project, "Reducing Food Waste as a Key to Addressing Climate Change," was one of seven chosen to confront the challenge of climate change using the levers of law, policy, and economics, as well as public health and science.

Sabrineh Ardalan, of Harvard's Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, and **Andrea Park**, of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, were *honored in the 2nd Annual Harvard Law International Women's Day Portrait Exhibit, as powerful voices in their respective field*. Sabi and Andrea were featured for their outstanding clinical work and mentorship.

New Clinics

Two new clinical offerings are in the works from **Penn State Law**. Professor **Tom Sharbaugh** is leading a new Entrepreneurship program, complete with coursework and experiential learning designed to provide law students with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to provide legal assistance to entrepreneurs at every stage of the entrepreneurial process. And Professor **Michael Foreman** is launching a new Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic designed to provide hands-on practice experience for law students as they represent veterans and current service-members in the unique legal issues they encounter.

Albany Law is proud to announce two new clinics for the next academic year – the Immigration Law Clinic, a newly state-funded, in-house clinic to be directed by **Sarah Rogerson**, and the Mediation Apprenticeship Clinic, which will engage students in the faculty-supervised practice of mediation in city courts as an experiential extension of and complement to the mediation course currently offered at the law school.

UT Business Clinic was selected by the US Department of Commerce's US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to participate in its Law School Clinic Certification Pilot Program.

Suffolk University Law School: James Matthews and **Sherley Rodriguez** (new clinicians, as noted above) are working in a brand new pilot program (the Accelerator Practice Clinic) that pairs traditional clinical pedagogy with training on law practice management skills.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee (**Jill Engle**, Penn State, Chair; **Yael Cannon**, University of New Mexico; **Lydia Nussbaum**, University of Nevada Las Vegas; **Jeff Baker**, Pepperdine; and **Liz Keyes**, University of Baltimore) has focused on three initiatives:

- The e-newsletter. This included a reformatting to eliminate at least some duplication with the CLEA e-newsletter, although improvements remain to be made. The Committee also agreed to try to simplify reporting by having one principal end-of-year issue for all calendar year program news, and a slimmer conference-focused spring newsletter. We alerted Section members to the changes through the email solicitations for newsletter items.
- Website overhaul. The Committee has gathered a large amount of input from the membership generally and from other committees specifically about how best to use the AALS website to share news, information and resources. AALS has been engaged in website redesign, but we are still waiting to hear from them which of the various initiatives and improvements we have in mind will be technologically feasible. We hope we will have exciting news to announce about this before too long!
- Coordinating communications/marketing efforts across organizational lines for experiential law professors: To this end we revised our planned presentation for the Rancho Mirage conference to include a member of the Teaching Methodologies Committee, and a representative from LegalED. We have had conversations among LegalEd and CLEA to integrate marketing efforts among all groups. The Clinical Law Prof blog, run by our committee's **Jeff Baker**, and **Mary Lynch** (Albany Law)'s Best Practices blog are also important vehicles in this effort and have been critical in disseminating content for individual efforts from professors, schools, and organizations. We hope in 2015-16 to develop a more collaborative strategy to increase visibility but reduce duplication.

AALS Clinical Section Policy Committee

The Policy Committee is in its inaugural year with a mission to enhance the voice of the Section and to advance dialogue and reform on issues currently facing clinical law teachers. The first order of business for this new Committee is to draw on this community's expertise and build on the excellent work of CLEA to draft a model experiential learning requirement that can be used to advocate with state bar associations and other relevant decision makers. The committee is aware of a proposed experiential learning and pro bono requirement in California, the pro bono requirement in New York and, of course, the new ABA Standard 310. If people are aware of other proposals before state bar associations, please email a link to or text of the proposal to **Ragini Shah** at rnshah@suffolk.edu.

M. Shanara Gilbert Award

The Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education is pleased to announce that **Professor JoNel Newman**, Professor of Clinical Education and Director of the Health Rights Clinic at the University of Miami School of Law, has been selected as the 2015 recipient of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education's M. Shanara Gilbert Award. We will honor JoNel and

present the award at a luncheon on **Tuesday, May 5**, at the Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Rancho Mirage, CA.



JoNel Newman

The M. Shanara Gilbert Award honors an "emerging clinician," with ten or fewer years of experience who has (1) a commitment to teaching and achieving social justice, particularly in the areas of race and the criminal justice system; (2) a passion for providing legal services and access to justice to individuals and groups most in need; (3) service to the cause of clinical legal education or to the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education; (4) an interest in international clinical legal education; and (5) an interest in the beauty of nature (desirable, but not required).

JoNel's colleagues and students at the University of Miami submitted a compelling nomination packet, describing her long-standing commitment to social justice, creative pedagogical approaches, and commitment to serving marginalized communities in the Miami area and beyond. One nominator wrote of the significant contributions of the Health Rights Clinic that JoNel directs, noting that her students "have served over two thousand vulnerable health-impaired clients... and have secured over two million dollars in entitlements and public benefits for their clients." Her nominators wrote of a myriad of innovative and impactful community-based projects that JoNel has spearheaded, including initiatives relating to the Haitian diaspora, veterans' rights, pediatric care, and more. JoNel's students wrote that she "embodies the qualities sought in the recipient of the Shanara Gilbert Award" and her colleagues at Miami herald her "extraordinary efforts and contributions to clinical legal education, service, and justice."

Please join us in congratulating JoNel on this important recognition!

The Executive Committee also gratefully acknowledges the hard work of the **Awards Committee**: **Professor Sameer Ashar**, UC-Irvine School of Law; **Professor Margaret M. Barry**, Vermont Law School (co-chair); **Professor Dionne Gonder-Stanley**, North Carolina Central School of Law; **Professor Mary Lynch**, Albany Law School (co-chair); and **Professor Lisa Martin**, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America.

Membership, Outreach, and Training Committee

The Membership, Outreach, and Training Committee is pleased to continue the Section's work in supporting clinicians around the country by matching mentors and mentees through the Helping Hands program and serving as the liaison for regional conference planners, among other things.

To apply for regional conference funding or other support (applications are due 60 days before the event), or for more information on any aspect of the Committee's work, feel free to contact members **Lauren R. Aronson** (Michigan State, but moving on to Louisiana State this summer), **Sabrina Balgamwalla** (North Dakota), **Yael Cannon** (New Mexico),

To request a mentor,
please sign up [HERE](#):

To serve as a mentor,
please sign up [HERE](#):

Jaime Lee (Baltimore, Co-Chair), **Cristina L. Pollard** (Idaho), and **Michael Vastine** (St. Thomas, Co-Chair).

The teaching methodologies subcommittee has been hard at work this year sponsoring two sessions of online rounds and one webinar. In the spring semester we ran two sets of online rounds, serving 26 clinicians representing 25 schools across the country. One set of sessions was facilitated by **Donna Lee** (CUNY) and **Joy Radice** (Tennessee) and focused on the teaching issues central to live-client clinics. The second set was facilitated by **Alex Scherr** (U of Georgia) and **Kendall Kerew** (Georgia State) and focused on the teaching issues central to externships. We are receiving wonderful reports about the skills of our facilitators and the learning that emerged. The committee is tremendously grateful for the time and expertise that Donna, Joy, Alex and Kendall put into this project and we look forward to sponsoring more sessions on both in-house clinics and externships next year.

The committee also sponsored a webinar on March 20, 2015 titled *Integrating Emerging Technology in the Classroom* by **Alyson Carrel** and **Kara Young** (Northwestern). Thanks go to them as well for this terrific work. The committee's call for webinars remains open.

If you are interested in doing a webinar for the clinical community or just want to find out more, please do reach out to any member of the subcommittee (**Kendall Kerew**: kkerew@gsu.edu, **Raja Raghunath**: rraghunath@law.du.edu or **Karla McKanders**: kmckande@utk.edu).

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education offers every clinician an opportunity for supportive, non-evaluative feedback on a scholarly work-in-progress from a clinical colleague with shared substantive expertise. We have already matched many writers and reviewers. If you have a work-in-progress and would like to be paired with a clinical colleague at another school, send a request to this address: clinicalpeernetwork@gmail.com. We have an extensive database of clinicians willing to provide feedback in your subject-matter area. **If you are willing to offer constructive feedback, join our amazing database of subject-matter experts at [THIS LINK](#)**. This is not a commitment to serve as a peer reviewer. You will simply be in our database, and when an author in your area of expertise asks for peer review, we will contact you to see if you are interested. If you have questions, email **Michele Gilman** at clinicalpeernetwork@gmail.com. **Happy writing!**

Externships Committee

Over the last few months our Committee has been extraordinarily busy. If you have not had a chance to keep up with the Listserv, there have been extensive conversations about working with millennials, ABA Standard 305 (e) 28 credit requirement, judicial externship placement process, ABA Standard 305 credit and pay, the externship seminar component, for-profit placements and billing for student work, FLSA updates, Part-time student externship placement opportunities, student journals and many other topics. We look forward to discussing many of these at the Externship meeting in May.

Some committee updates:

- Our International and Semester in Practice chair, **Gillian Dutton**, has held conference calls on the first Friday of the month. The first call was held on August 22 and subcommittee members discussed field placements and seminars. The second call was held on September 5 and addressed topics, such as choosing site locations, language skills, student requirements and pre and post-departure for international experiences. The third conference call was held on October 3, 2013, during which **Jessica Heywood** and **Nancy Hunt** presented their “Semester in D.C.” externship program to the conference call participants. Each Friday a terrific conference call has been held on a topic relevant to our community. On May 1, **Laurie Barron** and **Nancy Stuart** will be leading a call about professional development planning, mid semester meeting process and other topics. A HUGE thank you to Gillian for leading the charge.
- Technology Committee, Information Sharing Committee, Co-chairs **Kendall Kerew** (Georgia State) and **Linh Spencer** (Hastings): The Editors for the new edition of Learning from Practice have asked **Tracy Edwards** to shepherd the multimedia dimension of the new edition of the book. She is collecting teaching resources and web-available resources that will be made available to the entire externship community regardless of whether teachers are using the book. Also, as a member of the Teaching Methodologies Committee, **Kendall Krew** is working to find out more about the plan for future webinars.
- Best Practices Committee, Co-chairs **Carrie Kaas** (Quinnipiac) and **Cindy Batt** (Stetson): Best Practices is now available!
- Membership Outreach and Training Committee, Co-chairs **Avis Sanders** (American) and **Cindy Wilson** (Northwestern): Avis and Cindy have worked on two primary goals this year: (1) to put together an accurate and complete list of all externship faculty from around the country, and (2) to make sure externship pedagogy/resources are part of the new clinicians training at the AALS Clinical Conferences. They are working on creating a list using various resources and contacting the appropriate people to ensure that the curriculum developed for new clinicians at Externships 7 can be integrated into New Clinician Training.
- ABA Site Visit Committee, Co-chairs **Kelly Terry** (UALR), **Laura Fry** (UCI), **Amy Sankaran** (UMich) and **Nancy Stuart** (Hastings): This is a resource committee for members who need assistance navigating the ABA Site Visit/Accreditation process.

Announcements

New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop:

The Clinical Theory Workshop at New York Law School is now celebrating its 30th anniversary. We began meeting at Columbia in 1985 and have been at New York Law School since 1992; workshop participants come from around the New York metropolitan area and sometimes a good deal further away than that. We focus on works-in-progress on issues of clinical pedagogy and lawyering skills, topics that continue to be surprising and even perplexing!

The 2014-15 workshops were:

- Friday, September 26, 2014: **Jeff Pokorak, Ilene Seidman & Gerald M. Slater**, Suffolk

- University Law School, *Stop Thinking and Start Doing: Three-Year Accelerator-to-Practice Program as a Market-Based Solution for Legal Education*, 43 Wash U.J.L. & Policy 59 (2014)
- Friday, October 17, 2014, at Fordham: **Ian Weinstein**, Fordham University School of Law, *Access to Civil Justice in America: What Do We Know?*, in *Beyond Elite Law: Access to Civil Justice for Americans of Average Means*, Samuel Estreicher and Joy Radice eds. (forthcoming)
 - Friday, December 5, 2014: **Susan Brooks**, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, *Using a Communication Perspective to Teach Relational Lawyering*
 - Friday, February 13, 2015: **Kathryn M. Stanchi**, Temple University Beasley School of Law, *Aggression Doesn't Work: Why a Reasonable Tone is More Persuasive*
 - Friday, February 27, 2015: **Katherine R. Kruse** and **Sharon Press** (co-author Bobbi McAdoo), Hamline University School of Law, *Client Problem-Solving: Where ADR and Lawyering Skills Meet*, *Elon Law Review* (forthcoming)
 - Friday, March 20, 2015: **Hina Shah**, Golden Gate University School of Law, *Notes from the Field: The Role of the Lawyer in Grassroots Policy Advocacy*, *Clinical Law Review* (forthcoming)

If you'd like to receive the papers for future workshops – even if you're not near enough to New York to come to the sessions – please just email **Steve Ellmann** (the workshop chair) at stephen.ellmann@nyls.edu. And if you have a paper you'd like to discuss presenting, please email Steve about that too.

Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest: Announcement of 2015-2017 Bellow Fellows

The AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education's Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest (a/k/a the Bellow Committee) is pleased to announce the next group of Bellow Scholars and their projects. The program recognizes and supports projects undertaken by clinical law teachers that reflect the ideals of Professor Gary Bellow, a pioneering founder of modern clinical legal education. Every two years the Bellow Scholar program seeks innovative proposals designed to improve the quality of justice in communities, to enhance the delivery of legal services, and to promote economic and social justice.

The selected projects will present their initial proposals at the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Conference in Rancho Mirage, California May. We hope to see you all there.

The winners are:

- **Kim Diana Connolly, Danielle Pelfrey & Lisa Bauer**, "Vision and Action": Access to Justice, Professional Formation, and Employment Prospects in the Inaugural Classes of New York's Pro Bono Scholars Program.
- **Stacy Seicshnaydre**, Living in Opportunity: Have Tenant-Based Housing Vouchers Created Wider Housing Choice Post-Katrina?
- **Emily Benfer & Allyson Gold**, The Effect of Medical-Legal Partnership Law-School Clinical Representation on Access to Justice for Low-Income Clients
- **Alina Ball, Colin Bailey, & Pearl Kan**, Disadvantaged Communities Access to Safe Drinking

Water in Salinas Valley, California & Beyond

- **Margaret Drew, Caitlin Stover & Jason Potter Burda**, Building Community Capacity for HIV-Positive Individuals in Southcoast, Massachusetts

Vanderbilt's Branstetter New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop selected **Colleen Shanahan** (Temple) and **Anna Carpenter** (Tulsa)'s Bellow Scholar project Lawyers, Power, and Strategic Expertise for presentation later this spring

Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) Summer Academy

The **Georgetown Law Juvenile Justice Clinic** in coordination with the **National Juvenile Defender Center** announces the second annual Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) Summer Academy on **June 14-20, 2015!** This innovative program utilizes the methodology of clinical legal education to train a cadre of zealous juvenile defense attorneys and improve the quality of counsel for children across the country.

Third National Symposium – Soliciting Experiential Learning Assessment Tools

The **Alliance for Experiential Learning in Law** is planning its Third National Symposium on Experiential Education and the Law. Those of you who attended the last conference at Elon Law School in June 2014 heard how other disciplines approach experiential learning and discussed the findings of the Alliance working groups. The next symposium will take a close look at how to identify and effectively assess experiential learning outcomes, as a step towards our long-term goal of improving experiential learning for this generation of law students.

The Third National Symposium will take place in 2016, probably in the summer and at a place to be determined. The Steering Committee is soliciting papers that identify and evaluate experiential learning assessment tools or rubrics that you have created or co-created and have used or are considering. But our goal isn't just to receive papers; instead, we want to create an ongoing process of working with interested colleagues in both the development of these assessment tools or rubrics and then, subsequently, the evaluation of the data these tools or rubrics generate. Assessment is itself ideally an iterative process, and we would like to approach the work of assessment in an iterative way! If you are interested in participating in the conference, we ask that you send us drafts of the tools or rubrics you are considering by no later than **October 15, 2015**; we in turn will offer feedback and suggestions within a month after that. Then we'll ask you to provide a well-considered, brief paper discussing the findings you've made in using these assessment devices. We expect first drafts of those papers will be due by **March 1, 2016**, and again we will provide feedback and suggestions within a month after that. Selected submissions will form the basis of core presentations at the conference, and final drafts will be due **approximately June 1, 2016**. We will also be looking into the possibilities of publishing some or all of the papers following the conference.

The first step: please submit your drafts of your assessment tools or rubrics no later than **October 15, 2015** to the Alliance Steering Committee by emailing them to **Stephen Ellmann** at New York Law School (stephen.ellmann@nyls.edu).

UC Hastings Symposium

The Advancing Equal Access to Justice: Barriers, Dilemmas, and Prospects Symposium will be held at UC Hastings on November 12 and 13, 2015. We have a tremendous group of presenters slated to join us. Please save the date and consider joining us.

William & Mary Institute in Special Education Advocacy

William & Mary's annual Institute in Special Education Advocacy for attorneys/clinicians/advocates and law students, to be held August 2-7, 2015 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Upcoming Dates

May 1	Externship Section Call on professional development planning, mid semester
May 5	Externship Section Breakfast Meeting 7:30 am Presentation of M. Shanara Gilbert Award (at Clinical Conference) #BlackLivesMatter 5:45 pm
May 6	International Committee Meeting Externship Section Dinner
June 14-20, 2015	Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) Summer Academy
October 15, 2015	Submit draft assessment tools or rubrics to Steve Ellman for the Third National Symposium on Experiential Education and the Law (2016)
November 12-13, 2015	Advancing Equal Access to Justice: Barriers, Dilemmas, and Prospects Symposium will be held at UC Hastings
Ongoing	Scholarship network and peer review: Email: clinicalpeernetwork@gmail.com Clinical mentoring: Request a mentor: HERE Be a mentor: HERE