

AALS CLINICAL SECTION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019

Welcome to the Fall 2019 AALS Clinical Section Newsletter. We, your editors, are pleased to bring you exciting information and updates from both the Section and from schools and programs around the country.

From the Clinical Section Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the holiday season and winter break! The past year has brought some challenges for many of our clients and communities, which we've navigated bravely with our students and clinical colleagues. We take the balance in stride, knowing that our community remains a strong source of strength and support. We rock! And, the Clinical Section is pleased to share some of the good news that has occurred in our community during the past year – much of which we could not have accomplished without the dedicated work of our committees.

2020 William Pincus Awardee – Professor Paul Tremblay

I am delighted to announce that Professor Paul Tremblay at Boston College Law School is the 2020 recipient of the Clinical Section's William Pincus Award! The Pincus award honors individuals, groups, or institutions for outstanding contributions to clinical legal education through service, scholarship, program design and implementation, and the other activities beneficial to clinical education or to the advancement of justice. Paul's service to our community extends in depth and breadth across these areas, including an unwavering commitment to mentoring clinicians (particularly transactional clinicians) across the country. As noted in the nomination materials reviewed by our Awards Committee: "Like the best of superheroes, Paul's quiet, modest demeanor



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hides great powers. But those powers are quickly apparent to and have a powerful impact on students lucky enough to have him as a supervisor, colleagues who engages him in discussions of teaching, clients whose lives are improved by his advocacy, and lawyers, teachers and judges who benefit from the analytical rigor and moral clarity of his writings. The consistent theme that runs through all of Paul's work is devotion to ensuring that our legal system and those working within it fulfill their promise.

I want to thank our outstanding Awards Committee, JoNel Newman (Chair, Miami), Kinda Abdus-Sabor (Georgia State), Jon Dublin (Rutgers), Claire Raj (South Carolina), and Laura Rovner (Denver), for its work soliciting and selecting such an outstanding honoree!

Nominations to the Clinical Section Executive

I'm excited to present the next slate of members and officers for election in January 2020!

Officer

Chair – Wendy Bach (Tennessee)

Chair Elect – Fatma Marouf (Texas A&M)

Secretary – Elizabeth (Liz) Keyes (Baltimore)

Treasurer – Shawn Watts (Kansas)

New Members

Norrinda Hayat (Rutgers)

Kele Stewart (Miami)

Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)

Claire Raj (South Carolina)

Anita Sinha (American)

I want to thank our Nominating Committee, Emily Suski (Co-Chair, South Carolina), Natalie Chin (Co-Chair, CUNY), Bob Jones (Notre Dame), Bob Probasco (Texas A&M), Charles Auffant (Rutgers), Amy Pritchard (UA, Little Rock)

for its work in recruiting such a dynamic slate of new members!

2020 AALS Annual Meeting Clinical Section Events

Please note below the Clinical Section events that will occur at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

- *Clinical Legal Education Luncheon:* Friday, January 3rd at 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - William Pincus Award presented to Paul Tremblay (Boston College School of Law)
 - Election of New Officers and Members
- *Clinical Section Program:* Exploring Immigrant Justice from Intersectional Perspectives on Friday, January 3rd at 1:30 p.m.
- *Co-sponsored Program:* International Legal Exchange, Co-Sponsored by Clinical Legal Education, Comparative Law, and Teaching Methods – What Translates? Investigating Those Aspects of U.S. Law That Are Viewed as Inspiring and Aspirational

Celebrating the Communications Committee

As noted above, the Clinical Section thrives because of the diligent work of our committees. In addition, I'd like to thank the Communications Committee (Michael Martin (Fordham), Kim Ambrose (University of Washington), Keeshea Turner Roberts (Howard), Janet Heppard (Houston), and Gail Silverstein (Chair, Hastings) for its remarkable work delivering the Clinical Section's newsletter and managing the content on our website. I want to thank Natalie Nanasi (SMU) and Adrienne Smith for providing extraordinary service as Newsletter Editors as well as Keeshea Turner Roberts (Howard) and Janet Heppard

(Houston) for being willing to take up the helm of service as our new Newsletter Editors. The Communication Committee recently established a new “Web Editor” position, and I want to welcome Susan Hazeldean (Brooklyn) as the inaugural Web Editor. Thank you!

In addition to the above accomplishments, the Clinical Section also provided funding for several regional conferences. Plans for the new year under the energetic leadership of Wendy Bach (Chair Elect, Tennessee), include strategic planning (including a review of our committee structure), the formal launch of a scholarship award in honor of Stephen Ellman (New York Law School), and a new look at how the Clinical Section can leverage its resources to support our community.

I wish you a restorative winter break.

Peace,

Patience (University of Denver Sturm College of Law)

Program Updates

Saint Louis University School of Law

Saint Louis University School of Law is launching a new Human Rights at Home Litigation Clinic under the direction of Lauren Bartlett, who joined the SLU Law faculty this year. The Human Rights at Home Litigation Clinic offers students the opportunity to work on impactful human rights projects and use human rights in litigation in local courts by focusing on securing fundamental human rights for the most vulnerable persons in the US.

Through both litigation and projects, students may have opportunities to conduct interviews of clients and witnesses, provide legal advice and counseling, draft pleadings, represent clients in court hearings, and interact with human rights legal systems.

Fordham Law School

Fordham Takes Look Back At Pro Bono Scholars Program and Calls it a Success

In 2014, New York Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman mandated an Access to Justice program, called Pro Bono Scholars (PBS), to be initiated at NY law schools. The hallmark is that every Spring, graduating students in the program spend their last semester in law school working in a public interest organization 45 hours/week. This also allows them take the NY Bar in February, rather than wait until July, and merge into the legal work force at an accelerated rate. All of Fordham’s PBSs received job offers after graduation. We talked with some of the past PBSs and they attribute the program to giving them an advantage. Learn more.

The Parole Project to Launch at Fordham this Spring

Fordham’s Criminal Defense Clinic, co-directed by Martha Rayner, takes on the arduous task of building a user-friendly data base for criminal defense lawyers and advocates to use to obtain coveted parole information on incarcerated persons in the state of New York. The analytics so far, look disturbing as many incarcerated persons are being denied parole.

The Samuel-Glushko Intellectual Property & Information Law (IPIL) Clinic at Fordham Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

The IPIL Clinic is 10 years old and held an event to celebrate. All 240 of its alums were invited, many of whom attended.

Securities Litigation & Arbitration Clinic Co-sponsors Workshop with SEC

The workshop highlighted the dangers of fraud and drew over 200 attendees from legal aid lawyers and public interest organizations to clinicians. Learn more.



Martha Rayner



Paul Radvany



IPIL

10th Anniversary

FSU College of Law

Florida State University, Public Interest Law Center, announces two new projects:

Collateral Consequences Project (CCP), directed by Prof. Carla Laroche to overcome the barriers people with criminal records face and the impact those barriers have on children, families, and the community. This Fall, CCP filed an amicus brief in the Florida Supreme Court arguing for the right to vote for persons who have completed prison sentences, conducted presentations on Florida’s constitutional and statutory laws on re-enfranchisement, and conducted intakes and research surrounding people’s voting rights. To better understand the historical link, the disenfranchisement of people with felonies has to Jim Crow and to slavery, Professor Laroche took her students to Montgomery, Alabama to experience the Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, EJI’s National Memorial for Peace and Justice (the National Lynching Memorial).

Human Trafficking and Exploitation Law Project (HELP), directed by Prof. Annino and Graduate Fellow Caitlyn Kio. This Fall, students participating in HELP advocated for a proposed Florida Department of Education (DOE) rule that requires all school districts in Florida to teach human trafficking prevention from elementary school through high school. Law students researched state laws and drafted comments to the DOE rule to make

it a robust, meaningful requirement for the Florida school districts.

In September 2019, the students presented at the State Board of Education, where the Board adopted their comments verbatim and passed the rule.

This is a major accomplishment in the prevention of trafficking of children in Florida. The new rule will teach K-12 students how to protect themselves from traffickers and will make children who have been trafficked feel safe to seek help from school personnel.

Awards:

The 2019 Law Student ABA Division: The Judy M. Weightman Public Interest Award for outstanding contribution to underrepresented groups.



Prof. Carla Laroche and Collateral Consequences Project law students Oluremi (Remi) Abiodun and Garcynth (Gigi) Green



Human Trafficking Exploitation Law Project (HELP) law student Mylena Chin See, giving her presentation to the Florida Board of Education on the proposed human trafficking rule.

American University Washington College of Law

The AUWCL Clinical Program has added a new Re-Entry Clinic (REC). Visiting Professor Margaret Martin Barry (pictured with students) directs the REC, which provides the opportunity for law students enrolled in the evening program to help people who are seeking to restart their lives by getting out of confinement or by clearing their criminal records.

The Clinical Program has added a new Defending the AU Dream Initiative (AU Dream) under its Immigrant Justice Clinic, funded by a gift from William L. Jacobs '66 and managed by Supervising Attorney Michelle Assad. Services under the new initiative include representing undergraduate and graduate students on DACA and other immigration-related matters at AU and at other institutions in the DC metro area. AU Dream has hosted community round tables to educate students, faculty, and staff about its services and has taken on several cases of students attending AU and a local community college. In late November, AU Dream hosted its first DACA Renewal Clinic at AUWCL.

The Clinical Program has five new faculty colleagues in fall 2019: Visiting Professor Margaret Martin Barry (Re-Entry Clinic); Practitioners-In-Residence Kathy Kleiman (Glushko-Samuelson International Property Law Clinic), Katie Kronick (Criminal Justice Clinic), Jessica Millward (Civil Advocacy Clinic); and Supervising Attorney Michelle Assad (Immigrant Justice Clinic).



2019 REC Swearing-In

Harvard Law School

Harvard Law School AALS Clinical News – November 2019

In May 2019, the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation (CHLPI) and the ACLU filed a class action law suit challenging denial of lifesaving hepatitis C treatment to hundreds of Vermont prisoners. · In June 2019, CHLPI released the Massachusetts Food is Medicine State Plan focused on nutrition's link to chronic diseases and how food can act as medicine when meals are tailored to meet the needs of people living with or at risk for certain serious health conditions.

The Food Law & Policy Clinic and the Global Food Banking Network have nearly completed year one of the Global Food Donation Policy Atlas, a two-year project that will chart the laws/policies affecting food donation in 15 countries and provide best practices and guidance on how laws/policies can be improved to increase food donations and decrease food waste.

HLS's new Animal Law & Policy Clinic filed a lawsuit in November 2019 against the United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of three organizations for its failure to respond to the groups' petition to improve standards for the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates used in research.

In November 2019, the Cyberlaw Clinic and local counsel Marcia Hofmann filed amicus briefs in two related cases, *ASTM v. Public.Resource.Org*, and *AERA v. Public.Resource.Org*, discussing whether PRO's provision of free online access to codes developed by the plaintiffs — but incorporated by reference into binding law — constitutes fair use.

In November 2019, the Veterans Legal Clinic of the Legal Services Center unveiled the Massachusetts Veteran Benefit Calculator, an online tool that helps veterans easily determine if they're eligible for financial assistance through the program known as Chapter 115. · The Harvard

Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program recently filed an amicus brief challenging a Board of Immigration Appeals decision on a gender-based asylum case, arguing that gender is a particular social group.

University of New Mexico

Southwest Indian Law Clinic Turns 25

The Southwest Indian Law Clinic (SILC) started serving clients in early 1994, one of the first law clinics dedicated to serving the needs of Native peoples, including the 24 federally recognized Indigenous Nations that have territories and homelands within New Mexico. In Spring 2019, SILC celebrated a quarter-century of its trailblazing community lawyering work representing Native clients in state, federal, and tribal courts and in governmental agency hearings and working with Native and Pueblo Nations and organizations serving the Native American community.

New experiential course in first semester

In the Fall 2019 semester, UNM School of Law launched a required first-semester experiential course called "Lab," the result of a multi-year effort to incorporate skills education and professional identity development throughout the entire curriculum. With the addition of Lab to the first-year curriculum, the law school will be able to lay a strong foundation in lawyering skills and professional identity, allowing greater development and preparation for practice when students enroll in the mandatory capstone clinical law experience in their third year.

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning transition

This year, Aliza Organick stepped down after 3 years as Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, a position that includes responsibility for the UNM Clinical Law Programs. During her tenure, Dean Organick oversaw the addition of two new clinical sections: the Child and Family Justice Clinic and the Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic.

Dean Organick also guided the transition of the Business & Tax Clinic to the Economic Justice Clinic. Serge Martinez has been named as the new Associate Dean for Experiential Learning.

Georgetown Law

In addition to welcoming our new clinical faculty members at Georgetown Law (Yael Cannon, Vida Johnson, Amanda Levendowski, and Laura Moy) and preparing for the inaugural semester of the Intellectual Property and Information Policy (iPIP) Clinic, we have been busy preparing to become the new home of the National Archive of Clinical Legal Education (NACLE). Thanks to Professor Sandy Ogilvy and our friends at the Catholic University of America, the archive is a wonderful resource and includes written and oral histories, a timeline stretching back to 1776, and a repository of CLEA and AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Newsletters. We look forward to continuing the great work of Professor Ogilvy and his colleagues at CUA. We are excited to announce that we are seeking applications for a Visiting Associate Professor to join the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (IPR), led by director Professor Hope Babcock. We are also seeking applications for a Visiting Associate Professor to serve as the director of the Federal Legislation Clinic.

Professor Wally Mlyniec, the Founding Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic who serves as Senior Counsel in the Clinic and was formerly the Associate Dean for Clinical Programs, has taken a leave of absence for the 2019-2020 academic year and has taken his expertise in children's law issues to London, where he is the Co-Director of Georgetown's Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS). The CTLS is a one-of-its-kind global partnership in legal education which affords students and faculty from 20 world-class law schools an unparalleled opportunity to participate in a semester-long intensive program in international, comparative, and transnational law.

In addition to growing our faculty, we are also growing our administrative team and welcomed our

new Director of Clinical Programs, Jenn Cilingin, this fall. Our former Director Patrick Griffith was recently appointed to the newly-created role of Assistant Dean for Clinical Programs.

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

The Pepperdine Caruso School of Law launched the Jewish Divorce Mediation Clinic in Fall 2018. The Clinic provides mediation services to families in civil and religious courts. For divorcing Jewish couples, parties often must receive a religious divorce in addition to a civil divorce. In collaboration with the Jewish Divorce Assistance Center of Los Angeles, clinic faculty and students observe and participate in complex mediations in this context. Students study divorce practices from multiple religions. The practice is at the intersection of California family law in civil courts, Jewish law in religious courts, and alternative dispute resolution in intercultural contexts. Press release and blog post: <https://lawcomm.pepperdine.edu/launching-the-jewish-divorce-mediation-clinic-in-fall-2018/>; https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/clinic_prof/2018/08/pepperdine-launches-a-new-clinic-for-mediating-religious-divorces.html.

The Pepperdine Caruso Law Disaster Relief Clinic relaunched in the Fall 2019 to help California fire survivors. Law students in the clinic work on a wide variety of legal issues that arise due to fire damage, including FEMA applications and appeals, landlord/tenant issues, house permitting and rebuilding matters, and insurance claims. The Pepperdine Caruso Law Disaster Relief Clinic is featured in the ABA Before the Bar blog article, "How Your Peers Are Helping Disaster Survivors." Please see the picture below.



Pepperdine – California fire

University of Wisconsin Law School

The University of Wisconsin Law School VOCA Restraining Order Clinic was awarded the 2019 State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Innovator Award. Each year the State Bar of Wisconsin recognizes risk takers and forward thinkers who work to advance the legal profession. The VOCA Restraining Order Clinic provides direct legal services to victims of crime in obtaining restraining orders for their safety. The clinic provides direct training for law students to assist each survivor, at no cost to the client. Statistics show that only about 32% of survivors succeed in obtaining a restraining order when they proceed without an attorney. The percentage jumps to an 83% success rate when survivors are represented by an attorney in restraining order proceedings. In addition to providing legal services to victims of crime, the clinic is simultaneously training future lawyers to handle these types of cases, which do not require a lot of extra time and serves an enormous benefit. The students learn trauma-informed lawyering skills to better assist survivors and provide a service that is in high demand.

Congratulations UW Law School VOCA Restraining Order Clinic.

The picture below was taken by Andy Manis



Clinical Director Ryan Poe-Gavlinski (center) and students Tajae Evans (right) and Chelsea Thibodeaux (left)

University of Washington School of Law

New Legislative Component Added to the Race and Justice Clinic

The Race and Justice Clinic at the University of Washington added a legislative component this year partnering with incarcerated young people to advocate in the Washington state legislature against policies which send children to the adult criminal legal system. Alex Hur, an experienced lobbyist, is co-teaching with Prof. Kim Ambrose. Alex participates in the Racial Equity Team, a people of color-led network of community leaders, activists and lobbyists that work to empower communities of color in Washington State to access their political voice through legislative advocacy. The Race and Justice Clinic continues to provide individual representation along the “pipeline” from school discipline hearings to post-conviction matters, and offers students the opportunity to engage in community based solutions to the over-incarceration of youth of color.

New 9th Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic

This fall, UW Law launched an all-new experiential learning opportunity that will find students in the courtroom representing clients who otherwise would be fighting their appeals battles alone. Developed in coordination with the **Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**, UW Law's new **Appellate Advocacy Clinic** gives third-year law students opportunities to serve as counsel of record, brief and argue an actual appeals case before the Ninth Circuit. Throughout the process, students work closely with Associate Professor Elizabeth Porter and Professor from Practice, Jeff Feldman, both of whom have substantial appellate experience.

https://www.law.uw.edu/news-events/news/2019/appellate-advocacy-clinic?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTWpVMVl6STFOek5oTm1ZMSIsInQiOiJhcFwvcEo4azlsTHlvSkx3c0hCUgZManZLTk01RENpK09TUHNjcXRLVWdQaUd6bWN6YndMNG1cL05hRWREQlczSkQ1WEY5U2lkSINrKzVreWNGTjhDeE93PT0ifQ%3D%3D

Clinic Name Change:

The Innocence Project Northwest Clinic changed its name to the Washington Innocence Project Clinic to better reflect the geography we serve: Washington State. While we aimed to serve all of the Northwest Region when we were founded in 1997, the growth of the innocence movement has led to the emergence of organizations in neighboring states, which share our mission of freeing the innocent.

Innocence Project Northwest Clinic King County Bar Association Award Recipient

The University of Washington School of Law, Innocence Project Northwest Clinic (recently renamed the Washington Innocence Project) was awarded the 2019 King County Bar Association Friend of the Legal Profession Award. For more information about the award, please see, <https://www.kcba.org/For-Lawyers/Bar-Bulletin/PostId/819/friend-of-the-legal-profession-award-innocence-project-northwest2>

Generous Donor Gifts of \$100,000 and \$3.75 million

Generous gifts from donors continue to contribute to our ability to provide meaningful experiential opportunities to our students and graduates. Thanks to a \$100,000 gift, the clinical law program is expanding and renovating our existing clinic space. And as a result of a landmark \$3.75 million gift, graduates pursuing public interest environmental law can support their work through the newly created John Diehl Endowed Fellowships.

Immigration Clinic gets a Constitutional ruling on an issue of first impression in the US District Court of Western WA

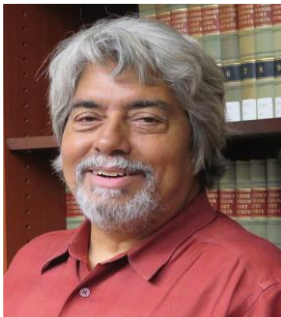
The Immigration Law Clinic received an award of \$77,000 in attorney's fees for the successful representation of their client at trial and on appeal. A District Court Judge awarded nearly \$77,000 in attorneys' fees for the University of Washington, Immigration Law Clinic's work challenging ICE's attempts to remove a client prior to a decision on his application for a T, or "trafficking," visa. *See Fatty v. Nielsen*, 2019 WL 1979321 (W.D. Wash. May 3, 2019). The Clinic's client was a detained University of Washington student who had been trafficked for labor when he first arrived to the U.S. Both the underlying District decision and the attorneys' fees order were significant legal victories, making a Constitutional ruling on an issue of first impression and awarding enhanced fees for immigration expertise. While the Department of Justice did not pursue an appeal of the District Court decision, this victory has been bittersweet. The Clinic continues to fight the client's immigration case on appeal before Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Administrative Appeal.

Rutgers

SAVE THE DATE—RUTGERS 50th ANNIVERSARY CLINICAL CONFERENCE

The Rutgers Law Clinics hope that everyone will join us in Newark, New Jersey on October 2, 2020

for “The Persistence of Resistance: 50 Years of Clinical Legal Education at Rutgers Law School.” Our clinical program grew directly out of the rebellions and resistance movements of the late 1960’s and, from 1970 to 2020 and from Nixon to Trump, we’re still going strong! The conference will explore the role of clinics in present-day resistance struggles and other issues in clinical education and celebrate our history and iconic leadership by such luminaries as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, legendary civil rights attorney Arthur Kinoy, and international human rights lawyer Lennox Hinds ’72. If you’re coming to the NYC-area for the Clinical Law Review’s amazing scholarship workshop on October 3, 2020, take a short subway ride to Newark and spend the day with us. Questions can be addressed to conference planning co-chairs, Clinical Professors Charles Auffant and Norrinda Brown Hayat.



Charles Auffant



Norrinda Brown Hayat

University of South Carolina School of Law

The CHAMPS (Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal PartnerShip) Clinic, taught by Emily Suski, received a \$1.2 million grant to work collaboratively with another medical-legal

partnership in Greenville, S.C. and to study and develop a model for cross-MLP collaborations.

The Externship Program, headed by Stephanie Nye, has grown to include 12 new placements this academic year. The In-House Counsel Externship has become one of our most popular externships with a new instructor and exciting new partners, notably our partnership with Samsung.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Michele Pistone was awarded the JM Kaplan Innovation Prize for her work on VIISTA- Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates. It is an online certificate program to train non-lawyers to become immigrant advocates.

VIISTA is a dream of Michele’s -- now she is one step closer to making it into a reality! She feels fortunate to be able to work on something that combines her passions for providing access to justice for migrants and refugees, for researching and testing new models for delivering education (especially using online technologies) and for teaching and learning. She is delighted to be able to combine her passions to create an online certificate program to train immigrant advocates to provide much-needed representation to immigrant families.

Here is a link to the announcement, <https://www.jmkfund.org/awardee/michele-pistone/>

Here is a link to the VIISTA website, immigrantadvocate.villanova.edu. The program launches in the fall. Applications are now open.

Suffolk University Law School

Suffolk to Launch Transactional Clinic

Suffolk is hiring a tenure track clinician to launch a new Transactional Clinic, our 11th in-house clinic. The new clinic will enhance the business law offerings of our Clinical Programs, which already

include our Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic.

LIT Lab Expands

Suffolk’s Legal Innovation and Technology Lab (LIT Lab), under the Direction of David Colarusso, is growing at rapid fire pace. The Lab has recently secured a second grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts to build an online service providing AI-driven “legal issue-spotting.” The Lab is employing JD students to work on the grant. In addition, the LIT Lab and Suffolk’s LIT Institute received donor support to hire a Clinical Fellow, who will enhance the technical resources available for the Lab’s cutting-edge work. Join us at LITCon 2020 on March 30th, 2020. Register here.

Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) Completes Major Study

HDTP, with funding from The Boston Foundation and Hyams Foundation, just completed field research on the levels of race and housing voucher discrimination in the Metro Boston rental market. The complex testing design involved 200 testers interacting with 50 housing providers. HDTP has partnered with the consulting firm Analysis Group to analyze the data. We look forward to sharing results soon.

Updated Grading and Assessment Criteria

Suffolk’s Clinical Programs recently completed updates to our collective Grading and Assessment Criteria, utilized by all of our in-house Clinics and Prosecutors Program. The Criteria were the outgrowth of a full-year collaborative project among clinical faculty, facilitated by Suffolk’s Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence. The Criteria help to unite our programs around best practices in clinical pedagogy and ensure our students are learning – and being assessed on – transferrable skills, including cross cultural competence. For more information, contact Clinical Programs Director Sarah Boonin (sboonin@suffolk.edu).

University of Baltimore School of Law

The Innocence Project Clinic client Alfred Chestnut was exonerated on November 25, 2019, after spending over 36 years in prison for a crime in which he had no involvement. Students in the new Legal Data and Design Clinic, working with Prof. Colin Starger and Clinical Teaching Fellow Alexandra (Ali) Smith, will engage in “digital advocacy,” applying technology and principles of data and design to solve real-world legal problems, to assist in client litigation, lobbying, law reform, and public education.

Our Community Development Clinic student attorneys, working with Prof. Jaime Lee, former Clinical Teaching Fellows Komal Vaidya and Renée Hatcher (now teaching at Villanova and UIC John Marshall, respectively) and current fellow Veryl Pow, worked with the Baltimore Right to Water Coalition to advocate for The Water Accountability and Equity Act, which grants discounted rates according to a customer’s income and provides easier ways to dispute bills. It recently passed the Baltimore City Council and is expected to be signed by the Mayor imminently.

Students from the Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic celebrated the fourth anniversary of Baltimore City’s first Veterans Treatment Court. The VTC was founded with the help of clinic students and they continue to represent veterans charged with misdemeanors and felonies who are eligible for monitoring and mentoring through a treatment-based program.

Nation’s First Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law Now Exclusively Online

The certificate program addresses the demand for an advanced family law curriculum that offers a holistic and interdisciplinary blend of theory and practice. The program is intended for new attorneys and for attorneys seeking to add family law expertise to their practice. It is entirely online and available across the United States. Visit http://law.ubalt.edu/academics/post_jd_graduate_pro

[grams/familylawcert/](#).

Cornell Law School

Cornell Law School is happy to announce several honors received by its Clinical Programs in 2019. Cornell University, including the Cornell Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic, received the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities' national C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award and regional W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award for its support of farmworkers across New York State. The Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide, along with partners Reprieve and the Malawi Legal Aid Bureau, won the World Justice Challenge in the Hague for its clinical advocacy on behalf of prisoners facing the death penalty in Malawi. In another highlight of 2019, the Cornell Death Penalty Project and Capital Punishment Clinic won a Supreme Court appeal on behalf of Mississippi death row inmate Curtis Flowers, who was represented by Professor Sheri Lynn Johnson and Professor Keir Weyble, on the ground that the state prosecutor's repeated removal of prospective black jurors constituted racial discrimination.

Boston University School of Law

Beginning in Fall 2018, Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig appointed Karen Pita Loo to serve as the new Associate Dean for Experiential Education as Peggy Maisel returned to full time teaching. Two of our longtime faculty members, Mary Connaughton and Constance (Connie) Browne, were promoted to full Clinical Professors of Law.

BU is adding and refining its clinical offerings. Beginning in Spring 2020, the one of a kind Compliance Clinic will focus on preparing students to be effective compliance lawyers and future leaders in this rapidly growing and complex practice. Under the supervision of our newest faculty member, Danielle Pelfrey Duryea, students will participate directly in the design, implementation, and maintenance of compliance

and ethics programs across a range of fields and industries. In the Fall 2019, Naomi Mann began teaching the Access to Justice Clinic. In this innovative Clinic, students represent poverty-law clients in civil litigation cases while actively examining how the legal system intersects with the multiple systemic barriers that the clinic's clients face. In addition to individual representation, students work on projects aimed at tackling identified access to justice gaps.

The rest of our clinics continue in full swing. Here are some highlights!

International Human Rights Clinic students, under the supervision of Susan Akram, collaborated with the Arab Renaissance on Democracy and Development (ARDD) to conduct fieldwork in Jordan on the rise of statelessness in the Middle East. Along with ARDD, they held a workshop on laws and policies affecting stateless persons and populations at risk in Amman, Jordan, bringing stakeholders together to address problems and strategies. This same Clinic hosted an earlier event entitled The Migration Crisis: Human Rights Violations and the UN's Response. The event brought together impressive speakers including Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, Bernard Duhaime.

The Startup Law Clinic, a joint venture with MIT, represented 16 of the 24 companies participating in MIT's Capstone Accelerator in 2019. This unique collaboration connected BU law students with student entrepreneurs to address legal issues such as entity formation, founders' issues, and intellectual property matters associated with their innovation-related academic and extracurricular activities and efforts to turn ideas into businesses.

Outside the clinics, the Externship Program initiated four new offerings: Criminal Justice Theory and Practice, State and Local Tax, Health Law, and Cannabis Law externships. In Fall 2019, we also launched a new Semester-in-Practice course for students engaged in full-time placements anywhere in the world.

BU faculty and students continue examining the facts behind the news. During 2020 Spring Break, clinical faculty will again travel with law students to Tijuana, Mexico, and work with a bi-national legal services organization to provide assistance to asylum seekers at the border. This will be the third trip since the fall of 2019 in response to the call for an emergency wall between the United States and Mexico.



Washington University School of Law:

The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic recently published a report titled [“Environmental Racism in St. Louis”](#) detailing that black residents of St. Louis suffer from poor environmental regulations at a greater rate than their white peers:

- Black children in the City of St. Louis are

2.4x more likely than white children to test positive for lead and account for over 70% of children suffering from lead poisoning.

- Black children make 10x more emergency room visits for asthma than white children — 42 emergency room visits per 1,000 children compared to less than 4 per 1,000 for their white counterparts.
- Mold complaints are more common in majority-black areas than elsewhere in the City.
- Most of the City’s air pollution sources are located in neighborhoods of color as are more building demolitions that create harmful dust that may contain asbestos and lead.
- Black households are disproportionately affected by energy burdens (the percentage of income spent on utilities), far exceeding the citywide median.
- Black residents are twice as likely to have limited access to healthy food as white residents because there are no supermarkets in close proximity and they are more likely to have limited access to a vehicle or public transit to reach more distant grocery stores.
- Majority-black neighborhoods experience most of the City’s illegal trash dumping.
- More than 90% of the City’s exceptionally-large inventory of vacant properties are located in majority-black neighborhoods.

The school’s new First Amendment Clinic will celebrate its launch on January 17, 2020, with an event examining “The Future of Free Speech.” Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of University of California at Berkeley School of Law, and Lyrissa Lidsky, Dean of the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law will participate in a conversation about current challenges to free speech

rights.

University of Houston Law Center

The Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC) continues to collaborate with the UH Bauer College of Business to help jump-start small businesses. In collaboration with Bauer's SURE™ Program ("Stimulating Urban Renewal through Entrepreneurship"), the ECDC provides advice and representation to aspiring entrepreneurs on legal matters that arise in the start-up process. As part of ECDC's collaboration with the SURE™ Program, ECDC student attorneys also give presentations on business law topics at Sure™ Program events.

The Immigration Clinic will present their annual Joe Vail Asylum Law Workshop on Friday, January 17, 2020: *Focus on Appellate Advocacy for Asylum Seekers after Matter of A-B- and other Precedents* in collaboration with RAICES at the UH Law Center. The Immigration Clinic students and faculty led 12 outreaches this fall on various immigration legal issues including several on the issue of naturalization. In September 2019, the Immigration Clinic also celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Immigration Clinic through their Arrival Awards Gala fundraiser where they recognized immigrant achievement in the Houston area. The Arrival Awards link is: <http://www.law.uh.edu/arrivalawards/>.

The Civil Practice Clinic planned and co-sponsored a conference this fall with Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) > Domestic Violence: Handling Fragile Issues Within Your Busy Legal Practice.

University of Tennessee College of Law

Through a \$100,000 grant from the Tennessee Bar Foundation, the University of Tennessee Legal Clinic launched ExpungeTN. ExpungeTN is providing free legal resources to East Tennesseans in rural counties who are looking to remove obstacles created by a criminal record. The grant

funds a Reentry Fellow, Anna Rickels '14, who is organizing Saturday Community Courts to provide legal services to help people waive burdensome court costs and expunge charges from their records. At our November 23rd Community Court, we expunged over 190 charges to help people move beyond their pasts offering them a second chance. The grant also funds the launch of an ExpungeTN website which will offer pro-se friendly reentry resources for individuals to use statewide and the development of a pilot app that will automate the generation of court petitions for expunging dismissed charges.

The University of Tennessee Legal Clinic received two awards recognizing the students and faculty's significant contributions to providing needed legal resources to underserved communities. In June, the Tennessee Justice Center awarded the Legal Clinic with the Pro Bono Firm of the Year award for its Appellate Advocacy on behalf of clients at risk of losing their health benefits. It was the first time the honor had been given to a university group rather than to a private law firm. "For years, the UT Legal Clinic has provided pro bono representation to Tennessee children and families," Johnson said. "The result of their work has made a tremendous difference in the lives of numerous Tennessee children and families in need of vital health care services."

Students from the UT Legal Clinic's Expungement Clinic have been named Pro Bono Students of the Year by the Legal Aid of East Tennessee. Legal Aid acknowledged that for the past two years, dozens of students "have volunteered their time at several major clinics ... The students also go to a regularly scheduled expungement screening in Knox County. The amount of service these students have done for members of our community most in need in the past two years is immeasurable."

In October 2020, the University of Tennessee will host the Southern Clinical Conference in Knoxville. Stay tuned for more information.

SMU- Dedman School of Law

SMU Dedman School of Law will launch a First Amendment Clinic in Fall 2020, thanks to a generous gift of \$900,000 from the Stanton Foundation. The Clinic will focus on First Amendment issues including free speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly and petition. Tom Leatherbury, who has forty years of experience in state and federal appeals and trials, will serve as the clinic's inaugural director.

This past spring, students in the VanSickle Family Law Clinic at SMU Dedman School of Law, under the direction of Professor Chante Brantley, produced three self-help videos. Funded by a grant from the Dallas Bar Foundation, the bilingual videos are intended to assist *pro se* family law litigants and serve as an extension of the Family Law Clinic's "self-help desk" at the courthouse.

Howard University School of Law

Howard University School of Law is thrilled that Keeshea Turner Roberts and Kelli Neptune joined the Clinical Law Center this fall.

Keeshea Turner Roberts teaches in the Fair Housing Clinic. She previously taught in the civil clinical program through Rising for Justice (formerly D.C. Law Students in Court).

Kelli Neptune is no stranger to the Clinical Law Center having taught in the Criminal Justice Clinic. She is now the Director of Externships and Public Interest Programming.

Students in the Fair Housing Clinic and the Civil and Human Rights Clinic joined over 45,000 individuals and organizations to submit public comments in response to a Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed rule that could gut an essential civil rights tool for plaintiffs seeking legal remedies to covert housing discrimination. The students' comment received attention from other Fair Housing advocates.

Call for Articles

University of Baltimore

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Professor Barbara Babb, CFCC Director and Editor in Chief of *Family Court Review (FCR)*, invites members of the Clinical Section to submit articles for publication in *FCR*, the leading interdisciplinary academic and research journal for international family law professionals and the quarterly journal of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. For more information, visit <http://www.afccnet.org/Publications/Family-Court-Review/Submit-an-article> or contact Professor Babb at bbabb@ubalt.edu or 410-837-5661.

Family Law Writing Competition

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, in cooperation with the editorial staff of *Family Court Review*, are sponsoring the eleventh annual law student Family Law Writing Competition. Entries can address any area of family law. Requests for an anonymous entry number must be received by February 1, 2020. Please visit:

<https://law.hofstra.edu/currentstudents/studentactivities/journals/familycourtreview/hflwritingcompetition/index.html>.