

AALS CLINICAL SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Winter 2023 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 Chairs

Dear Clinicians,

As the highlights and successes in your programs came in for this newsletter, we were reminded of how proud we are to be members of the Clinical Section. At a time when the social justice and humanitarian issues of our generation seem more intractable than ever, our jobs training cadres of new lawyers to fight for oppressed peoples remains more important than ever.

In addition to your teaching and casework, many of you keep busy serving our community through regional gatherings. This year, the Executive Committee was able to approve funding for several of these gatherings. In addition, we focused on increasing transparency in our funding by drafting new guidelines, which were circulated in the Fall.

We look forward to seeing many of you during the Section's programs at the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in January. You can find descriptions of the three Clinical Section programs below. We will also be holding our business meeting at the conference on January 3 from 5:00pm-6:00p.m. in the Judiciary Square Room of the Marriott Marquis. The business meeting will be followed by an informal reception. If you will be in D.C., please join us for what will be a quick business meeting to vote on the 2024 Executive Committee slate, followed by snacks, drinks, and fellowship.

Clinical Section Programs at the Annual Meeting:

Wednesday, January 3, 1:00pm-4:40pm: Collaborating to Defend Democracy in Communities Under Attack

Panel – 1:00pm-2:40pm

This program will highlight the work of panelists who are collaborating across clinical and non-clinical spaces to defend communities under attack across the country. The goals of this program are twofold: (1) to highlight the importance of collaboration across the academy when attempting to tackle pressing issues vulnerable communities face when targeted by oppressive laws and policies; and (2) to take a deep dive into the ever-expanding attacks on these communities by featuring collaborators who are responding in real time and strategizing around how law school clinics, externship programs, and non-clinical faculty can best support these communities.

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Association of American Law Schools

Moderators:

Allison Freedman (New Mexico) and Julie Dahlstrom (Boston University)

Speakers:

Jill Martin Diaz (Vermont)

Brett Stokes (Vermont)

Janet Levit (Tulsa)

Rebecca Reingold (Georgetown)

Sarah Ludington (Duke)

Sally Kestin (Asheville Watchdog)

Workshop – 3:00 pm-4:40 pm

This program builds on the Collaborating to Defend Democracy in Communities Under Attack panel by allowing presenters to workshop their ideas for new collaborations that attempt to tackle pressing issues facing vulnerable communities targeted by oppressive laws and policies. We welcome individuals or teams of collaborators to bring ideas for collaborations that are in the early stages of development and would benefit from discussions with seasoned collaborators and other session participants. It is helpful but not a requirement to have attended the prior panel, and we encourage anyone with experience engaging in collaboration across clinical and non-clinical spaces to attend, either to offer advice and lessons learned or to workshop their own ideas.

Led by Anne Gordon (Duke) in conversation with Diane Uchimiya (Creighton)

Thursday, January 5, 12pm-1:40pm: Works-in-Progress

The Section is hosting a works-in-progress panel that brings scholars together around a general theme of forms of knowing. From fiction to AI, the scholars in this session are each exploring how different manifestations of information impact legal education and/or legal outcomes. There will be four works presented and following each presentation discussants will offer comment.

Authors:

Jennifer Safstrom (Vanderbilt Law School)

Analyzing Inclusive Language Practices in Clinical Advocacy

Jaclyn Kelley-Widmer and Alisa Whitfield (Cornell)

The Unfulfilled Right to Counsel for Detained Immigrants

Jay B. Knight (Baltimore School of Law)

The Silver Lining: The Use of Generative AI in Legal Writing for First Generation Professional Writers

Peter H. Meyers (George Washington)

Integrating Fictional Narratives into Clinical Education Curricula

Lastly, we are still collecting member dues for this year. Please confirm with your institution that your program has paid dues. We are keeping the pre-pandemic rate of \$15 per faculty member. We encourage you to sign up all your faculty members in one transaction by downloading the AALS payment form.

By the time we meet in Washington, D.C., our term as co-chairs will have come to an end. It has been a great

professional pleasure to serve the Section in this way. We appreciate all of you for the work that you do in your clinics and in service to this Section whether through a subcommittee, participation in the Annual Meeting programs and Clinical Conference, or by hosting a regional gathering. We are especially grateful to our fellow members on the Executive Committee – Anne Gordon, Julie Dahlstrom, Kele Stewart, Susan Hazeldean, Natalie Nanasi, Allison Freedman, Sarah Shalf, Cindy Wilson, and Claire Raj – for their commitment and dedication to the Section and advancing clinical legal education. Thank you and we look forward to seeing many of you either at the Annual Meeting in D.C. or at the Clinical Conference in St. Louis later next year!

Anita Sinha and Norrinda Brown
Co-Chairs of the Section’s Executive Committee

Program Updates and Announcements

Albany Law School

Albany Law School’s Edward P. Swyer Justice Center offers hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for law students in the heart of New York’s capital. In the last year, these programs—and the people behind them—were honored in several ways. They include:

Albany Law School’s clinic renamed to honor the transformative donor, Edward P. Swyer.

An ‘A’ rating in Health Law by preLaw magazine for the second year in a row, and named #1 in government by preLaw magazine.

Albany Law School named among the nation’s top school for advocacy by preLaw magazine.

Professor Ted DeBarbieri named as a Bellow Scholar and named an inaugural member of the AALS Pro Bono Honor Roll.

During her three semesters with the Immigration Law Clinic, Kaitlynn Chopra ’23, designed an intake and referral model to empower people with varying immigration statuses identify and access local resources in collaboration with the City of Albany.

Albany Law School clinical students and Albany Medical College students continue to discuss the

ways sexual assault, domestic violence, and intimate partner violence affect individuals and their care. During April’s Sexual Violence Awareness Month, Danielle Salazar ’23 and Chloe Ross ’23,

who worked in the Family Violence Litigation Clinic, collaborated with medical students to present, "Maternal Fetal Complications and IPV."

3L Allie Dentinger ’24 was named to the AALS Pro Bono Honor Roll and her research was published in ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law.

Piloted a roll out of credit-bearing externships that for which students also could get paid.

American University Washington College of Law

The AUWCL Decarceration and Re-Entry Clinic hosted its first symposium on October 6. The symposium, organized by clinic director Professor Olinda Moyd, featured panels on decarceration and reentry issues, and a lunch roundtable featuring those with firsthand experience with the criminal legal system, some of whom the clinic had represented. Professor Moyd, along with Professor Margaret Barry, the former clinic director, and Professor Binny Miller, the Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Director of the Clinical Program, moderated.



AUWCL is delighted to announce that Professors Tianna Gibbs and Andrew Budzinski will be joining us in July 2024. Professor Gibbs will direct the Gender Justice Clinic and Professor Budzinski will direct the Civil Advocacy Clinic. They are currently colleagues at the UDC School of Law.

In September, AUWCL welcomed our new Associate Director, Lucy Newton. Ms. Newton manages the daily work of our law office and works closely with the Director of the Clinical Program on programmatic matters, including finances, clinic communications and outreach and strategic planning. Prior to coming to AUWCL, Ms. Newton served as the deputy director of Rising for Justice (formerly DC Law Students in Court) and was a longtime civil legal services lawyer with the Legal Aid Society of DC. Lucy is a graduate of NYU School of Law.

On October 4, we hosted a participatory colloquium honoring the retirements of Ann Shalleck and Robert Dinerstein, who are leaders in the development of clinical legal education. The day-long event highlighted Professor Dinerstein's and Professor Shalleck's work over the past 40 years by celebrating their contributions as leading scholars, teachers, mentors, institution builders, and advocates. The colloquium was followed by an evening reception for friends and alumni which featured speakers who were former students of Professors Dinerstein and Shalleck. Professor and Dean Emeritus Elliott Milstein gave opening

remarks and Professor Binny Miller provided closing remarks.

University of Baltimore School of Law

Professor Valeria Gomez, Director, and Professor Emily Johansen, Teaching Fellow, will offer a 3-credit Immigrant Justice Clinic this spring instead of the 6-credit Immigrant Rights Clinic, expanding clinical educational opportunities for evening students.

Chief Justice Anthony Fader of the Maryland Supreme Court presided over the Clinical Program's swearing in ceremony in August, administering the oath that celebrates the licensure of our student attorneys to practice law.

Boston University School of Law

We celebrated the official merger of the Startup Law Clinic and Technology Law Clinic into the new BU/MIT Student Innovations Law Clinic (SILC). SILC solidifies a longstanding, unique partnership with MIT and BU Law to provide legal assistance to their student communities as they engage in cutting-edge technology research, advocacy, and creation. BU Law has six talented clinical faculty, overseeing forty law students in the program. SILC now offers law students the unparalleled opportunity of immersion in three different substantive practice groups: Venture & Finance; Intellectual Property & Media; and Privacy, Security, and Health.

We also launched the Mental Health Litigation Practicum, which provides students the unique opportunity to advocate on behalf of individuals facing involuntary commitment. Students are supervised by faculty who work in the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) Mental Health Litigation Division (MHLD), and they represent clients under the supervision of a faculty member. In these cases, the hospital has petitioned to have the client involuntarily committed for up to six months or recommitted for up to one year and may

have petitioned for involuntary treatment during the commitment period. The Practicum is taught by Kristin Lummus and Beau Kealy.

Lastly, we launched the Antiracism and Community Lawyering Practicum in January 2023. This practicum trains students in the traditions of community and movement lawyering and provides them with real-world opportunities to support social justice projects alongside community partners and in collaboration with the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality. The Practicum is taught by Caitlin Glass, who served as the Policy Program Director at the BU Center for Antiracist Research.

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (UC Law SF)

UC Law SF (formerly UC Hastings) is excited to share interesting recent clinical program updates.

In spring 2024, our Corporate Counsel Externship Program celebrates its fifth anniversary. Externs gain insights into the collaborative dynamics between in-house attorneys and their corporate clients, learning to integrate the client's distinct mission, business strategies, and industry-specific context into their legal counsel. The program's seminar, co-taught by Clinical Professor Nira Geevargis and Adjunct Professor Scott Darling (Chief Legal Officer at Upstart), covers an array of topics. Previous semesters have been led by D'Lonra Ellis, Vice President and General Counsel of the Oakland Athletics, and Robert Curry, Senior Counsel at Kaiser. Seminar highlights include modules on contract drafting, effective business communication, honing presentation skills, understanding the impact of race and gender on salary negotiations, and mastering the art of receiving and implementing feedback. The program's partnerships encompass placements with industry leaders like Airbnb, the San Francisco Giants, 23andMe, Kaiser, Wikimedia, Stitch Fix, Oakland Athletics, and DoorDash, offering students unparalleled exposure and learning opportunities. We are grateful to our partner companies for their

commitment to mentoring and training the next generation of attorneys.

After pausing in-person fieldwork due to the pandemic, our Mediation Clinic has restarted in-person mediations with SF County Superior Court's Small Claims Court. The Clinic continues its online mediation work with San Mateo County Superior Court's Small Claims Court and its partnership with the City and County of SF's Human Rights Commission. Students appreciate the hybrid nature of the field work and understand this correlates with how the legal profession now operates. In addition, the clinic welcomed back Mattie Robertson, a former clinic student, as an Adjunct Professor teaching in the clinic. Mattie is also the Deputy Director of UC Law SF's Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

Columbia Law School

Amber Baylor, Director of our Criminal Defense Clinic, was awarded clinical tenure on July 1 and promoted to Clinical Professor of Law. Amber's clinic focuses on defense representation in local criminal charges. Her scholarship centers on local criminal regulation and its impacts on communities targeted by intensive policing. If you haven't read it, her most recent article is *Unexceptional Protest* in the UCLA Law Review.

From our Science, Health, & Information Clinic: Students Cindy Chen, Emily Davidson, Angela Kang, Priscilla Kim, Rubí Rodriguez, and Matt Tracy and Director Chris Morten filed a cert-stage Supreme Court amicus brief for clinic client Doctors for America in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (the biggest medication abortion case).

Student Kaila Alston and Director Chris Morten recently spoke at T1International's annual "Insulin4All Summit," about "public pharma" and why people living with diabetes should get involved with state-level legislative activism.

Cornell Law School

Cornell Law School's newest clinical course, the Veterans Law Practicum, launched in the fall. Through casework in varied areas—including disability cases, working with the unhoused, and discharge redeterminations—and with policy advocacy, the practicum is bridging a significant access to justice gap for clients whose service put them in harm's way while also leaving them vulnerable to precarity in their post-military lives.



The Afghanistan Assistance Clinic announced favorable outcomes in the first two of its 35 pending asylum petition decisions. Increased funding lets local partners Catholic Charities and Journey's End Refugee Services assist our new Afghan neighbors, allowing the faculty to transition the clinic and continue law student support through externship and pro bono scholar placements.

Another noteworthy development is new collaborations allowing students in many of our clinics to partner in support of domestic change movements. The First Amendment Clinic is working with the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic and their client, Lizzy Barrett, on privacy issues for Barrett's documentary film *Divisible*. The film explores the history of redlining, a policy of designating some areas of cities for financial support while excluding others that are overwhelmingly populated by people of color.

The Movement Lawyering Clinic is working with the Protest Defense Practicum on issues

surrounding the "Stop Cop City" protests in Georgia. Georgia prosecutors are using racketeering laws to charge peaceful protestors and even legal observers and bail fund collectors with felony charges for the acts of a few isolated protestors. The litigation has national implications for free speech and assembly.

Faulkner University - Thomas Goode Jones School of Law

Faulkner Law launched a new clinic starting with the Fall 2023 semester. The Generational and Ancestral Property (GAP) Clinic deals with heirs' property issues. GAP assists low-income clients in clearing title to family property, to provide a pathway to financial stability and generational financial health. Clinical students conduct property searches, counsel clients regarding ownership options, litigate or pursue mediation where appropriate, and conduct community education events on the importance of clear property ownership. The clinic is directed by Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Kelly F. McTear.

Harvard Law School

Harvard Law School's Health Law and Policy Clinic (HLPC), in partnership with the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR), released updated state report cards in August 2023 to grade state Medicaid programs on their Hepatitis C treatment access policies. Produced through the Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access project, the report cards showed that half of all states have removed prior authorization requirements for most patients, compared to no states when the project launched six years ago.

This year, Harvard Law School's Food Law and Policy Clinic (FLPC) provided technical support and legal expertise to Loiter, a nonprofit that works for economic and environmental justice in East Cleveland, Ohio. Through the project, FLPC published Food Sovereignty & Food Production in

East Cleveland: A Legal and Policy Guide to State and Local Law in August 2023. The findings offer a framework to explore the feasibility of implementing profit-generating, community food systems in other localities.

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Michael Pinard was appointed Faculty Director, Gibson-Banks Center for Race and the Law (launched in September 2023).

University of Miami School of Law

Environmental Justice Clinic Associate Director, Abigail Fleming, will present her forthcoming work, *Concrete Monsters*, at the Path of Least Resistance Symposium at the University of Memphis School of Law. The Environmental Justice Clinic is collaborating with Professor Masa Kovic Dine from the University of Ljubljana on international food loss and waste policies. The clinic welcomed Precious Makuyana as a Mysun Foundation Fellow.

The Human Rights Clinic was recognized by the University of Oviedo Clinic in Spain for Professor Denisse Córdova Montes' work on the right to food of Indigenous and rural women in Guatemala. Professor Córdova Montes traveled to Heidelberg, Germany in July 2023 as an elected member of the International Board of FIAN International for strategic discussion on the human right to food globally. Miami Law received the ESG Impact Award from the Daily Business Review based on Professor Tamar Ezer's work with the Human Rights Clinic seeking justice on housing and maternal health. Professor Ezer and Human Rights Clinic Fellow Jordan Brooks were featured in an ABC Action News segment: *New Report Offers Solutions to Florida Maternal, Infant Health Crisis*. Innocence Clinic Director Craig Trocino has appeared in the media over twenty times since this summer, including on CBS, Newsweek, Associated Press, USA Today, Politico.com, and the Miami

Herald. As Co-Chair of the Innocence Network Amicus Committee, he recently oversaw the filing of five amicus briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court. At the request of Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and State Rep. Michael Gottlieb, Professor Trocino is lead pro bono appellate counsel for an indigent man charged with voter fraud after Amendment 4 passed. He and his students are litigating innocence cases in federal district court, the Florida Supreme Court, and Florida circuit court. The Immigration Clinic traveled to Baker County Jail to help detained immigrants. Students represented clients in six immigration court hearings, including a 4-hour merits hearing supervised by our new Acting Associate Director Rachel Maremont. The client, a man from Somalia, had been shackled for two days on the failed deportation flight discussed in the forthcoming book by Director Becky Sharpless: *Shackled: 92 Refugees Imprisoned On ICE Air*. Students previously won the case of a torture survivor at Baker County Jail.

Scott Eichhorn, Investor Rights Clinic Director, recently spoke on *Staying Ahead of the Curve: Hot Topics and Future Trends* at the Practicing Law Institute Securities Arbitration 2023 program. He also began a 3-year term on the National Arbitration and Mediation Committee and on the Certified Financial Planner Standards Resource Commission. Professor Melanie Cherdack recently spoke at the North American Securities Administrators Association Fall Meeting on DIY Investing. She also began her 3-year term on the Board of Directors of the Public Investors Advocate Bar Association. Jessica Neer McDonald is a new Attorney Supervisor with the Startup Clinic, and Allison Day is a new Adjunct Professor with the Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic.

Penn State Law

PSL's USPTO Clinical Certification Program which grants clinical students' temporary recognition to file patents and trademarks in their names under clinic director supervision. Clinical students were

permitted to practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board to defend a trademark registration application against an opposition from another registered mark. The Clinic also hosts the USPTO's PA Patent Pro Bono Program. In an informal partnership with the PA Bar, the clinic director screen applicants for pro bono patent application assistance and matches them with volunteer attorneys around the state. Some applicants to that program become regular IP Clinic program clients and are provided with support from Penn State's Launchbox entrepreneurial network for additional assistance and services.

PSL's Civil Rights Appellate Clinic filed a ninth circuit opening brief for Ms. Jeffords, who suffered a traumatic brain injury that led to a wrongful termination, and sought to reverse an unfavorable summary judgment.



PSL's Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic recently won several claims and appeals, including increased ratings for a Vietnam veteran with residuals from prostate cancer and a Vietnam veteran with PTSD and liver disease from alcoholism related to his PTSD. The clinic will now be able to file an unemployability claim to help him achieve a 100% rating while also filing a leukemia appeal for him, exemplifying how the clinic handles as many claims for each client as possible to validate the veteran's service. Students also won a back pay award for a Gulf War veteran for PTSD and unemployability, and remands for a fresh look at the evidence for many other physical injury and Gulf War Illness claims.

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law (CSOL) and Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) are actively partnering on a pro bono project for Native Hawaiians impacted by the Maui wildfire disaster. "The Hawaiian people are our Pacific neighbors, and we will always offer support and Aloha, just as the people of Hawaii would do for us," said Peter Fendel, executive director of externship and pro bono programs. "We are honored as a University and a Law School to serve the Native Hawaiian population of Maui."

The CSOL Pro Bono Program, part of the Program of Clinical Education, has partnered with NHLC to provide direct legal assistance to survivors of the fires that destroyed the Town of Lahaina in August 2023. CSOL students are actively working with NHLC attorneys to assist with FEMA and SBA appeals, and ensuring survivors have pro bono legal assistance to navigate the federal disaster relief process. CSOL student-volunteers provide NHLC attorneys with additional capacity for more effective in-person legal services in the disaster zone.

We were delighted to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Legal Aid Clinic on October 25. The clinic serves the residents of the Union Rescue Mission, a faith-based shelter located in the Skid Row neighborhood of Downtown Los Angeles. Offering free legal services to those experiencing homelessness, the clinic has trained hundreds of Caruso Law students to lawyer with compassion, creativity, and hope amid injustice.

Among the night's awardees was Professor Brittany Stringfellow Otey, who celebrated 20 years of visionary leadership, gifted teaching, brilliant lawyering, trusted wisdom, profound love, and vital work for justice in the Legal Aid Clinic among our neighbors on Skid Row.

Rutgers Law School

The Rutgers Law School clinics have had a banner fall semester. The program was honored by University President Jonathan Holloway with the inaugural Rutgers Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes "those who demonstrate a relentless determination to make a lasting difference beyond the university's borders." Associate Dean for Clinical Programs Anju Gupta (Newark) and Director of Clinical Programs Joanne Gottesman (Camden) accepted the award on behalf of the clinical faculty.

In other news, Rutgers Law School (through the International Human Rights Clinic) and Cornell Law School held a conference honoring the life and work of Professor Sherry Colb, who passed away at a young age in 2022. Professor Colb taught at both law schools. The conference brought together top scholars from around the country to discuss and celebrate the impact of Professor Colb's work in multiple fields, including feminist jurisprudence, criminal procedure, and animal rights.

Finally, several of the clinics scored significant victories. The Rutgers Housing Justice and Tenant Solidarity Clinic successfully represented the 75 Prospect Street Tenant Association in a lawsuit over conditions in their homes, winning a court order removing the landlord from control of the building and appointing a receiver to make repairs.

Two clients of the New Jersey Innocence Project at Rutgers University, which operates under the aegis of the Criminal and Youth Justice Clinic, have been exonerated since July 2023.

University of San Francisco School of Law

The University of San Francisco School of Law's six Clinics and robust externship program offer students a range of opportunities to engage in law practice and advance our social justice mission.

The Racial Justice Clinic, directed by Professor Lara Bazelon, welcomed Belle Yan earlier this year, expanding the RJC to include four full time attorneys. Assistant Professor Yan, previously with the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office, works full time on implementing the California Racial Justice Act. USF also offers a Criminal and Juvenile Justice Law Clinic where students represent people charged with misdemeanor offenses in San Francisco Superior Court along with San Quentin Prison inmates incarcerated for crimes committed as teenagers and now eligible for parole.

Professor Jacqueline Brown is now Director of the Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic (IDDC) after serving as Legal Director. Professor Bill Hing is Faculty Director and directs the Immigration Policy Clinic (IPC). In October, IDDC students assisted asylum seekers at detention centers in Arizona, partnering with Florence Immigrant & Refugee Project. The IPC renewed its partnership with the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI), assisting clients preparing for removal proceedings.

The Internet & Intellectual Property Justice Clinic, led by Professor Jessica Fajfar, participates in the USPTO Certification Program for trademarks, and, more recently, patents, and secured its first patent grant. We welcomed Adjunct Faculty member Danae Robinson to assist with USPTO trademark prosecution and renewed our partnership with NY based start-up incubator Start Small, Think Big.

Finally, the International Human Rights Clinic will be re-launched in Spring 2024 to represent human rights defenders in exile. With Director and Professor Lindsay Harris, students will partner with defenders to advocate for refugee rights in Kenya and for the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan.

St. Mary's University School of Law

St. Mary's University School of Law's new Real Estate Clinic completed its first semester of operation, offering a combination of clearing title, property tax counseling, and basic estate planning. In its first year, we have represented 36 clients, clearing title to properties totaling over \$2,000,000 in value.

Faculty and staff with our Consumer Protection Clinic presented a session on representing tenants facing eviction, at the Texas State Bar Poverty Law Conference, attended by legal services representatives from across the state.

Our Immigration and Human Rights Clinic celebrated a client's return to the U.S. nearly four years after being separated from her husband and daughter at the border. We began representing the family in January 2020, winning her husband's asylum case in 2021. We then filed a follow-to-join petition for his wife and navigated the consular process for her to enter the U.S.—the family was reunited for the holidays.

Our Criminal Justice Clinic collaborated with the University of Texas Immigration Clinic and UC Irvine School of Law Criminal Justice Clinic to assist a UT client—a long-time legal permanent resident at risk of deportation based on prior criminal convictions. UC Irvine secured vacatur of a California conviction. Then, when the issue of a Texas conviction arose, St. Mary's Clinic secured records under seal, researched the issues, negotiated with the prosecutor's office, and filed a state writ of habeas corpus. Just two weeks before the final deportation hearing, the writ was granted, the conviction was vacated, and the original criminal charge was dismissed. UT's Clinic then filed a successful motion to terminate deportation proceedings.

Since summer 2023, our growing Externship program has partnered with ten new placements, including two nonprofits, five government agencies, two judicial chambers, and one new in-house

counsel's office—each providing students opportunities to gain essential lawyering skills.

Santa Clara University

Santa Clara Law has appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Law Nicholas Emanuel as the new Director of its Externship Program, effective Fall 2023.



Seton Hall Law School

Professor Isis Misdary launched the Criminal Defense and Community Advocacy Clinic in partnership with the Urban League of Essex County in Newark's West Ward. At the Urban League, students meet with community members facing charges and their families, learn from and train alongside West Ward community members and Urban League staff. The Clinic is community-directed, community-located, and community-run and the Urban League directs the Clinic's priorities.

Clinic students represent young community members who are facing second-, third- and fourth-degree felony charges. Students collaborated with the Urban League’s Urban Youth Reentry program in changing policies affecting participants' return to the community from incarceration. Clinic students have supported the Returning Citizens Support Group in launching the first Participatory Defense Hub in Newark.

The Detention and Deportation Defense Initiative, part of the Immigrants' Rights/International Human Rights Clinic directed by Professor Lori A. Nessel, with Assistant Clinical Professor Amelia Wilson, and Managing Attorney Dr. Glykeria Teji, had several major case victories in the past year. With the expert assistance, we litigated procedurally complex matters. For example, the case of an indigent Peruvian national with cognitive delays seeking asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. “Jose,” who had lived and worked in New Jersey for approximately 12 years, was wrongfully accused of assault. During a competency hearing, the immigration judge found that appropriate safeguards were necessary to protect Jose’s due process rights. Subsequently, he was granted protection under the Convention against Torture. Jose, who is unable to read or write in English or Spanish, was released after spending six months in ICE custody, where he suffered a stroke.

The Housing Justice Project, funded by the State of New Jersey, expanded its work in 2023. Under the leadership of Hallie Jay Pope, Director, the New Jersey Legal Design Lab further developed its community outreach. Professor Abdul Rehman Khan launched the Housing Justice and Legal Design Clinic to train students in design thinking to understand tenants' rights. Centering tenants and collaborating with organizers, student attorneys: (1) design, build, and test solutions to assist tenants; (2) advocate for stable housing; and (3) engage in impact litigation. In October 2023, under leadership of Anne Kassalow, HJP Pro Bono and Outreach Coordinator, the Project brought together more than

100 advocates, students, and community members for a full-day Housing Justice Summit.



University of South Carolina

Lisa Martin and students in the Domestic Violence Clinic submitted an amicus brief to the S.C. Court of Appeals advocating for expanded protection for children within civil protection orders. The S.C. Court of Appeals recently agreed; the court’s opinion included the clinic’s brief arguments.

Emily Suski’s medical-legal partnership, CHAMPS, received a \$1.498 million grant from the Duke Endowment to conduct a randomized control trial (RCT) with the Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School. The RCT will evaluate the extent to which CHAMPS reduces unnecessary neglect referrals to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and saves the state in Medicaid expenditures. CHAMPS also received an award from DSS for its work to reduce unnecessary neglect referrals.

Madalyn Wasilczuk’s Youth Defender Clinic successfully obtained parole for one teenager before the SC Juvenile Parole Board.

Aleks Chauhan's Criminal Practice Clinic students' work resulted in the dismissal of two cases.

Claire Raj's Education Rights Clinic students worked with families all over South Carolina to

advocate for access to education. Among a few of our victories, the clinic forced a school district to hire a paraprofessional to support the needs of a child with Autism and ensure stability in his school-based placement. Clinic students filed complaints to fight back against school districts that were forcing students with behavioral challenges to accept abbreviated school days rather than implement appropriate supportive services that would allow them to remain at school for a full day. Finally, the clinic asserted language access rights on behalf of Spanish-speaking clients to ensure effective communication between parents and schools.

Stetson College of Law

Stetson College of Law expanded the on-campus clinical offerings with the opening of the Jacobs Public Interest Law Clinic for Democracy and the Environment overseen by Professor Jaclyn Lopez. The clinic now includes oversight by a staff attorney and Prof. Lopez and within the first year provided free legal aid to over a dozen clients that collectively represented or served thousands of people throughout Florida and millions of people throughout the United States. The clients include neighborhood associations, quasi-governmental agencies, conservation and public health organizations, and direct democracy advocates.

Suffolk University Law School

In the inaugural year of the Environmental Law and Policy Clinic, students are advising clients on legislative matters and engaging in policy projects, including renewable energy sources, water and soil contamination, and wastewater management. For example, 3L Annabella Nguyen is assisting the chair of the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, with legal research for renewable energy projects across the Commonwealth.

Suffolk Law's Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP), in collaboration with Suffolk's Media Studies Department, created a documentary

film called "Roxbury," which debuted at the Roxbury International Film Festival. The film features Boston's Roxbury neighborhood, a diverse and vibrant community whose longtime residents have struggled to rise above decades of discriminatory housing policies. The film was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Our Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Lab recently received the Paul H. Chapman Award from the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice, along with a \$10,000 prize, for its work creating web-based "smart forms" that walk unrepresented litigants step-by-step through the process of completing pleadings. The annual Chapman Awards recognize innovative criminal and civil justice programs that can serve as models for others.

LIT is also vastly expanding this work by launching a National Document Assembly and E-filing Initiative, funded by the State Justice Institute.

You can hear about this initiative and more opportunities for cutting-edge legal technology and innovation at our annual LITCon on April 8, 2024, at Suffolk Law School in Boston and featuring keynote speaker Bridget Mary McCormack, President and CEO of the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution and former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Suffolk Law's Housing Discrimination Testing Program will host a fair housing conference entitled *Stronger Together: Building the Future of Fair Housing* this spring. The goal is to help fair housing professionals gain substantive knowledge and helpful skills to effectively work to eliminate housing discrimination. The two-day conference will be in a hybrid format, with one day presented remotely and the other in-person.

University of Texas School of Law

Kelly Haragan and Frances Leos Martinez were named Co-Directors of the Clinical Program in July 2023 by Dean Robert Chesney. Both are long-time members of the faculty. Kelly Haragan is director of the Environmental Clinic and joined the law faculty in 2008. Frances Leos Martinez directs the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic which she co-founded in 2006. Both will continue to serve as clinical professors and directors of their respective clinics. Haragan and Leos Martinez assumed the leadership role after Eden Harrington, the longtime head of the Clinical Program, stepped aside to assume a new role as Chief of Staff (and she will continue to serve as Associate Dean for Experiential Education).

Joining the roster of the 17 clinics and eight internships that make up the Clinical Program are two new and innovative clinics, one centered on disability rights and the other on housing policy. The Disability Rights Clinic was founded in the fall of 2022 and is led by Clinical Professor Lucy Wood, an expert in the field of disability rights. Clinic students work on special education cases, Medicaid appeals, disability-related policy advocacy projects, and parent education. Clinical Professor Heather Way, a national expert in the field of affordable housing, founded the Housing Policy Clinic in Fall 2023. Students worked on policy matters with potential impact on local, statewide, and national affordable housing efforts.

University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee Legal Clinic has made exciting new programmatic changes. Our new professor, Kristina Kersey, worked with clinic faculty to develop a clinic-wide curriculum to engage students in discussions about implicit bias, cross-cultural communication, and racial discrimination. The curriculum was launched at our all-clinic orientation on the first day of the semester and then continued through monthly workshops in September and October. Prior to each workshop,

students completed readings and a written reflection. Individual clinic professors then integrated these theory and practice lessons into weekly classes, supervision, and rounds. The UT Legal Clinic also launched a clinic-wide “Lawyer Wellbeing” curriculum that includes “Wellness Wednesday” emails followed by monthly student reflection posts that faculty build into their class discussions and midsemester one-on-one evaluations. The curriculum introduces students to mindfulness practices, positive psychology theory, lessons from the science of happiness, and gratitude journals. A meditation instructor created videos to introduce students to mindfulness practices.

A new clinic course, Advanced Clinic, was approved unanimously to allow students, who have excelled in any clinic, to spend another semester working on more complex cases or projects. Advanced Clinic students from across all clinics will meet once a month to engage in a rounds session led by one of the clinic professors.

Finally, our Domestic Violence Clinic students, led by Professor Jo Ann Lehberger, collaborated with Mediation Clinic Professor Becky Jacobs, to present at the Knoxville Family Justice Center's Domestic Violence Conference in October.

Tulane Law School

The Tulane Immigrant Rights Clinic plans to visit Louisiana detention centers for know-your-rights presentations to help detained people seek release. In collaboration with partners, the clinic continues to train and provide technical assistance on seeking labor-based deferred action for immigrant victims and witnesses to labor violations. The Clinic co-authored a report, *False Hopes: Over 100,000 Immigrant Youth Trapped in the SIJS Backlog*, with the National Immigration Project's End SIJS Backlog Coalition to reveal the size and harms of the SIJS Backlog.

Tulane's Women's Prison Project was awarded the

2023 IGNITE Award by the National Conference on Crimes Against Women in recognition of its advocacy on behalf of criminalized survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and trafficking, through direct representation, community education, technical assistance, and consultation. Since its founding in 2020, WPP has secured the freedom for 13 women.

The Women’s Prison Project was also honored with the “Champions of Change” award by the Louisiana nonprofit Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response (STAR). The President and CEO of STAR noted that WPP’s “outstanding efforts in supporting survivors of sexual assault and trafficking, as well as its commitment to improving systems response, have made a tremendous impact.”

The Criminal Justice Clinic continued its Counsel Substitute program in which students and counsel substitutes join to workshop relevant legal topics at four Louisiana prisons. Counsel substitutes are incarcerated people whose “job” is to provide legal assistance to other incarcerated people. This year the program implemented restorative justice practices into its workshops. The Women’s Prison Project, a collaboration of the Criminal Justice Clinic and the Domestic Violence Clinic, also organized and presented at two Counsel Substitute symposiums attended by all of Louisiana counsel substitutes, nearly 100 people, including counsel substitutes from the women’s prison.

University of Virginia School of Law

Xiao Wang, a professor known for his innovations as an appellate clinic leader, joined the faculty to direct the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, succeeding Professor Dan Ortiz, who led the clinic since its inception 17 years ago.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit sided with an Appellate Litigation Clinic client by ruling that he was entitled to full District Court review of his objections to the magistrate’s recommendation in a habeas case.

Professor Deirdre Enright, director of the Project for Informed Reform Clinic, partnered with Norfolk’s chief prosecutor to determine whether any other defendants were swept into prison by the misdeeds of a disgraced local detective.

The Decarceration and Community Reentry Clinic garnered international media attention after New Orleans client Patrick Brown, represented by clinic director and professor Kelly Orians, was released when his conviction for rape was vacated after he served 26 years in prison. The clinic also was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the University’s Mellon Race, Place, and Equity Program to help fund the creation of a law student-taught educational program for people in Virginia prisons, in partnership with Resilience Education.

Students from the International Human Rights Law Clinic visited the United Nations in October to observe Third Committee sessions and participate in discussions on human rights issues.

With the help of two State and Local Government Policy Clinic students, mental health legislation to address overcrowding in Virginia’s hospital emergency rooms became law.

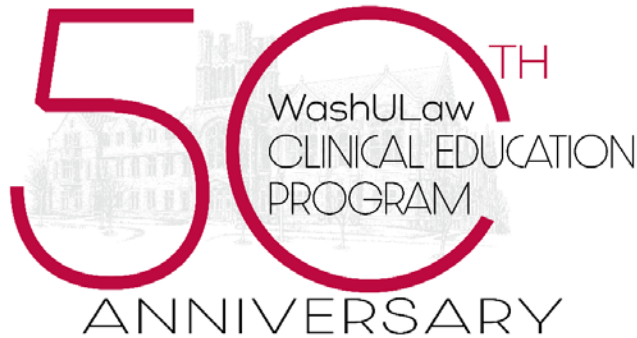
The AMMD Pine Grove Project recently recognized the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic for the clinic’s role in trying to preserve the Pine Grove Elementary School in Cumberland County, Virginia.

Graduating student Whitney Carter received the 2023 Clinical Legal Education Association’s Outstanding Clinical Student Award for U.Va. The award recognizes one such student at each U.S. law school.

Washington University School of Law

The WashULaw Clinical Education Program is proud to be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this academic year. Founded in 1973, the program has grown from a single “Introductory Clinic” to 12

(soon to be 13) distinct clinics and 7 distinct externship programs. Our year-long commemoration will culminate with a celebration on April 12, 2024.



The work of our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC), directed by Professor Sarah Narkiewicz, was featured by the Missouri Bar in its campaign to show how lawyers can make a difference. The LITC was able to reach an offer in compromise on behalf of its client, potentially saving her home and preventing garnishment of her social security.

Post-Conviction Clinical Practicum client, Steven Lazar, was recently exonerated and released after serving 15 years for a crime he didn't commit. Clinic directors Jennifer Merrigan and Joseph Perkovich, along with clinic students, were able to successfully argue that the prosecution had hidden evidence and committed fraud upon the court.

The Immigration Law Clinic, directed by Katie Meyer, recently obtained naturalization for a long-time client suffering from a rare form of tongue cancer for which she could not receive adequate treatment in her home country. The clinic is now representing the client's mother, who serves as the client's home health aide, in applying for lawful permanent residence as the mother of a U.S. citizen. In the near future, the clinic will also assist the client in petitioning for her father and siblings, to reunite their family.

Honors and Victories

Georgetown Law

On December 6, 2023, the Juvenile Justice Clinic & Initiative at Georgetown Law was awarded the 2023 Community Human Rights Award from the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). The award has been given in recognition of our outstanding contributions in the field of human rights in our local community.

Florida A&M University College of Law

Florida A&M University College of Law Clinic Program received the 2023 Partner in Service Award from Community Legal Services of Central Florida. Community Legal Services provides no-cost legal services to the most vulnerable residents in twelve counties across Central Florida, helping them protect their families, health, and livelihood.

The Partner in Service Award recognizes a corporate or community partner that has significantly contributed their efforts to help advance pro bono. The FAMU College of Law Legal Clinic was recognized for its commitment to training their students about their professional responsibilities to provide legal service to their community. The Legal Clinic was also highlighted for providing opportunities for young lawyers to learn about the legal needs of the underserved and develop the legal skills necessary to help meet those needs. The College of Law Legal Clinic partnered with the Community Legal Services mobile helpline which provides volunteer law students the opportunity to answer live calls and screen potential clients in a multitude of different civil areas of law such as family law and landlord/tenant. The faculty and staff of FAMU Law have also invited CLS staff attorneys to speak at various community service events, recruited students to support several pro bono projects including community clinics, Peer Academy, the Heirs' Property Protection Initiative, and supporting volunteer attorney with casework.

Because of this partnership, the students of FAMU Law have assisted nearly one hundred residents throughout Central Florida gaining valuable practical legal experience in the process. Approximately, twenty-five student volunteers and staff have taken calls on the Mobile Helpline, including two recent graduates who are now staff attorneys with Community Legal Services.



Stetson College of Law

The Jacobs Law Clinic received an honorable mention for the 2023 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award.

Stetson's well-established Veteran's Advocacy Clinic was recognized by The Veterans Consortium (TVC) for its extensive work on behalf of veterans, and honored as one of seven recipients of the 2023 TVC Pro Bono Mission Partner Awards.

Stetson's Director of Clinical and Experiential Education, Christine E. Cerniglia, was honored with a two-year Leroy Highbaugh Sr. chair position allowing a faculty member to focus on scholarship. Prof. Cerniglia is released from teaching duties for one year to write a course book on Professional Responsibility. Stetson is currently seeking a Distinguished Lecturer to Visit for the academic year 2024-2025 to oversee the director responsibilities as a visiting scholar.

University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee Legal Clinic received the NAACP Social Advocacy Award from the Knoxville Branch of the NAACP recognizing the Clinic's extensive community work including its expungement community courts, court-watching project, and small business owners' workshops.



The Clinic also was named the Knoxville Pro Bono Firm of the Year with the LMU Expungement Clinic by Legal Aid of East Tennessee for their collaboration with the Knoxville Area Urban League and Grow Partnership Tennessee, serving more than 200 clients this year, waiving thousands of dollars in court debt, expunging hundreds of charges from criminal records, reinstating clients' driver's licenses, and restoring their right to vote.

University of Texas School of Law

Students and faculty from three clinics at three separate law schools worked together to give homecoming to a Texas resident.

When the University of Texas School of Law Immigration Clinic reviewed the case of a long-time green card holder who was in immigration detention, the reason the government was seeking deportation—a California drug conviction from the early 1990s—promised some hope. California law provides a mechanism to vacate convictions where noncitizens failed to meaningfully understand the adverse immigration consequences of their plea.

Thankfully, Katie Tinto, Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic at UC Irvine School of Law, promised to help. Under her guidance, Texas Law students prepared the motion and supporting client affidavit. Professor Tinto’s clinic won the vacatur of the conviction, and the clinics were prepared to celebrate.

The US government had other ideas, however, and added a new reason to pursue deportation, this time relying on a Texas conviction. Turning again to the clinical community for help, Stephanie Stevens, Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic at St. Mary’s School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, responded. Her students worked tirelessly to secure records under seal, research the issues, negotiate with the prosecutors and prepare and file a state writ of habeas corpus. Students Caitlyn Collins and Shannon Kite-Powell noted that “we worked as quickly and efficiently as possible, and learned more about how criminal law and immigration issues are often intertwined.”

Two weeks shy of the final deportation hearing, the writ was granted, and the original criminal charge was dismissed. The Texas Law Immigration Clinic succeeded in terminating proceedings in immigration court. The client was home in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family. “We were thrilled that everyone’s hard work together won

justice for our client,” said Texas Law students AnaRose Hebein and Sarah Gaucher.

University of Wisconsin Law School

Congratulations to Professor Jennifer Binkley, the Director of the Family Court Clinic at the University of Wisconsin, for receiving the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award. Professor Binkley’s entire career has been dedicated to serving the community and serving as an example to other attorneys and her students provide access to justice to others.



Committee Updates

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Co-chairs: Toby Guerin and Donna Erez-Navot

Members: Susan Salazar, Erin Gleason Alvarez, Bill Froehlich, Ben Wilson, Brendan Hold, Mattie Robertson, Gail Silverstein, Eunice Caussade, Paul Radvany, Peggy Maisel, Alvin Washington, Stephanie Bell Blondell, Karen Tokarz

Every semester, the ADR Committee hosted several virtual gatherings to engage those teaching in mediation clinics and general ADR courses. In the Fall of 2023, we hosted two virtual gatherings on topics related to dispute resolution teaching. The “Mediation Clinic Think Tank” topics for Fall 2023 included professional identity formation and cutting-edge case management software for mediators.

Clinicians of Color Committee

In April 2023, Clinicians of Color (“CoC”), led by Co-Chairs Priya Baskaran, Amber Baylor, and Sherley Cruz, held our first live workshop after two years at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education. The workshop had tremendous attendance, with 125 registered participants. The workshop provided a dedicated space for clinicians of color to deepen relationships and professional networks while supporting clinicians’ advancement in the legal academy. The workshop topics included *Unpacking ‘Professionalism’ as White Supremacy in the Clinic Classroom* and *Navigating Clinical Work with Communities of Color through Predominantly White Law Schools*. Additionally, CoC coordinated a networking luncheon thanks to generous support from Golden Gate University School of Law, Columbia Law School, and CLEA. In August, CoC held a virtual session for “going on the market” and will be holding a second session on promoting academic scholarship during the Spring semester. We will be coordinating another workshop during the AALS Clinical Conference in St. Louis. We also welcomed new Co-Chair, Vincent Southerland, to join Amber Baylor and Priya Baskaran. We thank Sherley Cruz for three years of truly tremendous leadership.

Externship Committee

Thank you to the Externship subcommittee co-chairs for all your hard work and dedication!

Communications and Lextern Content: Kendall Karew and Amy Sankaran; International and Remote/Hybrid Externships: Gillian Dutton and Anne Sidwell; Teaching Methodologies: Laurie Hauber, Melissa Kidder, Jessica Haywood (includes Faculty Partnering Program – Dawn Nielsen, Trish Hodny, Avis Sanders); Scholarship and Publishing Support: Carolyn Young Larmore, Elsbeth Magilton; Membership and New Member Support: Sarah Wolking, Emily Bonds Davey; Status: Grace Parrish, Cindy Wilson; Think Tank and Repository for Anti-Racism Resources: Brendan Holt, Lisa Patterson.

The Externship Committee has been busy this semester providing invaluable resources and programs (Building the New Lextern Website, Advice for Submitting Conference Speaking Proposals, Scholarships Works in Progress, AI in Externships & Clinic Seminars, CLEA’s ABA Site Visit Counseling Event, and multiple idea sharing sessions from the International Externships and Clinics Committees). **Most importantly, Externship community members continue to uplift and support each other** with: multiple Recesses to catch with each

other on externship topics and issues; the Externship Faculty Partnering Program which paired 30 members interested in sharing ideas and best practices with another externship colleague; the new Status Committee to focus on resources for and recognition of externship colleagues; and to cap off the year, an Externships Virtual Holiday Extravaganza where members raised their glasses and mugs in a group toast to celebrate our successes and ring in the new year. Check out the [AALS Externship Calendar](#) to see what we have planned for 2024!

Interdisciplinary Committee

The co-chairs of the Interdisciplinary Committee are Kathryn M. Smolinski of Wayne State University Law School and Kate Mitchell of Loyola University School of Law.

We currently have a fluid membership that includes those individuals that attend our quarterly Zoom meetings and participate on our listserv. Currently, we have 39 individuals from across the country subscribed to the listserv. Kate is responsible for the management of the listserv.

In April at the AALS Clinical annual meeting in San Francisco, the committee hosted a Community Gathering on Saturday, April 29 from 3:30pm-5:00pm entitled: Interdisciplinary Clinics: Ideas and Current Practices. Attendees discussed current and innovative ways of increasing their interdisciplinary offerings in the clinical realm. Additionally, we held a committee meeting on November 3 from 12noon-1:00pm via zoom to update each other on current happenings. We discussed the use (or nonuse) of AI in the clinical space. Members offered what they have decided to address this semester in AI and what they plan to do moving forward. Suggested readings on the subject were shared as well.

International Clinical Legal Education Committee

Building on an interest in international collaborations expressed in May during the AALS Clinical Conference, the International Clinical Legal Education Committee joined with the International and Semester Away Externship Sub-Committee to hold two virtual meetings to promote collaboration, make connections, and share teaching methods. Participants first met to hear examples of work by our US and international colleagues, then broke out for small group discussions, and at the end, returned to the large group to share small group discussions.

The first meeting, on September 21, 2023, focused on building relationships and introducing ideas. Jonny Hall, Northumbria University, Newcastle, shared information about a proposed international policy clinic collaboration with Rachel Dunn of the UK CLEO network and Maxim Tomoszek of Palacký University, Czech Republic. David Baluarte, Washington and Lee University, discussed creating collaborations between refugee clinics in Mexico and the US and information sharing about refugee protection challenges, starting with the Iberoamericana University in Mexico City. Gillian Dutton, Seattle University School of Law, shared information about the Transitional Justice Legal Exchange, a virtual class with Moroccan and American students and a clinical component using the Moroccan restorative justice approach to address racial justice in the US. She also described international externship collaborations with international clinics.

The second meeting on November 16 focused on teaching wellness. Dipika Jain, Jindal Global Law School, India, Sunday Kenechukwu Agwu, Baze University Abuja, Nigeria, Cassia Miho Nakano Hirai, Sao Paulo Law School, Brazil, and Lindsay Harris, University of San Francisco, shared how they incorporate wellness into their curriculum:

To facilitate connections, the committee created a Google Doc for colleagues to add their names and emails under their areas of interest. For the Google doc link, recordings of the meetings, materials, or more information, please contact the committee co-chairs Gilian Dutton (duttong@seattleu.edu), Susan Felstiner (sfelstiner@lclark.edu), or Sarah Paoletti (paoletti@law.upenn.edu). The committee has two workshops planned for 2024:

1. Thursday, January 25, 2024, a Lightning Round on Teaching Restorative Justice and Advancing Basic Rights Around the Globe; and
2. Thursday, March 14, 2024, a Lightning Round on Pursuing Decolonization Strategies through Clinics and Externships.

Stay tuned and join us!

Membership, Outreach, & Training

Members 2023-2024:

Heather Abraham (Buffalo), Co-Chair
Katy Ramsey (Memphis), Co-Chair
Lauren Aronson (Illinois)
Jodi Balsam (Brooklyn)
Courtney Beer (Maine)
Robert Blankenship (Texas A&M)
Kate Elengold (UNC)
Natalie Nanasi (SMU)
Tifani Sadek (Michigan)
Amy Sankaran (Michigan)
Michael Vastine (St. Thomas University)
Sara Zampierin (Texas A&M)

The Membership, Outreach, and Training (“MOT”) Committee coordinated another successful cohort of “Clinician Crews” this academic year. Crews are peer discussion groups that bring together new and experienced clinicians to discuss topics ranging from clinic design to balancing scholarship and other academic demands. This year, we paired 14 new Crews of six to nine members each, including two co-facilitators! Watch for signups in the fall if you are interested in joining a Crew as either a mentor or mentee!

Mark your calendars: The Committee plans to host its annual “Coffee Break for New Clinicians” at the AALS Clinical Conference in May 2023. Everyone is welcome!

Nominations

Chair: Emily Suski

Members: Bob Jones, Bob Probasco, Charles Auffant, Nicole McConlogue, and Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin.

The Nominations Committee solicited nominations for the Executive Committee and forwarded selected candidate names to the Executive Committee for approval.

Transactional

Members: Mariana Acevedo, Patricia Alejandro, Casey Faucon, Charity Fort, Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin (co-chair), Julian Hill, Lois Jackson, Susan Jones, Jim Kelly, Linsey Krolik, Brian Krumm, Dana Malkus, Alicia Plerhopoles, Brenda Smith, Carlos Teuscher (co-chair), Dana Thompson, Paul Tremblay, Darryl Walton, Maya Watson, Mindy Wittkop.

Transactional Clinics Committee met and worked together to revise and update our mission statement to reflect the dramatic changes in transactional clinical committee. We discussed the transactional clinical conference, the schedule for that conference, the support that comes from AALS, and focused on areas where we would like to share resources and wisdom as a group.

Conferences

Second Annual Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference: Clinical Education at 50: Avoiding a Mid-Life Crisis, February 24, 2024

Clinical legal education is in its fifth decade—an era that provides us with an opportunity to think about our roots, the innovations in pedagogy and practice attributable to clinical legal education, and what the future of clinical legal education might look like. At this second annual Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, we hope to come together to both look backward to document the important work that has been done, and forward, to ensure that clinical legal education does not grow stale or complacent. We hope that our discussions will give us an appreciation for where we have been and new ideas, energy, and collaborations moving forward so that we can avoid the pitfalls associated with mid-life crises.

We seek proposals for concurrent sessions related to the conference theme; teaching spotlight sessions involving discussing or demonstrating classroom pedagogy and/or exercises; works in progress presentations on any topic; and early-stage incubator scholarship presentations. We also ask for volunteers to serve as commentators on works-in-progress. Please fill out this form and upload your brief proposal descriptions. The deadline for proposals is December 15, 2023 (in true clinical culture style, we could be persuaded to extend the deadline to December 20, 2023, of course!).

The Conference will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore. The conference will begin with breakfast at 8:30am and end with a reception at the close of the day.

The Conference fee will be \$125 per person. Please contact us if you seek a fee waiver. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mid-atlantic-clinical-conference-tickets-757848012807?aff=oddtcreator>.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available for Friday and Saturday nights at Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards at our group rate of \$149. You can access those rooms here: BWIIH-UMDO. Other nearby hotels are also available at their standard rates: Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, Kimpton Hotel Monaco Baltimore Inner Harbor, and Rachael's Dowry Bed and Breakfast.

We invite our regional community as well as clinicians from across the country to join us!

Externships 12 Conference: The Power of Agility: Navigating Change with Externships, October 17-19, 2024 in Boston, MA

We are excited about our conference next fall, hosted by the New England Externship Consortium (NeXT) at Boston University School of Law. This is our second in-person conference since the Covid pandemic forced postponements. Our conference theme focuses on the continuing evolution of legal education and practice due to Covid and other forces.

Stay tuned for more information, including the RFP announcement.