

Welcome to the Spring 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 Colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the AALS Clinical Conference in San Francisco, which will be the first time we have gathered in-person since 2019. We are coming back in a big way! You all are putting on approximately 100 concurrent, lightning and poster sessions. You have designed workshops, planned community gatherings, and will be sharing your scholarship at works-in-progress and Bellows presentations. As in the past, the Section will recognize the stellar work of three of our colleagues, convene and introduce our new clinicians and remember those who are no longer with us. We know the conference will not only provide the opportunity for reunions with friends and colleagues, but also deep reflection around our collective clinical pedagogy with this year's theme of hope and action. We are grateful to the Conference Planning Committee, the AALS staff and the CLEA Board for their hard work and partnership.

Beyond the Clinical Conference, the Executive Committee is busy at work. As we wrote to you in January, the Executive Committee has identified several priorities for our work over the upcoming year:

- continue to support the projects began by many in this community to strengthen anti-bias, anti-racism, and ***equity in legal academia*** and across law schools' curricula, including in the implementation of ABA Standard 303;
- support this community in ideating around the ***expansion of experiential offerings***, particularly in preparation for the NextGen Bar Exam;
- broaden and deepen our ***support of regional, in-person gatherings***; and
- focus on the Section's infrastructure by reinvigorating and supporting the work of our subcommittees and ***improving our membership and dues practices***.

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Association of American Law Schools

On this last point, please consider [paying your 2023-2024 annual dues](#) by June 1, 2023.

Finally, we have already started to plan our programming at the AALS Annual Meeting in January 2024. In addition to putting on a topical, interdisciplinary panel, we are also planning to make a call for papers. We hope some of you will consider presenting your scholarship at the Annual Meeting.

The other members of the 2023-24 Executive Committee are:

- Co-Chair-Elect: Kele Stewart (Miami)
- Co-Chair-Elect: Natalie Nanasi (SMU)
- Secretary: Sarah Shalf (UVA)
- Treasurer: Susan Hazeldean (Brooklyn)
- Immediate Past Co-Chair: Claire Raj (South Carolina)
- Immediate Past Co-Chair: Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)
- Member: Julie Dahlstrom (Boston)
- Member: Anne Gordon (Duke)
- Member: Allison Freedman (New Mexico)

Feel free to reach out to any of us with ideas, questions, thoughts or concerns. We want to hear from you!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for the work you do for your students, clients, and communities, which constantly inspires and brings us hope. Again, we look forward to learning and celebrating together soon in San Francisco.

Be well,

Norrinda Brown Hayat (Fordham) & Anita Sinha (American)
Co-Chairs of the Section's Executive Committee

Program Updates, Announcements, Honors, and Victories

American University Washington College of Law

Under the supervision of Professor Brenda V. Smith, AUWCL's Community Economic and Equity Development Clinic and their client Empower DC hosted a [Racial Equity Symposium](#) to discuss the District of Columbia's racial equity analysis tool and its impact on zoning decisions.

The tool requires DC to evaluate any new zoning applications for their impact on racial equity. This is particularly important given that DC is the most rapidly gentrifying city in the United States, the population demographics of which have shifted from majority Black to being almost evenly divided between Black and white residents.

Cornell Law School

A groundbreaking gift from alumna Franci J. Blassberg '75, J.D. '77, and Joseph L. Rice III will create a new center for entrepreneurship, operating both in Ithaca and on the Cornell Tech campus in New York City.

The Blassberg-Rice Center for Entrepreneurship Law will expand the popular **Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (ELC)**, both broadening the clinic's existing Ithaca work and giving law students who choose to spend a semester at Cornell Tech an opportunity to work with clients in the New York City area.

Not only does the gift triple the ELC's capacity to admit students and serve the community, but it allows us to add the first-ever clinical offering to our Cornell Tech-based curriculum. With the new clinic space on the Roosevelt Island campus, significantly more of our students will learn in a "downstate" practice environment.

Cornell Law School also recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the **Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic**. Since then, some 200 students have represented close to 100 clients. In a system where the vast majority of asylum seekers lose their appeals, the clinic has won an estimated sixty-six percent of its cases.

Another milestone was just reached by the **Tenants Advocacy Practicum**, which recovered more than \$100,000 for local tenants over the course of a year for the first time. Now in its fourth year, the practicum continues to expand its impact as it works to bridge the housing justice gap in Ithaca and the surrounding counties. The practicum will soon welcome a second tenants advocacy attorney, allowing it to continue to grow and assist even more local tenants.

Faulkner University Jones School of Law

Faulkner University Jones School of Law will launch a new clinic starting Fall 2023. The Generational and Ancestral Property (GAP) Clinic provides direct representation to low-income clients in clearing title to "heirs" property. The goal of the clinic is to provide a pathway to financial stability and generational financial health. Students will 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 GAP Clinic will be taught and supervised by Clinical Associate Professor of Law Kelly F. McTear.

Fordham Law School

Prof. Paolo Galizzi and Prof. Gemma Solimene will launch a new clinic titled International Cooperation and Justice in Fall 2023. The International Cooperation and Justice Clinic (ICJC) aims to prepare students to work as lawyers in a globalized world, where legal services are becoming more and more "internationalized." Working on hands-on projects in partnership with governmental institutions, NGOs, advocacy organizations and students from partner law schools, the ICJC is designed to expose students to the realities and challenges of international cooperation. It is expected that the projects will focus on challenges faced primarily in selected Caribbean and African countries.

Georgetown University Law Center

Georgetown Law Clinics and the Georgetown University Racial Justice Institute hosted faculty, activists, students, and other stakeholders from across the country on March 3 for a day-long symposium at Georgetown Law titled "Promoting Justice: Advancing Racial Equity through Student Practice in Legal Clinics." Together, they considered the vital role law school clinics play in the legal system and the opportunities and

challenges clinical educators and their students face in promoting racial justice.

Deborah Archer, Associate Dean and Professor of Clinical Law at New York University School of Law and President of the ACLU, advanced that conversation in her keynote, challenging anti-racist clinicians to push for an end to the systems that keep America from achieving its ideals. Read more about the symposium and watch her full keynote address: <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/news/aclu-president-challenges-law-school-clinics-to-push-for-systemic-change-and-racial-justice/>

Georgetown's Environmental Law & Justice Clinic, now under Director Sara Colangelo, was awarded a Presidential Commendation from the American Thoracic Society for their Supreme Court amicus brief in *West Virginia v. EPA*. The Clinic also recently completed submissions to the United Nations Periodic Review and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to protect Indigenous Peoples' rights in the face of forced climate displacement and other violations related to the oil and gas industry.

The Georgetown Street Law program commemorated its 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Since its founding, the Street Law Program has helped law students develop their professional legal skills, brought positive education on the law into D.C. high schools, and set a standard of excellence for other Street Law programs around the world.

Harvard Law School

The Food Law and Policy Clinic (FLPC) recently celebrated the new Food Donation Improvement Act, signed into law in January 2023. The legislation reduces food waste and food insecurity by enhancing the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and expanding liability protections to support modern food donation. FLPC supported members of Congress and their staff throughout the drafting and legislative process.

The Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation's Health Law and Policy Clinic (HLPC) released a series of case studies in January 2023 highlighting innovative efforts in California to expand access to and coverage of nutrition interventions and other social services for Medicaid enrollees. The case studies, produced and published by HLPC's Health Law Lab, document operational and logistical hurdles and bolster efforts to integrate nutrition interventions and other health-related social needs into Medicaid services nationwide.

St. Mary's University School of Law

The School hosted a **Special Education Advocacy Summit (SEAS)**, bringing together advocates from around the country for a three-day conference—expected to become an annual event, with the next summit planned for June 2024.

Our **Consumer Protection Clinic** received a City of San Antonio/HUD grant to expand our representation of tenants at risk of eviction—enabling us to add a Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor (Greg Zlotnick), staff attorney, and paralegal dedicated to this work. This project includes our Housing Hotline, which has served thousands of callers since established near the outset of the pandemic, as well as representation in eviction court proceedings and appeals.

We have launched a new **Real Estate Clinic** (taught by Clinical Professor Genevieve Fajardo)—a transactional clinic focused on preserving homeownership. Students draft real estate documents, negotiate heirship disputes, and plan estates, enabling low-income homeowners to remove clouds on title, access repair assistance programs, and protect property wealth for future generations.

After a long hiatus in detained work due to pandemic restrictions, students in our **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic** were able to return to assisting detained asylum seekers in collaboration with Proyecto Dilley. Students conduct Know Your

Rights presentations, prepare detained asylum seekers for credible fear interviews, and help individuals draft requests for reconsideration with the asylum office.

Our **Criminal Justice Clinic** co-sponsored a forum commemorating the 60th anniversary of the landmark ruling in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared legal counsel in criminal proceedings a “fundamental right essential to a fair trial.” The event’s diversified panel of experts addressed how indigent defense is provided in Texas and Bexar County, ways in which *Gideon*’s promise of equal justice has not yet been fully realized, and ways to continue to improve indigent defense

Suffolk Law School

Suffolk Law School has hired a Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor (Robert Cox) and Practitioner in Residence (Cara Libman) to launch our new **Environmental Law Clinic** and a **Legislative-Regulatory Policy and Practice Clinic**. The Clinic is fully enrolled for the 2023-24 academic year and we look forward to sharing its work as it takes shape!

Suffolk Law’s **Legal Innovation and Technology (LIT) Lab** just finished hosting **LITCon 2023** and **DataCon**. The Conference gathered more than 100 legal tech innovators from around the country, in-person and online, to explore the theme, “Innovation at Scale.” We were honored to have a keynote address by Daniel Yi, Senior Counsel for Special Projects in Innovation and the U.S. Department of Justice. Visit the [conference website](#) for recordings!

Texas A&M University School of Law

Texas A&M University School of Law added a Civil Rights clinic this spring, taught by Professor Sara Zampierin. The Civil Rights Clinic is working with local community members and organizations on advocacy and litigation to vindicate their civil

rights. Students this semester have been supporting clients on issues including workers’ rights, criminal justice, immigrants’ rights and environmental justice.

The law school, along with Texas A & M University hosted a conference in Mexico City that focuses on the reintegration experiences of Mexican nationals who return to Mexico, either voluntarily or after deportation, after living in the United States. The goal is to start a collaborative conversation to identify best practices and create a network that bridges the gap of services that returnees face when reintegrating into Mexican society. The conference engaged nonprofit leaders, government officials, scholars and clinicians in discussions about the services available in the U.S. and Mexico for individuals who return voluntarily and involuntarily, the opportunities for greater communication between NGOs and government, and NGOs on both sides of the U.S. Mexico border.

Touro Law School



Touro law has been working to integrate our clinics to provide more holistic services to clients and a

deeper education for our students. One such example is the capstone for several of [Touro Law's clinics](#), our annual inter-clinic mock trial. At the conclusion of the Fall 2022 semester, Touro's clinical program staged another innovative and rewarding inter-clinic trial. This clinic trial drew on the timely issue of eviction in housing court. Through this simulated case, our Veterans Clinic students represented a veteran client who suffered from service-connected mental illness, our Youth Justice Clinic students represented a young person accused of criminal activity, and our Senior Citizens Clinic represented an elderly landlord. The witnesses and evidence demanded that these students grapple with stereotypes and assumptions made about their client populations and advocate effectively in mediations, pre-trial negotiations, and at trial. Our mediation clinic students even joined the simulation to serve as mediators in the matter.

The inter-clinic trial is also a community effort for Touro's clinical program. We invite local high schoolers, veterans, and senior citizens to serve as our representative jury panel. Many jurors are also our own former clients. During the trial break, we mingle over a shared meal. At the trial's conclusion, the student attorneys observe the jury's deliberations. This is a unique and instructive opportunity for Touro's student attorneys, who may never again have the chance to witness deliberations after their case or dine with their jurors.

And that's just a snapshot of the semester- even while engaging in this simulation, students in our Education and Youth Justice Clinic were busy recovering over half a million dollars of educational services for live clients and students in the Senior Citizens and Veterans Clinics prevented dozens of live clients from becoming homeless.

Tulane Law School

The Tulane Immigrant Rights Clinic is developing know-your-rights materials to help detained people in Louisiana, and their friends and family, to seek release from detention. Also, in collaboration with

partners, the clinic released a practice manual on seeking labor-based deferred action for immigrant victims and witnesses to labor violations.

University of Baltimore School of Law

The University of Baltimore School of Law launched two revamped criminal clinical courses in Spring 2023, the Criminal Defense and Advocacy Clinic, taught by Katie Kronick and Jonathan Kerr, and the Criminal Prosecution Clinic, taught by Dan Schemer and Zarena Cason.

UC Law SF (formerly UC Hastings)

We are excited to share some interesting recent clinic initiatives. Students in our Community Group Advocacy & Social-Change Lawyering Clinic, taught by Prof. Ascanio Piomelli, worked with Prof. Thalia Gonzalez to create infrastructure for the community-led San Francisco Truth Justice & Reconciliation Commission and its exploration of African American erasure from/in the city. Other teams worked with the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and a California Assemblymember to advance legislation to diversify criminal juries by increasing jury pay for low-income people from \$15/day to \$100/day, with an educational equity coalition in an urban Central Valley school district, and on community legal education efforts with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center and Immigrants Rising.

Students participating in the [Refugee and Human Rights Clinic](#), taught by [Prof. Karen Musalo](#), travelled to Honduras this last Fall to help create one of the first practice advisories focused on climate migration, providing an important resource for lawyers representing clients from around the world. The students' work will also specifically support the claims of Honduran asylum seekers, by providing well-documented facts about Honduran laws and conditions and expert testimony.

More broadly, the clinical program had visitors this last January for a full week from the University of Prishtina in Kosovo and the University of Professional Studies, Accra in Ghana. The visits were made possible thanks to U.S. government grants secured by [Jessica Vapnek](#), faculty director of the [International Development Law Center](#) at UC Law San Francisco. It was just one component of two multiyear projects, which will include several visits to Kosovo and Ghana by UC Law SF faculty members over the next year. During these visits, UC Law SF faculty members and affiliated experts will review curriculum, share knowledge, and train educators on how to implement new types of coursework and programs.

University of the District of Columbia School of Law

In Spring 2023, UDC Law was delighted to continue our remote *Conversations with Clinicians* series with our Dean emerita, Professor [Shelley Broderick](#), in conversation with Bridget Ortega of Atlanta’s John Marshall School of Law, focusing on externships (pictured below). Next, our General Practice Clinic Co-Director [Andy Budzinski](#) hosted Professor [Gautam Hans](#), who is Associate Director of Cornell Law School’s First Amendment Clinic and currently serves as Co-President of [CLEA](#). In March, our Tax Clinic Director, Professor [Sakinah Tillman](#), spoke with Georgia State University College of Law’s Associate Dean [Tameka Lester](#) who is also Associate Director of the [Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic](#). Finally, on Friday April 7, we rounded out the semester with a three-way conversation between UDC Law’s Professor Professor Jerome Hughes, Director of the Community Development Law Clinic, Professor [Renee Hatcher](#), Director of UIC Law Chicago’s Community Enterprise & Solidarity Economy Clinic, and Senior Associate Dean [Carmen Huertas-Noble](#), Founding Director of CUNY Law’s Community & Economic Development Clinic. Conversations with Clinicians will continue in Fall 2023 and offer a space for experiential educators to

engage in pressing issues and build community.



In Spring 2023, UDC Law launched a new Tax Policy Clinic offering for students, taught by Professor [Jacqueline Lainez Flanagan](#), Founding Director of UDC Law Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic. Students in the 7-credit Tax Policy Clinic explore federal and local tax policy issues and work directly with national and local organizational clients to advance tax policy goals specifically affecting marginalized populations. work directly with national and local organizational clients to advance tax policy goals specifically affecting marginalized populations.

We are pleased to announce that Shuba Sankaran has joined our Clinical Program as a clinical staff assistant. Along with Managing Attorney Tiffany Smith and Clinical Legal Specialist Olivia Carvajal, Shuba will provide critical support to our seven in house clinics and two external clinics hosted with the Government Accountability Project and Rising for Justice.

University of Illinois Chicago

With partners at Santa Clara University, the International Human Rights Clinic at UIC Law published the [Escazú Toolkit](#) to assist advocates in how to use the international agreement when litigating in the Inter-American System.

University of Miami School of Law

The University of Miami School of Law's clinical program is excited to share with you the latest updates and happenings from our clinical program. [The Human Rights Clinic](#) will host a Food, Housing, and Racial Justice Symposium on April 13 and 14, 2023. [The Health Rights Clinic](#) recently won six Social Security disability cases, totaling over \$100,000 and including two Federal Administrative Law Judge hearings, on behalf of disabled clients. The Clinic also recently won a DACA case and helped four cancer survivors and one severely immunocompromised client become U.S. citizens. [The Environmental Justice Clinic](#) received a [\\$1 million cy pres award](#), and is pleased to welcome Doug Ruley, an experienced environmental lawyer and legal educator, as incoming Director. [The Investor Rights Clinic](#) Director Scott Eichhorn received a nomination to serve a three-year term on the National Arbitration and Mediation Committee (NAMC) beginning in June 2023.

University of South Carolina School of Law

The Clinical Program at the University of South Carolina School of Law will soon be hiring a staff attorney to provide continuity of representation to clients and support to the faculty.

The Youth Defender Clinic won parole for two clients and two pretrial dismissals of delinquency charges.

CHAMPS, the medical-legal partnership at the University of South Carolina School of Law, has

added an attorney. CHAMPS now has two staff attorneys (in addition to the staff attorney who will be hired to support the overall clinical program). Also, December 2022 program evaluation results found that for 19 pediatric patients, CHAMPS interventions saved \$16,000-17,000 in Medicaid costs per patient per month.

Domestic Violence Clinic students appeared on a local social justice podcast to discuss their research on how calls to 911 result in evictions.

The Education Rights Clinic helped secure critical school-based nursing services that will allow a five-year-old child with chronic healthcare needs to attend school safely. Students also successfully advocated for a child with a learning disability affecting her reading to attend a new school designed to assist children with reading challenges. In addition, students successfully appealed an expulsion decision ultimately resulting in their client's ability to re-enroll in school.

University of Washington School of Law



Professor Owens successfully exonerated his client David Wright (left) after he was wrongfully incarcerated for 28 ½ years. David Wright was

17 years old when he was subjected to an abusive and coercive 14-hour interrogation that was the sole basis for his conviction. On the left is Professor Owens celebrating with David Wright on the night of his release.

Race and Justice Clinic students and Professor Kim Ambrose submitted an amicus brief on behalf of the UW and Gonzaga Black Law Students Associations in support of Tyler Bagby, a WSU student charged with assault following a frat party. The amicus brief described how implicit racial bias works through student's personal narratives about being 'othered.' The students focused on describing how racial bias

can be harmful. The Washington Supreme Court agreed, vacated Bagby’s conviction 9-0, and held that the prosecutor’s “subjective intent” was not the proper standard to apply in this case because doing so “would unlikely correct the pervasive evils of all forms of racial bias.”

Students from the Immigration Clinic and Visiting Professor Georgina Olazcon Mozo spent spring break in El Paso Texas on a military base that houses unaccompanied minors. Students assisted with legal intake and “know your rights” presentations. While all had experience advocating for individuals and systemic change, the realities unfolding at the border added new layers of understanding that will be used to inform broader systemic advocacy efforts back in Seattle.

A group of 18 students braved 60 below zero temperatures to reach remote Alaskan villages to help nearly 800 community members file tax returns, resulting in \$1,023,427 in refunds. To watch a video documenting the students experience see – [Alaska trip, video](#)

Wake Forest School of Law

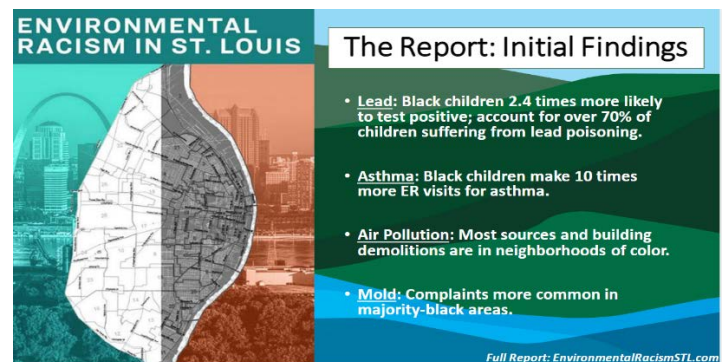
In January 2023, the Wake Forest Law Environmental Law and Policy Clinic formally started the Heirs' Property Project. Thanks to funding from the Skadden Foundation, Conservation Trust for North Carolina, and the Vermont Center for Agricultural and Food Systems, among others, the Project hired Jesse Williams as a Law Fellow with Scott Schang as Project Director. Together with our partners at Black Family Land Trust, Land Loss Prevention Project, Legal Aid of North Carolina, and others, we are representing six NC families on preserving and securing tenure for their family lands. The project is also engaging other law schools in NC, other schools and the college at Wake Forest, and the private bar to conduct trainings on heirs' property and increase property owners' access to legal representation and associated services around agronomics and social

services. The Project expects to double the number of clients next semester as well as sponsor research on topics of common property law and innovative legal approaches to heirs' property.

Washington University School of Law

Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic Presents on Environmental Racism at Climate Summit

Recently, the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, led by Assistant Director **Tara Rocque** with Director **Elizabeth Hubertz**, presented “Environmental Racism in St. Louis: What Comes Next?” at the inaugural Midwest Climate Summit. In 2019, the Clinic published its report, “[Environmental Racism in St. Louis](#),” and has been working with its clients and the community on solutions to lessen the environmental harms disproportionately experienced by St. Louis’ poorest residents of color.



First Amendment Clinic Fights Censorship by Public Official

The First Amendment Clinic, directed by **Lisa Hoppenjans**, achieved a judgment in its client’s favor on a claim that an elected official violated the client’s First Amendment rights by blocking her from his Twitter account. The court concluded that because the official used the account for government business and supported it with city resources, the open comment space of the account

was a designated public forum where the official could not exclude speakers on the basis of viewpoint.

Appellate Clinic Scores Victory for Due Process in the Fourth Circuit

The Appellate Clinic, directed by **Daniel Harawa**, recently achieved an important victory for its client. The client, proceeding pro se in the U.S. District Court for the E.D. of Virginia, challenged his Virginia state conviction. While proceeding alone, the client argued that his due process rights were violated because he did not have access to all of the materials that the State had forwarded to the district court. The district court rejected this and dismissed his habeas petition. On appeal, clinic students argued that the state and the district court violated the habeas rules and the client's due process rights. The Fourth Circuit unanimously agreed, and vacated and remanded back to the district court so that the client could litigate his case fully and fairly.

Committee Updates

Externships Committee

This semester, our Externships subcommittees have held an impressive ten sessions on Zoom for our colleagues. The Teaching Methodologies Committee has been hard at work hosting three sessions, including round tables on Strategies to Engage Students in a General Externship Course and ABA Standard 303(c). Additionally, the Membership Committee has held two Recess sessions and provided useful resources to welcome new members to our community.

We are thrilled to announce that Carolyn Young Larmore and Megan Bess have revitalized our Scholarship Committee and will be hosting a Summer Writing Kickoff session. The International & Away Committee has also been active, hosting a session on Supporting and Encouraging First Generation Professional Students and Students of Color in International and Away Field Placements. Finally, the Anti-Racism Think Tank invited Tracye Edwards to share her approach to Building the Skill of Effective Allyship in her courses, and June Tai and Nira Geevargis hosted a session on Keeping Reflective Practice Original in the age of AI.

None of this robust planning would have been possible without our incredible subcommittee chairs and members. Their information can be found [here](#), and we encourage you to reach out if you're interested in joining.

In late April, Amanda Rivas and Nira Geevargis will pass the torch to two new chairs of the Externships Committee. We have been truly honored to serve as co-chairs of the Externships Committee for the past two years, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of colleagues. As chairs, we have been consistently impressed by our subcommittees' unwavering commitment to providing a variety of structured and informal spaces for our externship community to learn and share.

Lawyering in the Public Interest Committee (aka Bellows Committee)

Five law professors were recently announced as the 2023-24 Bellow Scholars (the “Scholars”). The AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education’s Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest (aka the Bellow Scholars Program) selects a new cohort of law professors every two years to recognize and support innovative research proposals designed to improve the quality of justice in communities, enhance the delivery of legal services, and promote economic and social justice. The Scholars will undertake research projects examining a range of legal topics in collaboration with community economic development, social science, legal education, and criminal justice researchers and practitioners.

The Bellow Scholars Program recognizes and supports the research projects of law professors that reflect the ideals of Professor [Gary Bellow](#) – a pioneering founder of modern clinical legal education. The program supports law professors who employ empirical analysis, connect research to advocacy, and involve substantial collaboration between law and other academic disciplines. Selected projects become the focus of information sharing, discussion, and critique at the annual AALS Clinical Conference and at annual workshops organized by the committee.

We are thrilled that these 2023-24 Bellow Scholars and their research projects will be included in the rich tradition of the Bellow Scholars Program:

- **Edward W. De Barbieri** (Albany Law School): *Place-Based Capital Raising*
- **Neha Lall** (University of Baltimore School of Law): *Paid Externships as a Tool to Advance Student Equity and Autonomy*
- **Aaron Littman** (UCLA School of Law): *Sheriffs' Dual Roles and Incentives as Jailers and Police*
- **Maneka Sinha** (University of Maryland, Carey School of Law): *Reliability and Automated Suspicion*
- **Madalyn Wasilczuk** (University of South Carolina School of Law): *Death Behind Bars in South Carolina*

These Scholars will present at the upcoming [AALS Clinical Conference](#) in San Francisco on **Sunday, April 30, from 9:00-10:15 a.m.** Please join us. For more information on these Scholars, their fantastic research projects, and the Bellow Scholars Program, please click [here](#).

Membership, Outreach and Training Committee

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. Look out for signups in the fall if you are interested in joining a Crew as either a mentor or mentee!

Mark your calendars: The Committee will again host a “Coffee Break for New Clinicians” at the AALS Clinical Conference (everyone is welcome), **Friday, April 28 at 7:30 a.m. PT.**

CSALE Announcement

Fill Out Your CSALE *Sub-Survey of Clinical Instructors* Now!

The Center for the Study of Applied Legal Education (CSALE) is finishing up the 6th iteration of its triennial Survey of Applied Legal Education. CSALE needs your help by participating in the *Sub-Survey of Clinical Instructors*, which is closing in the next few weeks so we can then issue our report.

Data from the survey is critically important — faculty at over 80% of schools have relied on CSALE data in considering law clinic and field placement program design, pedagogy, and staffing, for employment negotiations, and in over 220 law review articles and books.

Every full-time law clinic and field placement instructor, regardless of title or position, should have received an email invitation (from Bob Kuehn via Qualtrics) with an individualized link to their CSALE *Sub-Survey* on January 20/31, with reminders on February 14, March 1, and April 4. Please fill out the survey today, which should take less than 15 minutes on your smartphone or computer, and urge your colleagues to hurry up and do the same.

If you have any questions or cannot locate your survey invitation, contact Bob Kuehn, CSALE Vice President, at rkuehn@wustl.edu.