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Publications

“Death by Daubert: The Continued Attack on Private Antitrust”

Christine P. Bartholomew

“Animal Mobilelegalities: The Regulation of Animal Movement in the American City Humanimalia”

Irus Braverman

“Zooland: The Institution of Captivity”

Irus Braverman

“Zooveillance: Foucault Goes To The Zoo”

Irus Braverman



Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Western New York, where we are enjoying a luminous autumn. I am pleased to send you this update on Baldy activities, and wish you a bountiful fall.

Cordially,
Errol Meidinger, Director

Baldy Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies

Applications Invited for 2014-2015 Fellowship Program

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at the State University of New York at Buffalo plans to award several fellowships for 2014-15 to scholars pursuing important topics in law, legal institutions, and social policy. Applications are invited from junior and senior scholars from law, the humanities, and the social sciences.

Fellows are expected to participate regularly in Baldy Center events, but otherwise have no obligations beyond vigorously pursuing their research. Fellows receive standard university research privileges (access to UB libraries, high-speed Internet, office space, computer equipment, phone, website space, working paper series, etc.) and are encouraged to develop collaborative research projects with SUNY Buffalo faculty members where appropriate. Those who wish to teach a course to aid their research or gain teaching experience can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships are available to individuals who have completed the Ph.D. or J.D. but have not yet begun a tenure track appointment. Post-Doctoral Fellows will receive a stipend of \$40,000 and may apply for up to \$2,000 in professional travel support.

Mid-Career and Senior Fellowships are available to established scholars who wish to work at the Center, typically during a sabbatical or research leave. Awardees receive a living expense allowance of \$1,500 per month during the period of residence.

Applications are due February 3. [Further information.](#)

“Perception and Decision at the Threshold of Tort Law: Explaining the Infrequency of Claims”

David M. Engel

“Business Lobbying as an Informational Public Good: A Proposal to Tie Tax Deductions for Lobbying Expenses to Substantive Lobbying Disclosure”

Michael Halberstam and Stuart Lazar

“In This, the Winter of Our Discontent: Legal Practice, Legal Education, and the Culture of Distrust”

Alfred S. Konefsky and Barry Sullivan

“Windsor Beyond Marriage: Due Process, Equality, and Undocumented Immigration”

Anthony O’Rourke

“From Citizen Suits to Conservation Easements: The Increasing Private Role in Public Permit Enforcement”

Jessica Owley

“Property Constructs and Nature’s Challenge to Perpetuity”

Jessica Owley

“The Increasing Privatization of Environmental Permitting”

Jessica Owley

“What Exactly are Exactions?”

Jessica Owley

“Urban Politics and the Assimilation of Immigrant Voters”

Rick Su

“Mitigating the Impacts of the Renewable Energy Gold Rush”

Amy Wilson Morris and Jessica Owley

2013-2014 Fellows



Or Bassok completed his Doctorate of the Science of Law (JSD) at Yale Law School in 2013. His recent [articles](#) examine the relations between the sociological legitimacy of the American Supreme Court and its normative legitimacy; the effect of the rise of public opinion polls on the Court’s legitimacy; different social imaginaries and their influence on legal expertise; originalism as a method of esoteric writing; the American constitutional identity and the effects of media coverage on the legitimacy of national high courts. As a Tikvah Scholar at New York University School of Law during the 2012-13 academic year, he examined the prospects of developing a constitutional identity for Israel. At Yale, he was a Fulbright scholar and a Robina Foundation Visiting Human Rights Fellow (2011-12). Before going to Yale and after completing his law degrees at the Hebrew University, he served as a defense attorney in the Israeli Defense Forces where he defended soldiers before military courts and the Israeli Supreme Court. His last case before the Israeli Supreme Court dealt with the evidentiary meaning of defendant’s failure to testify in trial ([Milstein v. Chief Military Prosecutor](#)). As an Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Fellow at the Baldy Center, Or is investigating the role of low politics in constitutional thinking.



Jesse J. Norris completed a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and earned a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. His dissertation examined innovative forms of governance in European anti-poverty policy, based on case studies in Ireland and Portugal. Since graduating from law school, he has served as a visiting professor at Beloit College, worked as a staff attorney for four trial court judges, and started an independent estate planning practice.

His legal scholarship focuses on the governance of legal systems, often drawing on sociological theory or methodology to shed light on contemporary policy problems in the criminal justice system. Recent publications have analyzed judicial sentence modification doctrines, earned release policies, and state commissions to ameliorate racial disparities in criminal justice. Jesse’s current research investigates alleged entrapment in domestic terrorism prosecutions. This research aims to document and explain the apparent prevalence of entrapment in terrorism investigations since 9/11, including the recent spread of entrapment allegations to cases of environmental or left-wing terrorism. It will also clarify the normative and social-scientific bases for critiquing current informant practices, and evaluate the potential of specific doctrinal and administrative reforms to prevent entrapment abuses.



Anna Su is a 2013 graduate of Harvard Law School’s Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program. Her dissertation is a historical recovery of the American origins of our contemporary international legal regime on religious freedom. She completed the LLM program at Harvard Law School and obtained her first law degree (JD) as well as an undergraduate degree in Political Science (BA) from the Ateneo de Manila University. Prior to going to Harvard, she worked as a

“Green Siting for Green Energy”

Amy Wilson Morris, Jessica Owley and Emily Capello

Global Research Network

The Baldy Center is just one node in a growing international network of organizations that advance interdisciplinary research on law, legal institutions and social policy. Below are some of the other members of the global network:

American Bar Foundation

Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies University of Toronto

Centre for Innovation Law and Policy, University of Toronto School of Law

Center on the Global Legal Profession, Indiana University, Bloomington

Center for Law & Globalization, University of Illinois

Center for Law, Society, and Culture, Indiana University, Bloomington

Center for Law & Society, University of Edinburgh

Center in Law, Society, and Culture, University of California Irvine

Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford University

Center for the Study of Law & Society, University of California at Berkeley

Collaborative Research Center 597 “Transformations of the State,” Bremen

law clerk in the Philippine Supreme Court, and was a consultant to the Philippine government negotiating panel in its peace talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Her publications include: “[Religious Law as Foreign Law in Constitutional Interpretation](#)” (International Journal of Constitutional Law) and “[Woodrow Wilson and the Origins of the International Law on Religious Freedom](#)” (Journal of the History of International Law). During her stay at the Baldy Center, she is turning her dissertation into a book manuscript and, in addition, examining the extraterritoriality of the First Amendment.



Kaja Tretjak holds a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall), a B.A. from Columbia University, and is completing her Ph.D. in anthropology at the City University of New York, Graduate Center. Grounded in over two years of ethnographic fieldwork, her doctoral dissertation explores the contemporary resurgence of libertarianism in the U.S. Her research shows how established libertarian organizations, a key component of the longstanding U.S.

conservative coalition, have helped infuse libertarianism with renewed relevance for a generation of youth disenchanted with existing political economic arrangements, many of whom have taken up this knowledge on their own terms in ways that threaten the very political coalition that enabled its popularity. The project further traces an emerging crisis of state legitimacy across political and ideological boundaries, illustrating the centrality of cultural formations beyond policy and electoral politics to the largest popular movement motivated by distinctly libertarian ideas in the postwar period. Kaja is a co-founder of two grassroots, non-profit organizations: [Hol-laback!](#), an international movement to end street harassment, and [Students Active For Ending Rape \(SAFER\)](#), dedicated to fighting sexual violence and rape culture by empowering student-led campaigns to reform how universities handle sexual assault.

Applications for Grant Proposal Assistance Invited

The Baldy Center has a new program to provide proposal development support for law and policy related research funding. Applications for proposal development support are due **November 11**. Decisions will be made by December 2. Non-adjunct UB faculty members are eligible to apply. Please sign in to the Baldy Center webpage and use our [online form](#) to submit your application.

2014-2015 Research Grant Application

The Baldy Center expects to provide funding for a number of UB faculty research projects during 2014-2015. The Center supports research in the broad, interdisciplinary arena of law, legal institutions, and social policy. The Center welcomes both stand-alone and collaborative proposals, as well as proposals aimed at producing baseline research to help garner external funding. Applications due **March 24, 2014**. [Further information](#).

2014-2015 Conference Grant Application

The Baldy Center expects to sponsor several conferences and workshops in 2014-2015 on topics related to law, legal institutions, and social policy. These may range

Critical Research Laboratory
in Law & Society, University
of Toronto

Global Legal Studies Center,
University of Wisconsin Law
School

Institute for Law & Society,
New York University School
of Law

Institute for Legal Studies,
University of Wisconsin Law
School

Institute on Law and Social
Policy, University of Califor-
nia Berkeley

Law Societies & Justice, Uni-
versity of Washington

The Law and Society
Association

Leuven Centre for Global
Governance Studies

Onati International Institute
for the Sociology of Law

National Science Foundation

Program in Law and Public
Affairs, Princeton University

Regulatory Institutions Net-
work (RegNet), Australian
National University

Society for Empirical Legal
Studies, Cornell University

Sociolegal Studies Association
Socio-Legal Research Centre,
Griffith University

USC Center for Law, History
and Culture

World Consortium of Law
and Society

York Centre for Public Policy
and Law

from small, narrowly focused events aimed at intensive discussion (workshops) to larger events involving more participants and guest presentations (conferences). The Center does not serve as a general source of funding for UB conferences and public events on campus, but will occasionally contribute as a co-sponsor to campus events related to the Center's mission. Applications due **March 3, 2014**. [Further information](#).

External Grant Information

The Baldy Center maintains an up-to-date list of funding opportunities for interdisciplinary legal research. [Further information](#).

2013-2014 Research Grants

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, Geography, "Shrinking Cities: Measuring the Social Impacts of Urban Decline Land Management Policies"

Samantha Barbas, Law, "The Laws of Image"

Irus Braverman, Law, "Occupying Nature: The Project of Colonial Conservation in Israel/Palestine"

Jessica Castner, Nursing, "Complaint-Specific Protocols: Layers of Regulation and Emergency Nurse Scope of Practice"

Robert Granfield, Sociology, "The Meaning of and Challenges to Pro Bono Work in Chinese Lawyering: A Sociological Analysis"

Eiichiro Kazumori, Economics, "US Treasury Auctions after the Financial Crisis"

Jessica Owley, Law, "Collaborative Conservation Easement Research"

Harvey D. Palmer, Political Science, "University Affiliations of Supreme Court Justices and Attorneys: How Educational Networks Influence Court Decisions"

Remla Parthasarathy, and **Suzanne Tomkins**, Law, "Identifying and Depicting the Impact of Culture in Intimate Partner Violence Cases"

Kenneth Shockley, Philosophy, "Ethical Dimensions of Climate Change Loss and Damage Protocols"

Baldy Affiliates News

Former Baldy Director Named Distinguished Service Professor

Three new faculty members have joined the Baldy community at the SUNY at Buffalo Law School.



Anya Bernstein, is an interdisciplinary scholar with a J.D. from Yale and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Chicago. Her scholarship examines legitimation in democratic politics and the mutual construction of governments and publics. More information about her can be found in the SUNY Buffalo Law Links article, "[New Professor Anya Bernstein has a Deep Interest in Taiwan and China.](#)"

Baldy Affiliates News

Nancy Denton's Talk Covered in UB Reporter

UB Announces Global Transcript Notation



Luis E. Chiesa's research lies at the intersection of criminal law, philosophy, and comparative law. He earned his J.D. at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, and his masters of law and Ph.D. at Columbia University. More information can be found in the SUNY Buffalo Law Links article, "[Luis Chiesa comes from a legal-minded family.](#)"



Anjana Malhotra researches immigration law, constitutional law and international human rights, with a particular focus on substantive theories of equality and access to justice. Malhotra studied anthropology at Duke University, and received her J.D. from New York University. She will teach a seminar on theories of social justice lawyering as well as establish a new immigrant justice and human rights clinic.

More information about her can be found in the SUNY Buffalo Law Links article, "[Anjana Malhotra will Establish an Immigrant Justice and Human Rights Clinic.](#)"

Conferences



Pictured above: Keynote Speaker Nancy Denton, Professor of Sociology, University at Albany.

September 19-20, 2013

"Workshop on Race, Space, and Exclusion"

This workshop focused on persistent and more recent, innovative spatial forms of racial exclusion in contemporary metropolises. The purpose of the workshop was to examine the connections between longstanding spatial mechanisms of racial exclusion and indirect, elusive spatial practices that have emerged in recent decades. The organizers plan to produce a publication that examines how different theoretical assumptions, approaches, and methods intersect, overlap and feed into each other to advance the understanding of racial exclusion and the consequences for urban minorities.



Pictured above: Conference organizer, Kathryn Friedman.

October 3-4, 2013

"The Great Lakes Futures Project: Policy Pathways Toward a Socio-Ecologically Sustainable Future for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin"

This conference reviewed the policy and governance implications of recommendations developed by an international, interdisciplinary research network of 16 Canadian and U.S. institutions. The goal of the project is to clarify the key drivers and threats to long term flourishing in the Great Lakes Region.

November 15-16, 2013

"ClassCrits VI Workshop: Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political"

This conference will be held at the Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, CA. Hosted by Southwestern Law Review and cosponsored by The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, it will bring together scholars, economists, activists, policymakers, and others to critically examine and take stock of who wins, who loses, how the law facilitates the hierarchical and spatial distribution of winners and losers, and how to use law and politics to develop both real and utopian interstitial spaces of classlessness within the new post-recession global order.

Speakers

Fall 2013

Thursday, Sept 12, 2013

[Patrick Bellegarde-Smith](#), Professor Emeritus, Department of Africology, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

“Entwined Spirits, Cosmological Truths, and Natural Order: Ideas of the “Feminine” in Vodou and Cultural Erasures”

Friday, Sept 20, 2013

[Nancy Denton](#), Professor of Sociology, University at Albany

“Race and Segregation in America: Continuities and Changes” *“Entwined Spirits,*

Friday, Oct 11, 2013

[Randolph Roth](#), Professor of History and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Ohio State University

“Biology, Psychology, and the Deep History of Homicide”

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2013

[Masayuki Murayama](#), Leading Japanese Sociologist of Law, Meiji University

Friday, Oct 18, 2013

[Or Bassok](#), Baldy Center Post-Doctoral Fellow, SUNY Buffalo Law School

“The Court Cannot Hold”

Friday, Nov 8, 2013

[Joyce Sterling](#), Professor of Law, University of Denver, and

[Bryant Garth](#), Chancellor’s Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine

“Data, Polemics, and Panics: The After the JD Project and Legal Education Reform.”

Friday, Dec 6, 2013

[Christine Farley](#), Professor of Law, American University College of Law

“Data, Polemics, and Panics: The After the JD Project and Legal Education Reform.”

Friday, Dec 13, 2013

Paul Williams, Haudenosaunee Lawyer

“Understanding the Great Law.”

Spring 2014

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2014

[Annelise Riles](#), Jack G. Clarke Professor of Far East Legal Studies and Professor of Anthropology, Cornell University Law School

Friday, Feb 7, 2014

[Serena Mayeri](#), Professor of Law and History, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Friday, Mar 7, 2014

[Amy Kapczynski](#), Associate Professor of Law and Director, Global Health Justice Partnership, Yale Law School

Friday, Mar 14, 2014

[Eduardo Penalver](#), Professor of Law, University of Chicago

Friday, Apr 11, 2014

[Aziz Rana](#), Associate Professor of Law, Cornell University Law School

Date TBA

[David Kennedy](#), Professor, Harvard Law School

Book Manuscript Workshops

Fall 2013

Friday, Sept 13, 2013

[Toni Pressley-Sanon](#), *Transnational Studies*

Istwa: Haitian History, Memory, and the Cultural Imagination

Commentators: [Patrick Bellegarde Smith](#), [LeGrace Benson](#)



From Left to Right: Toni Pressley-Sanon, Patrick Belle-garde Smith, LeGrace Benson

Friday, Dec 6, 2013

[Irus Braverman](#), Law

*Wild Life: The Nature of *In Situ *and *Ex Situ * Conservation*

Commentators: [Carrie Friese](#), [Jame Igoe](#), [Jamie Lorimer](#), [Michael Smith](#)

Law and Society News

The Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)

The conference features original empirical legal scholarship by leading scholars from a diverse range of fields.

The 8th annual CELS will take place on Oct 25-26, 2013, at Penn Law School. Philadelphia, PA

2014-2015 Fellowships at Princeton University's Program in Law and Public Affairs

Deadline is Nov 4th, 2013

[More Information](#)

Onati Workshops

The Oñati Institute welcomes applications to organize workshops on topics within the broad field of law in society. It provides a very congenial location for discussions and interactions among a relatively small group of researchers.

Deadline is Feb 17, 2014

[International Institute for the Sociology of Law](#)
[Instituto Internacional de Sociología Jurídica](#)

UK Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference

Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland

Theme TBA

Apr 9-11, 2014

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

“Law and Inequalities: Global and Local”

The 2014 program theme returns to a question central to the Association’s founding: the role of law and legal institutions in sustaining, creating, interrogating, and ameliorating inequalities.

May 29-Jun 1 2014

Minneapolis, MN

XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology

“Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology”

July 13-19 2014

The Baldy Center Advisory Council



The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Advisory Council provides guidance and makes recommendations regarding the Center’s future, vision, mission and policies. The members of the council are (below, left to right)

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen (Professor and Chair of Geography) Research on international business, high technology innovation, labor markets and the aging workforce.

Guyora Binder (SUNY Distinguished Professor of Law) Research in the areas of jurisprudence, criminal law, constitutional law, and international law.

Stephanie Phillips (Professor of Law) Founding member of the Workshop on Critical Race Theory. Research interests in law and religion, and interactions between race, gender, and sexuality.

Kenneth Shockley (Associate Professor of Philosophy) Research on indirect consequentialism, problems of partiality and the normative requirements of group membership, environmental values and public policy.

Mateo Taussing-Rubbo (Professor of Law) Research on the reshaping of legal categories such as citizenship, sovereignty, and property through the deployment of powerful social and political categories such as sacrifice and gift.

Mary Nell Trautner (Associate Professor of Sociology) Research in the areas of sociology of law; gender, sexuality, and the body; also labor and organizations.

David A. Westbrook (Professor of Law) Research about the social and intellectual consequences of contemporary political economy. Teaches on business and international topics, including basic courses in corporations, contracts and international law.

The Baldy Center Staff



Errol Meidinger is the Director of the Baldy Center. He is the Margaret W. Wong Professor of Law, an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at SUNY Buffalo, and also an Honorary Professor at the University of Freiburg. His recent research has focused on efforts to use “supra-governmental” regulatory programs, such as environmental certification and fair labor standards programs, to improve the social and environmental performance of business. He is currently working on two related research projects, one focusing on interactions among state and non-state transnational governance organizations and another on the growing use by governments of limitations on access to their markets to promote environmentally and socially desirable behavior in other states. He earned his JD and Ph.D. (Sociology) at Northwestern University.



Laura Wirth is the Assistant Director of the Baldy Center. She holds a masters degree in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is responsible for organizing and coordinating the Baldy Center’s activities, managing the daily operations and Center staff, maintaining the budget, administering the grant application and award processes for affiliated faculty and fellows, and overseeing event planning and public communications.



Caroline Funk is the Baldy Center Research Associate. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and specializes in the archaeology of human/environment relationships. She has worked in multidisciplinary and multinational teams in Russia, Portugal, and Alaska to answer questions about the intersection of cultural and environmental histories. Caroline currently leads a multidisciplinary research program in the Rat Islands, western Aleutians, Alaska, investigating the long-term history of human use of the region, and the impact of small-scale societies on the environment. Caroline’s primary role is to work with Baldy Center staff and affiliated faculty to develop funding proposals.



Veronica Bartikofsky is the Baldy Center Events Assistant. She has extensive experience in the financial sector as a Branch Manager in retail banking and as a Branch Administrator in the investment industry. She assists with implementing and organizing events that the Center hosts each year, including conferences, guest speakers, and workshops.



Zoe Leach is the Baldy Center Research Assistant. She earned her Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Medaille College in 2011, and has a Bachelor’s Degree in the Fine Arts from The Cooper Union. Zoe’s work supports the full range of Baldy Center activities.

Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)



SUNY Buffalo Law School

The State University of New York



THE BALDY CENTER
for LAW & SOCIAL POLICY

The Baldy Center and SUNY Buffalo Law School cosponsor the Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series.

The Research Paper Series is hosted and distributed by the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) and provides an international, interdisciplinary audience for the Baldy faculty, fellows, and visitors. See the listing of recent papers above.

SUNY Buffalo Law School Faculty Scholarship Brochure

This publication summarizes recent scholarship of the Baldy Center's Law School affiliates. Please follow [this link](#) to view the brochure.

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