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Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to share this update on the Baldy Center. We’ve had an exciting year: our first class of Fellows, conferences on topics ranging from intimate partner violence to climate change, and many interesting talks and workshops (the papers for most of which are available on our website). Also, I am pleased to announce our new Fellows and some of the events scheduled for next year.

Cordially,  
**Errol Meidinger, Director**

**Baldy Fellows Update**

**New Post-Doctoral Fellows for 2013 - 2014**



**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 will investigate the role of law politics in constitutional thinking.

“Rethinking Sustainability to Meet the Climate Change Challenge”

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“Transnational Business Governance Interactions: Conceptualization and Framework for Analysis”

**Burkard Eberlein, Kenneth W. Abbott, Julia Black, Errol Meidinger and Stepan Wood**

“Vertical and Horizontal Perspectives on Rights Consciousness”

**David M. Engel**

“Uprooted Justice: Transformations of Law and Everyday Life in Northern Thailand”

**David M. Engel**

“The Incompatible Treatment of Majorities in Election Law and Deliberative Democracy”

**James A. Gardner**

“The Myth of State Autonomy: Federalism, Political Parties, and the National Colonization of State Politics”

**James A. Gardner**

“Archives Beyond the Pale: Negotiating Legal and Ethical Entanglements After the Belfast Project”

**Christine Anne George**



**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 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 will turn her dissertation into a book manuscript and in addition, examine 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

"Process Failure and Transparency Reform in Local Redistricting"

**Michael Halberstam**

"The Intricacies of Tax & Globalization"

**Sagit Leviner**

"Truth Commission Impact: A Participation-Based Implementation Agenda"

**Tara J. Melish**

"Implementing Truth and Reconciliation: Comparative Lessons for the Republic of Korea"

**Tara J. Melish**

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

**Jessica Owley**

"The Future of the Past: Historic Preservation Easements"

**Jessica Owley**

"Towards Engaged Scholarship"

**John R. Nolon, Michelle Bryan Mudd, Michael Burger, Kim Diana Connolly, Nestor M. Davidson, Matthew J. Festa, Jill Gross, Lisa Heinzerling, Keith H. Hirokawa, Tim Iglesias, Patrick C. McGinley, Sean F. Nolon, Uma Outka, Jessica Owley, Kalyani Robbins, Jonathan D. Rosenbloom and Christopher Serkin**

"Law Schools Under Siege: The Challenge to Enhance Knowledge, Creativity, and Skill Training"

**Robert I. Reis**

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: [Hollaback!](#), 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.

## Research Grants Awarded

### 2013-2014 Research Grants

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

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

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

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

**Samantha Barbas**, Law, "The Laws of Image"

**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"

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

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

### 2013-2014 Conference Grants

**Kathryn Bryk Friedman, Himanshu Grover, Laura Garofalo, and Robert Shibley**, School of Architecture and Planning, Regional Institute, "The Great Lakes Futures Project: Policy Pathways Toward a Socio-Ecologically Sustainable Future for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin"

**Athena Mutua**, Law, **Martha McCluskey**, Law, and **Jessica Owley**, Law, "Class-Crit VI. Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political."

**Christopher Mele**, Sociology, and **Robert Adelman**, Sociology, "Workshop on Race, Space, and Exclusion"

“Smoke and Mirrors: America Invents Act 2011: A Chill in the Air”

**Robert I. Reis**

“Appraising 9/11: Just Compensation Dilemmas from the United Airlines Flight 93 Crash Site”

**Mateo Taussig-Rubbo**

”The Culture of Financial Institutions; the Institution of Political Economy”

**David A. Westbrook**

### 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

## Baldy Affiliates News

### Former Baldy Director Named Distinguished Service Professor



Former Director of the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, **Lynn Mather**, has been appointed a Distinguished Service Professor for her outstanding service both locally and internationally. This esteemed designation is the highest rank of professorship in the SUNY system. Mather is a professor of law and political science at UB, as well as an active interdisciplinary scholar. Her most recent book, “**Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context**” (University of Chicago Press, 2012), co-edited with Leslie C. Levin, is the first to present empirical research on ethical decision making in legal practice.

### Past Baldy Conference Results in Special Issue of Buffalo Human Rights Law Review



On October 24, 2011, The Baldy Center hosted the conference, “Implementing Truth and Reconciliation: Comparative Lessons for Korea,” which generated a special issue of the **Buffalo Human Rights Law Review**. The issue leads off with an article by SUNY Buffalo Law Professor, Baldy Affiliate, and Director of the Buffalo Human Rights Center, Tara Melish. The issue also includes the following articles: Dr. Theresa Chun, “A Survivor’s Testimony: Closing Remarks to the Conference on “Implementing Truth and Reconciliation: Comparative Lessons for Korea,” Kim Dong-Choon, “Korea’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission: An Overview and Assessment,” Hun Joon Kim, “Trial and Error in Transitional Justice: Learning from South Korea’s Truth Commissions,” Tae-Ung Baik, “Fairness in Transitional Justice Initiatives: The Case of South Korea,” John D. Ciorciari and Jaya Ramji-Nogales, “Lessons from the Cambodian Experience with Truth and Reconciliation,” Lisa J. Laplanche, “Negotiating Reparation Rights: The Participatory and Symbolic Quotients,” Ereshnee Naidu, “Symbolic Reparations and Reconciliation: Lessons from South Africa,” and Tara J. Melish, “Lessons from Comparative Experience: Implementing South Korea’s TRC Recommendations.”

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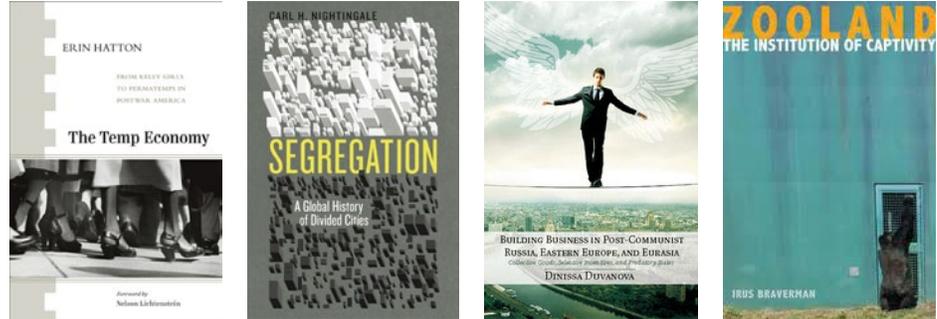
Baldy Advisory Council member, **David Westbrook**, has been appointed Director of Global Strategic Initiatives for the SUNY Buffalo Law School, and will focus on expanding the Law School’s international engagement and presence. A major initiative designed to implement this goal is an accelerated J.D. program for international students who already hold a law degree.

In addition, the Law School will seek to rejuvenate and expand upon its existing programs that already facilitate global, scholarly collaboration and learning,

Center for the Study of Law & Society, University of California at Berkeley  
 Collaborative Research Center 597 “Transformations of the State,” Bremen  
 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 California Berkeley  
 Law Societies & Justice, University 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 Network (RegNet), Australian National 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

including the [New York City Program in Finance and Law](#), Collaboration with the [Canada-U.S. Legal Studies Centre](#), worldwide legal internships for UB students, and programs of the [Baldy Center](#) that bring in foreign scholars as fellows, speakers, and conference participants.

## Book Manuscript Workshops Yield Results



Designed to offer a stimulating interdisciplinary discussion of a particular topic while also providing valuable feedback to UB faculty authors, the Baldy Center’s recent Book Manuscript Workshops have led to the publication of four books in outstanding university presses. Sociology Professor [Erin Hatton’s](#) book, “The Temp Economy; From Kelly Girls to Permatemps in Postwar America,” received an Honorable Mention in the [Labor and Labor Movements Section of the American Sociological Association](#) in 2012. History Professor Carl Nightingale’s book, “[Segregation: A Global History of Divided Cities](#),” was published in 2012 by the University of Chicago Press. Political Science Professor [Dinissa Duvanova’s](#), “[Building Business in Post-Communist Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia](#),” was published by the Cambridge University Press in 2012. Law Professor [Irus Braverman’s](#) book “[Zooland: The Institution of Captivity](#),” recently published by the Standford University Press, received a Bronze Medal in the 2013 Independent Publisher Book Awards.

## Conferences

### Upcoming Conferences

September 19-20, 2013

#### “Workshop on Race, Space, and Exclusion”

This workshop addresses persistent and more recent, innovative spatial forms of racial exclusion in contemporary metropolises. The purpose of this workshop is to examine the connections between longstanding spatial mechanisms of racial exclusion and indirect, elusive spatial practices that have emerged in recent decades, and 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.

### Recent Conferences

May 2-3, 2013

#### “Leading the Way: Moving New York State Towards a Public Health & Safety Approach to Drug Policy”

## Baldy Affiliates News

Fellowship to support Braverman's research on conservation management

UB website features Baldy Affiliate Amy Kedron's research

Law School conference tackles lobbying and campaign finance

Election Law Journal publishes Baldy Center Conference Scholarship on Democratic Process Regulation

Hosted by the [Drug Policy Alliance of NY](#); cosponsored by the [Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy](#), the [Center for Effective Public Policy](#), the [UB Department of Sociology](#), the [UB School of Public Health and Health Professions](#), the [UB Research Institute on Addictions](#), and the [SUNY Buffalo Law School](#). This conference examined current drug policy in New York and outlined action steps to help New York State lead the nation in implementing health and safety focused drug policies. Please visit the [Conference Website](#) for more information.

April 18-19, 2013

### **“The Big Thaw: Sustainability Policy, Governance, and Climate Change in the Circumpolar North”**



Pictured on Left: Speakers from “The Big Thaw: Sustainability Policy, Governance, and Climate Change in the Circumpolar North.” Left to right: Courtney Price Jessica Owley and David Stroud

This conference brought together experts in science, law, sociology, and other fields to explore the pressing issue of climate change in the arctic. Conference participants discussed international, national, and local understandings of environmental, cultural, social and economic change in the arctic, interweaving the contexts of policy, legal, local and scientific models. For more information, please visit the [Conference Website](#).

April 16, 2013

### **“Human Rights in the Middle East and Central Africa: Comparisons and Contrasts Between Rwanda and Israel”**

Sponsored by the [Alison L. Des Forges Memorial Committee](#) with co-sponsorship from [the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy](#), the [Buffalo Human Rights Center](#), the [UB Gender Institute](#), [Buffalo State College's Anne Frank Project](#), and the [Western New York Peace Center](#). More information can be found by visiting the [Conference Website](#).

March 8-9, 2013

### **“Under the Influence? Interest Groups, Lobbying, and Campaign Finance”**



Pictured on Left: First Panel from “Under the Influence? Interest Groups, Lobbying and Campaign Finance.” Left to right: Lloyd Hitoshi Mayer, Heather Gerken, Lee Drutman, and Nicholas Allard.

The conference investigated crosscutting themes including: the influence of outside money on state and local election contests and legislatures, the impact of the Supreme Court's recent First Amendment decisions on state authority to regulate state and local campaign spending and lobbying activity, the incentives provided by the tax code for corporate political spending, and the promise and limits of disclosure. More information is available by visiting the [Conference Website](#).

## Speakers

### Upcoming Conferences

Friday May 17, 2013

#### Distinguished Speaker

**Kim Lane Scheppele**, Rockefeller Professor and Director, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University

*“The International State of Emergency: Constitutional Stress and the Globalization of Public Law”*

Friday May 10, 2013

#### Work in Progress Speaker

**Irus Braverman**, Professor, SUNY Buffalo Law School

*“Conservation without Nature: The Trouble with In Situ versus Ex Situ Conservation.”*

Monday April 29, 2013

#### Book Manuscript Workshop

**Ellen Berrey**, Assistant Professor, UB Sociology

*“Bottom Line Diversity: Race and Productive Pluralism in the Post-Civil Rights Era”*

Commentators: **Khiara Bridges**, Boston University, **Douglas Hartmann**, University of Minnesota, **Nancy Maclean**, Duke University.

Monday April 15, 2013

#### Visiting Speaker

**Judge Ricardo Li Rosi**, Argentina National Court of Appeal

*“Judicial Independence and Constitutional Reform in Latin America”*

Monday April 12, 2012

#### Distinguished Speaker

**David Super**, Professor of Law, Georgetown University

*“The Modernization of American Public Law: Health Care Reform and Popular Constitutionalism”*

Friday March 29, 2013

#### Work in Progress Speaker

**Julia Tomassetti**, Baldy Fellow

*“Who is a Worker? FedEx Home Delivery, the Copyright ‘Work-for-Hire’ Doctrine, and the Status-Contract Contradiction in Employment”*

Monday March 25, 2013

#### Guest Speaker

**Caroline Nguyen Ticarro-Parker**, Founder and Executive Director, Catalyst Foundation

*“A Catalyst for Human Rights and Dignity: Protecting Children and Building Communities in the Mekong Delta”*

Monday March 25, 2013

**Co-sponsored Speaker**

**Marjorie Heins**, Founding Director, [Free Expression Policy Project](#)

*"Priests of Our Democracy: The Supreme Court, Academic Freedom, and the Anti-Communist Purge"*

Co-hosted with [Special Collections for University Libraries](#)

Monday March 25, 2013

**Co-sponsored Speaker**

**Kathleen Biddick**, Professor of History, [Temple University](#), and [Baldy Fellow](#)

*"Tears of Reign: Big Sovereigns Do Cry"*

Thursday February 28, 2013

**Co-sponsored Speaker**

**Tracy Mitrano**, Director of IT Policy, [Cornell University](#)

*"The Internet and Privacy in an Information Economy"*

Co-sponsored by the [Law library](#), and the [Teaching and Learning Center](#)

Friday February 22, 2013

**Distinguished Speaker**

**Chantal Thomas**, Professor of Law, [Cornell University](#)

*"What Does the Emerging International Law of Migration Mean for Sovereignty?"*

Friday February 15, 2013

**Work in Progress Speaker**

**Christina Boyd**, Assistant Professor, [UB Political Science](#)

*"She'll Settle it? The Effects of Judge Sex on Case Settlement in Federal District Courts"*

Thursday February 7, 2013

**Co-sponsored Speaker**

**Kathleen Biddick**, Professor of History, [Temple University](#); and [Baldy Fellow](#)

*"Deciding on the Tree of Life: The Biopolitics of Political Theology"*

Hosted by the [Early Modern Reading Group](#) and co-sponsored by the [Ecocritical Studies Research Workshop](#)

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## Law and Society News

**Interpreting and Advancing Women's Rights to Social Security and Social Protection**

*Oñati, Spain June 6 - 7, 2013*

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

[Website](#)

**Legal Reforms, Social Responses to the Crisis and the Precarization of Life Conditions in Contemporary Society**

*Oñati, Spain, June 13 - 14, 2013*

International Institute for the Sociology of Law - Instituto Internacional de Sociología Jurídica

**Legal Frames of Memory: Transitional Justice in Central and Eastern Europe: Call for Papers**

*Warsaw, November 27-29, 2013*

See link for full details. Call closes: 30 June 2013.

[PDF Link](#)

**RegNet Invites Applications for Professor**

*Oñati, Spain June 6 - 7, 2013*

RegNet is an interdisciplinary research group whose main goal is to challenge and advance current understanding and approaches to questions of private, public, and NGO governance through regulatory frameworks that develop evidence-based theory, policy and practice (based in Canberra, Australia).

All positions available at <http://regnet.anu.edu.au/news/want-work-regnet>

[Website](#)

**Performing Prejudice: Call for Papers**

*Newcastle, July 22, 2013*

[Newcastle University](#)

[Performing Prejudice Website](#)

**Marie Curie Individual Fellowships at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei**

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Italian leading research institute devoted to the study of sustainable development and global governance, welcomes Marie Curie Individual Fellowship applications on a wide range of economic, environmental and energy research areas. Offering both [Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development](#) and [International Incoming Fellowships](#).

[Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei Website](#)

**Max Weber and China: Culture, Law and Capitalism**

*Centre of Chinese Studies, Russell Square, London*

Please visit [website](#) for further details. Call closes: June 15, 2013

**Sociology of Law and Political Action**

*Toulouse, September 3 -6, 2013*

[Sciences Po Toulouse](#), [Research Committee on Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association](#), [the European Network on Law and Society](#)

[Registration](#) is open until July 15th, 2013, preferential rates until June 15th, 2013.

[Website](#)

## 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** (Associate 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** (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.

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## The Baldy Center Staff



**Errol Meidinger** is the Director of the Baldy Center. He is a Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Sociology at SUNY Buffalo.. 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. The first focuses on interactions among state and non-state transnational governance organizations and is a collaboration with several scholars at other universities. The second seeks to understand 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 J.D. and a Ph.D. (Sociology) from Northwestern University.



**Laura Wirth** is the Assistant Director of the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy. 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, and manages the daily operations and Center staff. Laura main-

tains the budget and creates reports relevant to fiscal planning and projections. In addition, she administers the grant application and award processes for affiliated faculty and fellows, and oversees event planning and public communications. Laura works closely with Director Errol Meidinger to implement policy directives and new initiatives adopted by the Baldy Advisory Council.



**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/environmental relationships. She has worked in multidisciplinary and multinational teams in Chukotka, Portugal, and Alaska to answer questions about the intersection of cultural and environmental histories. She was a member of the Historic Properties team at the MC-252 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response where she was deployed by the National Park Service to develop systems to streamline the Section 106 consultation process during clean up operations. Caroline currently leads a multidisciplinary research program in the Rat Islands, western Aleutians, Alaska. She and the group are investigating the long-term history of human use of the region to understand the impact of small-scale societies on the environment and to contribute to federally driven ecological restoration in the region. Caroline will work with the Baldy Center and affiliated faculty to develop funding proposals.



**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.



**Anikroma Beko** is the Student Assistant for the Baldy Center. She currently is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in English with the intent to further her education in the area of Law. Anikroma provides advanced administrative and clerical support to the Baldy Center administration, staff, and faculty.

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## Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series Social Science Research Network (SSRN)



**SUNY Buffalo Law School**  
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The Baldy Center and SUNY Buffalo Law School co-sponsor 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.

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