Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share this update on recent developments at the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at the SUNY Buffalo Law School. Please note especially that applications for 2013-2014 Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies are due on February 1.

Sincerely,
Errol Meidinger, Director

Baldy Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies
Applications Invited for 2013 - 2014

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at the State University of New York at Buffalo plans to award several fellowships for 2013-14 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 will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships are available to individuals who have completed the PhD or JD 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 $2000 in professional travel support.

Mid-Career and Senior Fellowships are available as sabbatical supplements to established scholars who wish to work at the Center. Stipends will be commensurate with experience, need, and duration of visit.

Application materials include: (1) a description of the planned research (ques-
tion, conceptual framework, method, possible findings, importance to the field), (2) a complete academic and professional resume, (3) an academic writing sample, and (4) the names and contact information of three academic references. Please note especially that applications for the Baldy Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies for 2013 - 2014 are due on February 1, 2013. The application can be found on our website at: http://law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter

Additional questions about the Baldy Fellows Program should be addressed to Assistant Director Laura Wirth, baldyassistantdirector@gmail.com or 1-716-645-2581.

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2012 - 2013 Baldy Fellows

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy launched a new fellowship program last spring for interdisciplinary legal scholars. The Center awarded four fellowships for 2012 - 2013 to scholars pursuing important topics in law, legal institutions, and social policy. These four fellows are:

Post Doctoral Fellows

Mireille Abelin completed her PhD in anthropology at Columbia University in 2012. Her dissertation examined the emergence of a political discourse of “fiscal sovereignty” (soberania fiscal) after Argentina’s sovereign debt default of 2001, as well as the state’s efforts to stabilize notions of value and reconstitute citizens as taxpayers and users of national currency. As an Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Fellow at the Baldy Center, she is pursuing a comparative project on perceptions of selfhood, sovereignty, and money as they crystallize in anti-tax movements in the United States and Argentina (both of which intensified in 2008). Her research examines the paradox of why, in the aftermath of fiscal crises caused by financial deregulation, a discourse celebrating unfettered markets, individual rights, and limited government has continued to hold tremendous appeal in both countries. Bringing an anthropological perspective to bear on the study of fiscal relations in modern state contexts, she is analyzing popular and scholarly notions of economic obligation, examining narrative constructions of where gratitude and recognition for economic prosperity is directed. She is particularly interested in the dearth of attention accorded to the problem of economic obligation in Anglo-American theories of citizenship, and is exploring the circumstances under which rights-based citizenship paradigms have become divorced from fiscally mediated visions of political community.

Nimer Sultany graduated from Harvard Law School’s Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program, where his doctoral work focused on progressive constitutional and political theory. He has law degrees from the College of Management...
Mateo Taussig-Rubbo
From the ‘Stranger King’ to the ‘Stranger Constitution’: Domesticating Sovereignty in Kenya

David Westbrook
Dinner Parties During ‘Lost Decades’: On the Difficulties of Rethinking Financial Markets, Fostering Elite Consensus, and Renewing Political Economy

Global Research Network
The Baldy Center is just one node in an 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
- World Consortium of Law and Society
- Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation
- Center in Law, Society, and Culture at University of California Irvine
- Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Oxford University
- Center for the Study of Law & Society University of California at Berkeley
- Institute for Law & Society, New York University School of Law
- Institute for Legal Studies University of Wisconsin Law School

(LLB), Tel Aviv University (LLM), and the University of Virginia (LLM). He worked as a human rights lawyer in the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, and headed the Political Monitoring Project at Mada al-Carmel - The Arab Center for Applied Social Research. His publications include: “The State of Progressive Constitutional Theory: The Paradox of Constitutional Democracy and the Project of Political Justification” (Harvard Civil Rights - Civil Liberties Law Review); Citizens without Citizenship: Israel and the Palestinian Minority (Mada, 2003); “The Legacy of Justice Aharon Barak: A Critical Review “ (Harvard International Law Journal Online); and (with Nadim Rouhana) “Redrawing the Boundaries of Citizenship: Israel’s New Hegemony “ (Journal of Palestine Studies). During his stay at the Baldy Center he is examining the constitutionalization of religion in post-Arab Spring constitutionalism.

Julia Tomassetti earned her JD at Harvard Law School and is completing her doctoral work in Sociology at UCLA. She studies labor and employment law, labor relations, and economic sociology. Distinguished Professor Maurice Zeitlin chairs her doctoral committee. After completing her JD in 2002 she practiced employment law and campaign finance law in New York City for five years. Her primary research interest is the sociolegal construction of employment as a distinct, but contingent and contradictory, social relationship. Her dissertation investigates how legal decision-makers have conceptualized employment in emergent forms of work since the 1960s, and how their conceptualizations reshape and appear to restabilize basic social boundaries, including those between the economic and non-economic, public and private, citizen and pauper, worker and entrepreneur, and professional and non-professional. She also examines how sociolegal constructions of employment address legally constituted contradictions in class relations, including the doctrinal enactment of employment as both a contract and a status arrangement. In addition to analyzing contingent work relationships such as independent contracting and temporary employment, she looks at the relatively unexamined category of “non-economic” paid work relationships, including prison labor, workfare, and graduate student teaching, in which parties contest the legal classification of the work as “employment” because they dispute the “economic” location of the relationships.

Senior Fellow
Kathleen Biddick is Professor of History at Temple University. She has authored books in the fields of medieval studies, critical historiography, and theory: The Other Economy; The Shock of Medievalism; The Typological Imaginary: Circumcision, Technology and History. She has been the recipient of numerous fellowships: Fulbright Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Stanford Humanities Center, Dartmouth Humanities Center, National Science Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies Curriculum Development Award. Her current book project, Entangled Sovereignty: A Study in Premodern Political Theology, delves into the return of the miracle in contemporary theories of sovereignty and discusses its importance for premodern scholars and for contemporary theory. She traces the links between the discourse of the most powerful abbey of twelfth-century Christendom, Cluny in Burgundy, which defined miracle-making in terms of its declared enemies, Jews and Muslims, and the theoretical writings of Walter Benjamin, Giorgio Agamben, Roberto Esposi-
to and Jean-Luc Nancy. The project argues that these medieval dead neighbors of Cluny remain undead and driven in the drive of contemporary theory, until their archive is recognized and embraced. During her stay at the Baldy Center in Spring 2013, she will be turning her studies into a monograph.
Upcoming Baldy Center Conferences

March 8-9, 2013
**Under the Influence? Interest Groups, Lobbying, and Campaign Finance**
This will be the first conference devoted to focusing on the interaction between lobbying and campaign finance practices and regulation, with significant implications for the negotiation and redefinition of the appropriate relations between markets and politics.

April 19-20, 2013
**The Big Thaw: Sustainability Policy, Governance, and Climate Change in the Circumpolar North**
This conference will explore changes in international, national, and local governance processes and institutions in northern regions related to climate change.

May, 2013
**A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy in New York State**
This conference will elaborate, critique, and further develop a series of recommendations to move New York forward in aligning its drug policies in ways that will improve the health of individuals, families, and communities.

Recent Baldy Center Conferences

October 18-19, 2012
**Intimate Partner Violence: One Community’s Response**
This conference focused on local and global challenges to addressing interpersonal violence as examined through various models of scholarship and concepts of advocacy.

The conference brought over 200 attendees from the legal, activist, and academic communities and beyond.

May 18-19, 2012
**The Future of Heritage: Law, Ethics and Sustainability**
This conference focused on the legal and ethical issues regarding cultural heritage management on the global, national and local levels and examined the challenges facing the sustaining of that heritage for future generations.
April 26-27, 2012
Beyond Jurisdiction: Wetlands Policy for the Next Generation
This conference provided an opening forum for scholars and advocates from all perspectives to think about how the narrow focus of recent years has stagnated the thought and action necessary to take the next steps to protect and sustain wetlands.

April 19-20, 2012
Where Now? Moving Beyond Traditional Legal Geographies
Participating scholars sought to expand the present intellectual boundaries of the critical legal geography project through a collaborative investigation of new themes and questions.

Baldy Center Presentations and Workshops 2012
Friday, February 10, 2012
How to Do Things with Boundaries: Redistricting and the Construction of Politics
James Gardner, SUNY Buffalo Law School

Friday, March 2, 2012
How the Earth Became a Collection of Land Uses ~ or Did it? Reflections on Doing Sociolegal Research in a Post-Theoretical Age
Mariana Valverde, University of Toronto

Friday, April 6, 2012
Judging Children as Children
Hon. Micheal A. Corriero, New York Center for Juvenile Justice

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Interdisciplinary Legal Scholarship: Experiences, Probabilities and Suggestions
Franz von Benda-Beckmann, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Thursday, April 19, 2012
The Character of Place: Communities and the Logic of Economic Change
Maryann Feldman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Co-sponsored with the Geography Department

Thursday, September 13, 2012
On Marriage, Modernity, and the Production of Social Facts in Perry vs. Schwarzenegger and the B.C. Supreme Court’s 2011 Polygamy Reference
Yvonne Zylan, Hamilton College
Co-sponsored with the Sociology Department
Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
Inventing Civil Rights Lawyering: National Organizing for Racial Justice, 1880-1915  
Susan Carle, American University Law School

Friday, October 5, 2012  
The Sharia Clause: Islamic Law, Democracy, and Constitutionalism in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring  
Nimer Sultany, Baldy Fellow

Friday, October 5, 2012  
The Americans with Disabilities Act and the Supreme Court’s Olmstead Decision: Where Are We Today?  
Alison Barkoff, U.S. Department of Justice  
Co-sponsored with the Center for Disability Studies

**Law and Society News**

Czarnota to become Scientific Director of International Institute for the Sociology of Law  
The International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL) is located in Oñati, Gipuzkoa, Spain, and works to create academic links and collaborative relations with various European and non-European universities by providing facilities for seminars, workshops, visiting scholars and library research.

The Law and Society Association Annual Conference  

SLSA Conference 2013: Call for Papers  
Over the past 21 years the annual SLSA conference has become an important international event in socio-legal studies. Abstracts are due by January 14.

Research Committee on Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association (ISA/RCSL)  
Sciences Po Toulouse is organizing, in collaboration with ISA/RCSL, and with the support of the European Network on Law and Society (RED&S), a Congress, which will take place in Toulouse, from September 3-6, 2013 on the theme “Sociology of Law and Political Action”. The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to February 15, 2013.
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 (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.

Emeritus Baldy Center Advisory Council Members

The Center is grateful for the dedicated service of these former Council members (from left to right):

Robert Granfield (Sociology)

James Wooten (Law)
The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy
About Us

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Research projects and events organized by UB faculty members cover a broad array of topics including but not limited to human rights, courts, regulatory governance, legal geography, social inequality, the legal profession, religion, and cultural understandings of law. The Center fosters and supports scholars whose work bridges disciplines and contributes to the broad picture of law and society research and scholarship.

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 maintains 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.

Ashley White is the Baldy Center Events Assistant. She earned her Bachelors degree in Communication from the University at Buffalo. Ashley assists with organizing and implementing the many 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.

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.

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

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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