



Picture on Right: Attorney Gerry Hebert, presenting at the “Major Developments in Restricting” Conference

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Recent SSRN Papers by Baldy Center Affiliates

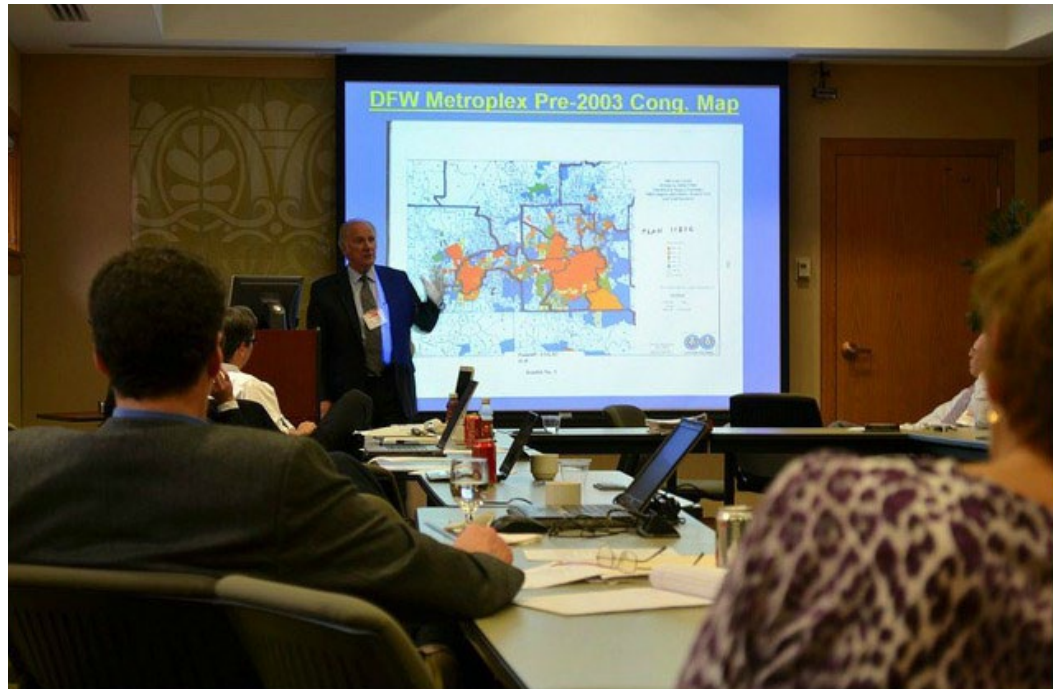
Following are papers that have been published in the Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series in the past 18 months.

Mark Bartholomew
An Intersystemic View of Intellectual Property and Free Speech

Irus Braverman
Checkpoint Watch: Reflections on Israel’s Border Administration in the West Bank

Looking at Zoos

S. Todd Brown
Constitutional Gaps in Bankruptcy Adjudication



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to send you this update on recent developments at the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy.

With best wishes,
Errol Meidinger, Director

New Fellowship Program Applications Invited

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at SUNY Buffalo is launching a new fellowship program to award several fellowships for 2012-2013 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 will be expected to participate regularly in Baldy Center events, but otherwise will have no obligations beyond vigorously pursuing their research. Those who wish to teach a course to aid their research or gain teaching experience will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

Fellows will also be encouraged to develop collaborative research projects with SUNY Buffalo faculty members where appropriate.

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

David Engel

The Spirits Were Always Watching': Buddhism, Secular Law, and Social Change in Thailand

James Gardner

How to Do Things with Boundaries: Redistricting and the Construction of Politics

Election Law as Applied Democratic Theory

Lise Gelernter

How Much Power Does a Labor Arbitrator Have? What the Latest Court Decisions Mean for Arbitrators, Employers, Unions and National Labor Policy?

Stuart Lazer

The Unreasonable Case for a Reasonable Compensation Standard in the Public Company Context: Why it is Unreasonable to Insist on Reasonableness

Sagit Leviner

Tax Preparers and the Role They Play in Taxpayer Compliance: An Empirical Investigation with Policy Implications

Lynn Mather

Lawyerly Fidelity: An Ethical and Empirical Critique

Why Context Matters

Martha McCluskey

How the 'Unintended Consequences' Story Promotes Unjust Intent and Impact

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 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 (question, 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.

Applications should be submitted no later than June 15, 2012 at <http://baldycenter.info/cgi-bin/applications/bfils12/application.cgi>

Questions about the Baldy Fellows Program should be addressed to Director Errol Meidinger, baldydirector@gmail.com or 1-716-645-6692.

Research Grants

To further its mission of advancing interdisciplinary research on law, legal institutions, and social policy the Baldy Center has awarded 13 small research grants for 2012-2013. Awardees and their project titles include:

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen (Geography), Biomass Based Bioenergy Production: The role of Policy, Markets, and Institutions



Christina Boyd

Christina Boyd (Political Science), Analyzing Litigation in the Federal District Courts

Irus Braverman (Law), Globalizing Zoos: The Administration of Saving the Planet

Jaume Franquesa (Anthropology), Renewable Energy and Energy Transition in the Context of Southern Europe's Fiscal Crisis

Jennifer Gaynor (History), A "nasty pirates' nest" in the 17th Century

Erin Hatton (Sociology), Working but Not Employed: Work and the Struggle for Worker Rights beyond the Boundaries of the Law

Charles M. Lamb (Political Science), Fair Housing in the Twentieth Century



Anthony O'Rourke

Anthony O'Rourke (Law), An Analysis of Supreme Court Attitudinal Voting Across Rights

Jessica Owley (Law), Sustainability in the Age of Climate Change

Gwynn Thomas (Transnational Studies), When a Woman Leads: Regendering Political Power and Leadership in Latin America

Mary Nell Trautner (Sociology), Art v. Science: Cultures of Community and Professionalism in Lawyers' Narratives of Case Screening and Selection

Camilo Trumper (Transnational Studies), Ephemeral Histories: Public Sphere, Public Space and Political Citizenship in Chile, 1970-1973

Deborah Waldrop (Social Work), Call 911: How Public Health Policy Influences Emergency Decision-making at Life's End

**Tara Melish &
Alfred Konefsky**

Justice Jackson's 1946
Nuremberg Reflections at
Buffalo: An Introduction

**Tara Melish &
Errol Meidinger**

Protect, Respect, Remedy
and Participate: 'New
Governance' Lessons for
the Ruggie Framework

Makau Mutua

A Critique of Rights in
Transitional Justice: The
African Experience

Sexual Orientation and
Human Rights: Putting
Homophobia on Trial

Jessica Owley

Exacted Conservation Ease-
ments Emerging Concerns
with Enforcement

Neoliberal Land

Conservation and Social
Justice

Chris Pashler

Smithers, What's the Name
of this Gastropod? King-Size
Homer and the Social Secu-
rity Administration's Subjec-
tive Evaluation of Fatness

Winifred Sullivan

Joan's Two Bodies: A Study
in Political Anthropology

Mateo Taussing-Rubbo

Value of Valor: Money, Med-
als and Military Labor

The Unsacrificeable Subject?

Baldy Center Conferences 2011 - 2012



Dr. Theresa Chun speaking at the "Truth and Reconciliation: Comparative Lessons for Korea" Conference

The Baldy Center hosted six major conferences in the 2011-2012 academic year and plans several more in the coming months.

September 11-13, 2011

40 Years After the Attica Uprising: Looking Back, Moving Forward

This conference sought to educate the public about the events that took place during the Attica Uprising, hear first-hand from individuals involved in hostage negotiations, better understand the impact of current prison policies, and begin the process of healing the wounds.

October 14-15, 2011

Major Developments in Redistricting

This conference explored and debated trends relating to redistricting on the national and local levels.

October 24, 2011

Implementing Truth and Reconciliation: Comparative Lessons for Korea

Experts on Truth and Reconciliation Commissions from around the globe came together to reflect on national experiences with implementing truth and reconciliation and to offer lessons for the recently concluded TRC process in South Korea.

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.

April 26-27, 2012

Beyond Jurisdiction: Wetlands Policy for the Next Generation

This conference provided an opening platform 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.

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

The Law and Society Association

National Science Foundation

World Consortium of Law and Society

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

Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies University of Toronto

Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Oxford University

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

Institute for Legal Studies University of Wisconsin Law School

Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation

Institute on Law and Social Policy, University of California Berkeley

Institute on Law and Social Policy, University of California Berkeley

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

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

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 examine the challenges facing the sustaining of that heritage for future generations.

The Baldy Center encourages you to participate in our upcoming conferences. More information can be found on the Baldy Center website:

October 18-19, 2012

Intimate Partner Violence: The Ripple Effect of Education, Research and Advocacy

Will focus on local and global challenges addressing interpersonal violence (IPV) examined through various models of scholarship and concepts of advocacy.

April 18-19, 2013

The Big Thaw: Sustainability Policy, Governance, and Climate Change in the Circumpolar North

Will explore international, national, and local perceptions of environmental, cultural, social and economic change, thereby facilitating a dialogue among, policy, legal, local and scientific models.

The Baldy Center and the Future of Interdisciplinary Legal Studies



Director,
Errol Meidinger

For the past two years the Director and Advisory Council have been engaged in a sustained series of conversations aimed at finding the best way forward for the next phase of the Center. These conversations have included many UB faculty, colleagues from other universities with experience and wisdom to share, and public and private grant officials, among others.

One of our most rewarding series of conversations has been with a group of Distinguished Speakers on ‘The Future of Interdisciplinary Legal Studies: Predictions and Prescriptions.’ The speakers who have visited, and are yet to visit, are listed below.

One of the most important results of the discussions thus far is the Baldy Fellows Program described on the first page of this newsletter. Others will follow.

A next step in this conversation will occur at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association this June. Errol Meidinger, Director of the Baldy Center, organized and will participate in a roundtable discussion on “The Role of Research Centers in the Future of Law and Society.” Michael W. McCann, President of the Law & Society Association, will chair the session. Andrew James Harding (National University of Singapore), Robert Nelson (American Bar Foundation/Northwestern U) and Kim Lane Schepple (Princeton University) will be among the participants. This panel will provide a platform for law and society research center directors and affiliates to discuss ways in which centers can work and collaborate to advance the overall project of law and society research.

The Future of Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Predicting and Prescriptions

The distinguished speakers we have hosted this past year include:

Scott Barclay, Drexel University, September 9, 2012

Robert Nelson - American Bar Foundation, Northwestern University, September 23, 2012

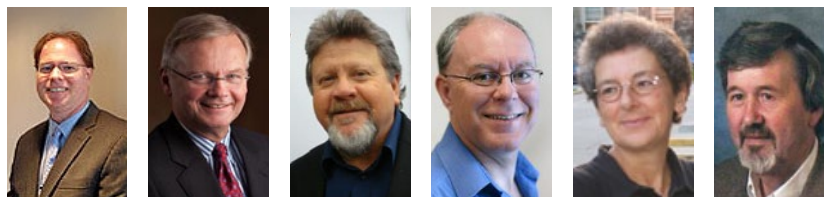
Michael McCann, University of Washington, October 21, 2012

Andrew Harding, University of Victoria, December 2, 2012

Mariana Valverde, University of Toronto-March 2, 2012

Franz von Benda-Beckmann, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, April 18, 2012

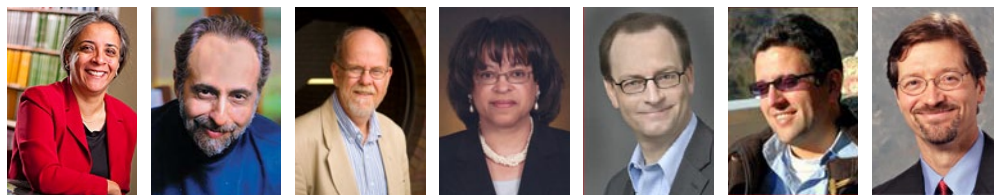
Upcoming presentations by speakers and visiting scholars are available on the [Events Calendar](#) and information about past events is available on the [Event Archive](#).



Listed from left to right: Barclay, Nelson, McCann, Harding, Valverde, & Benda-Beckmann

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 Committee consists of (see pictures below, left to right)



Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen (Professor and Chair of Geography) Research includes 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.

Robert Granfield (Professor and Chair of Sociology; Co-Founder, Civic Engagement and Public Policy) Research on the role of the legal profession in law and legal institutions and on the sociology of alcohol and drug use with an emphasis on natural recovery from addiction.

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.

James Wooten (Professor of Law) Research on tax and regulatory policies affecting retirement plans, health plans, and other employee benefit plans. Member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy

About Us



Distinguished Speaker, Scott Barclay (Drexel University)-Speaking on Future Directions in Law and Social Sciences.

The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy is an endowed, internationally recognized institute that advances interdisciplinary research on law, legal institutions and social policy at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo.

More than 150 faculty members from numerous departments participate in Baldy Center research, conferences, consortia, and publications.

The Center maintains cooperative ties to other interdisciplinary research centers and co-sponsors a network of socio-legal scholars in the Great Lakes Region. The Baldy Center also hosts distinguished scholars from around the world as visitors, speakers, fellows and conference participants.

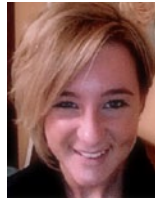
The Baldy Center Staff



Errol Meidinger is the Director of the Baldy Center. He holds both a J.D. and a Ph.D.(Sociology) from Northwestern University. 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 public and private 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.



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 set by the Baldy Advisory Council.



Rebecca Ott recently earned her masters degree in Higher Education Administration (Ed.M.) from the University at Buffalo and is the new Research Assistant for the Baldy Center. She assists the Director in gathering and communicating information relevant to the Baldy Center programs.



Ashley White earned her Bachelors degree in Communication from the University at Buffalo and is the new Baldy Center Events Assistant. She assists with organizing and implementing the many events that the Center hosts each year, including conferences, guest speakers, and workshops.

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series



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.

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