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## I. Center Overview

### a. History

Created in 1978 under a bequest from Buffalo attorney Christopher Baldy, The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy supports interdisciplinary research on law, legal institutions and social policy throughout the University at Buffalo. The center engages faculty and students campus-wide and has national and international impact through the scholarly publications, conferences, workshops, online multimedia, and other activities described in this report. The center is housed in the School of Law, University at Buffalo.

### b. Organization and Staff

#### Baldy Center Advisory Council 2019-2020

Anya Bernstein, Law  
Guyora Binder, Law  
Matthew Dimick, Law  
Trina Hamilton, Geography  
Erin Hatton, Sociology  
Rachael Hinkle, Political Science  
Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, Law

#### Baldy Center Staff 2019-2020

##### *Long term staff*

Samantha Barbas, Director  
Caroline Funk, Associate Director (November-June) (100%)  
Laura Wirth, Assistant Director (leave September-June) (50%)  
Aldiana Anthony, student assistant, blogs (25%)  
Rebecca Dingle, student assistant, social media and general support (15%)  
Cecilia Meyer, student assistant, magazine and general support (25%)  
Azalia Muchransyah, student assistant/podcasts (50%)

##### *Short term student assistants*

Gregory Goujon (April-May)  
Rui Huang (November-January)  
Karen Lillie (April-May)  
Caitlin McIntyre, Research Assistant (June-November)  
Franco Mirolo (April-May)  
Sarah Schnaithman (April-May)  
Trevor Skretny (April-May)

#### Baldy Center Technical Team

Debra Kolodczak, Web Designer

## II. Research Support and Fellowships

### a. Faculty Research Grants

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, Geography:  
Uneven Impact of Foreign-Born on Shrinking Cities

Irus Braverman, School of Law:

## Zoo Veterinarians: Fleshy Encounters In between Science and Law

Jaekyung Lee, Counseling, School & Educational Psychology, and Namsook Kim, Leadership & Policy:

Immigrant and International College Students' Career Readiness and Readiness and Success: Overcoming Academic, Sociocultural and Legal Challenges for American Dreams

Ndubueze L. Mbah, History and Global Gender and Sexuality Studies:

Rebellious Migrants: Forging Cosmopolitan Identity and Postcolonial Spaces in Biafra, 1840-1960

Christopher Mele, Sociology:

RENEWAL: Art-based Community Development: Challenges to Urban Policy

Steven Miller, English:

World Heritage and the Critique of Violence

Ariel Nereson, Theater & Dance:

Obscenity Law and the Problem of Performance: A Case Study of the Trial of Mae West's The Pleasure Man

Robert Silverman, Urban & Regional Planning, and Kelly Patterson, Social Work:

Who Lives in the Worst Government Subsidized Housing?: A Demographic Analysis of Residential Patterns in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Properties

Mary Nell Trautner, Sociology:

Gender and Prosecution Decisions in Children's Accidental Fatalities

Jinting Wu, Educational Leadership and Policy:

Disability Segregation in an Age of Inclusion: Navigating Educational Pathways through Special Education Schools in Contemporary China

### **b. Baldy Center Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies**

The Baldy Center continued its fellowship program for scholars pursuing important topics in law, legal institutions, and social policy during the 2019-2020 academic year. 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 (library, Internet, office space, computer, phone) 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 are accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

## 2019-2020 Senior Fellows



Marie Jauffret-Roustide, a Baldy Center Senior Fellow until Spring 2022, is a Research Fellow at the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm) in France, Paris. Dr. Jauffret-Roustide will analyze three representative contemporary drug policy issues affecting both North America (specifically the United States) and partially Europe (France) during her Baldy Center fellowship: the history of opioid substitutive treatments, the opioid overdose crisis, and the controversy on drug consumption rooms.



Khohchahar Chuluu, 2019-2020 Senior Fellow, is Associate Professor in the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies and the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at the University of Tokyo. His work at the Baldy Center during Spring 2020 included a study of laws regulating hunts in Eurasian history, focusing specifically on the hunting institutions (organizations) and their associated rules, from northeast Asia to some kingdoms in Western Europe. This study aims to clarify how hunting laws related to laws in general and how they promoted socio-political order throughout history.

## 2019-2020 Postdoctoral Fellows



Sarah Ludin, 2019-2021 Fellow, earned her Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Her dissertation, “The Reformation Suits: Litigation as Constitution-Making in a German Imperial Court, 1521-1555” reconsiders the role of civil litigation in the early Reformation in Germany, long regarded as an instance of the instrumentalization of law by “old-faith” authorities against the Protestants. Ludin will use her time at the Baldy Center to revise her dissertation into a book manuscript, to complete a journal article based on material from her dissertation, and to begin to develop her next research project.



Daniel Platt, 2018-2020 Fellow, earned his Ph.D. in American Studies at Brown University. His research considers the history of capitalism in the United States, asking how commodities are created by the law and how race and gender ideologies shape such fabrications, particularly when they implicate the integrity of labor and the home. Portions of this research have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Journal of American History* and *History of the Present*. A paper, entitled “The Problem of Peonage,” was shared at the Baldy Center in March 2019.

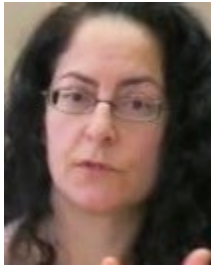
## 2019-2020 Research Fellows



Matthew Bach is researching the changing role of oil and gas firms in climate change governance with a focus on the factors driving their engagement, the positions that they are taking, and the mechanisms and pathways that they are deploying in relation to climate crisis governance.



Daniel Brantes Ferreira is a professor at Universidade Cândido Mendes and Vice-President for Academic affairs at the Brazilian Center of Arbitration and Mediation (CBMA), where he is an arbitrator. Daniel is also President of the Brazilian Bar Association, Rio de Janeiro Section, Legislative Affairs Commission. Research topics: legal theory, legal history, legal education, comparative studies, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).



Jennifer L. Gaynor works on Southeast Asia and its surrounding seas from the seventeenth century to the present. The author of *Intertidal History in Island Southeast Asia: Submerged Genealogy and the Legacy of Coastal Capture* (Cornell University Press, 2016), she has contributed chapters to a number of books, including *Blue Legalities* (Duke University Press, 2020), edited by Irus Braverman and Elizabeth R. Johnson.



Rachael K. Hinkle earned her PhD in Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis and her J.D. from Ohio Northern University. She is currently an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. Her research agenda focuses on judicial politics with particular attention to gleaning insights into legal development from the content of judicial opinions through the use of computational text analytic techniques.



Paul Linden-Retek is a UB Law Lecturer in Law & Society and a Research Fellow at the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy. Paul earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University in 2018 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 2012. He is a Schell Center Visiting Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School. In 2019-20, Paul was a Post-doctoral Emile Noël Global Fellow at the Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice, New York University School of Law.



Charles J. Whalen, an economist with a career spanning three decades, has contributed to national economic policy discussions, equitable regional development, and business success. During his appointment at the Baldy Center, Whalen has been active—as president (2018), past president (2019), and trustee (2020-)—in the Association for Evolutionary Economics.

### III. Speakers and Cosponsored Events

#### a. Distinguished Speaker Series

September 6, 2019

Stuart Banner, Norman Abrams Distinguished Professor of Law, UCLA Law.  
*"Redefining The Rule of Law in Eighteenth-Century British Empire"*

September 20, 2019

Alexandra Natapoff, Professor of Law, Joint Appointment in Criminology, Law & Society Co-Director, Center in Law, Society and Culture, UCI Law.  
*"Punishment without Crime"*

February 7, 2020

Janet Halley, Royall Professor of Law, Harvard Law School.  
*"Towards the Liberal Family"*

February 21, 2020

Paul Gowder, Professor and O.K. Patton Fellow in Law, Iowa Law.  
*"On Platforms and Politics"*

#### b. Legal History Speaker Series

December 6, 2019

Christian Burset, Associate Professor of Law, Notre Dame. Legal History Speaker Series.  
*"Redefining the Rule of Law in the Eighteenth-Century British Empire"*

February 28, 2020

Sam Erman, Professor of Law, USC Gould School of Law. Legal History Speaker Series.  
*"Almost Citizens: Puerto Rico, the U.S. Constitution, and Empire"*

#### c. Co-Sponsored Events

October 2, 2019

"CLE: Learning from the Ramsar Designation of the Niagara Corridor," Continuing Legal Education event held in conjunction with the October 3, 2019 Ramsar Designation Ceremony of the Niagara River Corridor.  
Co-sponsored with the UB School of Law Clinical Legal Education Program.

Postponed (pandemic)

April 2020

"Human Rights at Risk: Popular Uprisings and Regime Change." Alison Des Forges International Symposium. (Held October 15, 2020)  
Baldy Center is one of many cosponsors.

Canceled (pandemic)

April 22, 2020

“From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century,” Book launch and talk by authors Dr. William Darity, Jr. and Ms. A. Kirsten Mullen. The Center for Diversity Innovation.

Baldy Center is one of many cosponsors.

Postponed (pandemic)

April 24, 2020

“Yesterday's Monsters, The Manson Family Cases and The Illusion of Parole”, Book Talk by Hadar Aviram, Professor of Law, USC

Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

## IV. Conferences and Workshops

September 26-28, 2019

“The Second International Conference on Buddhism and Law.” Hosted by the journal *Buddhism, Law & Society*. Organized by UB School of Law and Department of Anthropology Professor Rebecca Redwood French, Rutgers University Department of Religion Professor Christian Lammerts, and University of Mainz Academy of Sciences and Literature Petra Kieffer-Pül.

October 11-12, 2019

“Journal of Law and Political Economy: Developing the Field.” This workshop launched a new online, peer-reviewed interdisciplinary publication: *The Journal of Law and Political Economy* (JLPE). Organized by Martha McCluskey, School of Law.

March 6, 2020

“Legacies of Suffrage: Women’s Activism, Then and Now.” Organized by Carrie Bramen, Director, UB Gender Institute and Professor of English.

Postponed (pandemic): April 16-17, 2020

“Global Glyphosate: New Challenges in Regulating Pervasive Chemicals in the Anthropocene.” Organized by Marion Werner, UB Department of Geography

Postponed (pandemic): April 24-25, 2020

“Serious Fun: A conference with & around Schlegel!” Organized by David. A. Westbrook, UB School of Law.

## V. Publications

### SSRN Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series

The Baldy Center and the SUNY Buffalo Law School co-sponsor an online series of working papers, called the Buffalo Legal Studies Research Paper Series. It is hosted and distributed by SSRN (Social Science Research Network) and provides an international, interdisciplinary audience for the law-related work of UB faculty and visiting scholars. The series is managed by



John Beatty, Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian, Charles B. Sears Law Library, UB School of Law.

“The Venue Shuffle: Forum Selection Clauses and ERISA”

*UCLA Law Review, Forthcoming, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2009-001*

[Christine Bartholomew and James A. Wooten](#)

“Revisiting the Open Access Citation Advantage for Legal Scholarship”

*111 Law Libr. J. 573 (2019), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-009*

[John Beatty](#)

“Citation Databases for Legal Scholarship”

*39 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 56 (2020), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-014*

[John Beatty](#)

“Interpenetration of Powers: Channels and Obstacles for Populist Impulses”

*29 Washington International Law Journal 461 (2019), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2018-017*

[Anya Bernstein](#)

“Porous Bureaucracy: Legitimizing the Administrative State in Taiwan”

*Forthcoming in Law and Social Inquiry, 2019, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-018*

[Anya Bernstein](#)

“Before Loving: The Lost Origins of the Right to Marry”

*Utah Law Review, Vol. 2020, No. 1, 2020, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-012*

[Michael Boucai](#)

“Fish Encounters: Aquariums and Their Veterinarians on a Rapidly Changing Planet”

*Irus Braverman. (2019). “Fish Encounters: Aquariums and their Veterinarians in a Rapidly Changing World.” Humanimalia 11(1): 1-29, Forthcoming, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-002*

[Irus Braverman](#)

“Silent Springs: The Nature of Water and Israel’s Military Occupation”

*Forthcoming, Irus Braverman. (2019). ‘Silent Springs: The Nature of Water and Israel’s Military Occupation.’ Nature and Space: Environment and Planning E; DOI:*

*10.1177/2514848619857722, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-003*

[Irus Braverman](#)

“Shifting Baselines in Coral Conservation”

*Irus Braverman. 2019. 'Shifting Baselines in Coral Conservation.' Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space. DOI: 10.1177/2514848619882560, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-005*

[Irus Braverman](#)

“Corals in the City: Cultivating Ocean Life in the Anthropocene”

*Irus Braverman. (2019). Corals in the City: Cultivating Ocean Life in the Anthropocene. Contemporary Social Science: Journal of the Academy of Social Sciences (Special Issue: Urban Animals: Cartographies of Radical Encounters) DOI: 10.1080/21582041.2019.1688382 (Forthcoming), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2017-007*

[Irus Braverman](#)

“Robotic Life in the Deep Sea”

*Irus Braverman. 2020. “Robotic Life in the Deep Sea.” In Irus Braverman and Elizabeth R. Johnson (eds.). Blue Legalities: The Life and Laws of the Sea (Duke University Press), Forthcoming, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-008*

[Irus Braverman](#)

“Blue Legalities: Governing More-than-Human Oceans – An Introduction”

*Elizabeth R. Johnson and Irus Braverman. 2020. “Blue Legalities: Governing More-than-Human Oceans – An Introduction.” In Irus Braverman and Elizabeth R. Johnson (eds.). Blue Legalities: The Life and Laws of the Sea. Duke University Press (January 2020, Forthcoming). University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-006*

[Irus Braverman and Elizabeth R. Johnson](#)

“Subnational Constitutionalism in the United States”

*James A. Gardner, Subnational Constitutionalism in the United States, in Subnational Constitutions, Popelier, Delledonne & Aroney, eds. (2020), Forthcoming, University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper, No. 2019-010*

[James A. Gardner](#)

“Transmission of Mastery”

*University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-013*

[James A. Gardner](#)

“Studies in Comparative Federalism: Argentina, the United States, and Mexico”

*Antonio María Hernández, Studies in Comparative Federalism: Argentina, the United States and Mexico (2019), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-011*

[Antonio María Hernández](#)

“Are We Economic Engines Too? Precarity, Productivity and Gender”

*49 University of Toledo Law Review 631 (2018), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2018-016*

[Martha T. McCluskey](#)

“Tempering Power”

*67 Buffalo Law Review 519 (2019), University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-004*

[Errol Meidinger](#)

“Objectivity in the Writing of History/Critical Legal History: Two Cribs for Harried Graduate Students”

*University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2018-015*

[John Henry Schlegel](#)

“Presidential Whim”

*University at Buffalo School of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2019-015, Ohio North University Law Review, Forthcoming*

[Matthew J. Steilen](#)

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