



## Elisabeth Haub School of Law

### ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 4/5/2021

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#### **Message from Dean Horace Anderson**



I would like to call attention to a special event next Friday, the Women's Association of Law Students Annual Pioneer of Justice Award Ceremony via Webinar. WALs invites all students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends to attend its annual Pioneer of Justice Awards Ceremony. This year's honoree is Congresswoman Grace Meng, who is serving her fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Representative Meng is the first and only Asian American Member of Congress from New York State and the first female Congressmember from Queens since former Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro.

Representative Meng has been responsible for several pieces of legislation including bills protecting religious freedom, making Queens historic sites part of the National Park Service, striking "Oriental" from federal law, and protecting public housing residents from insufficient heat. Parts of her Menstrual Equity for All Act have led to legislation making menstrual products available for incarcerated and detained individuals, allowing FEMA funds to be used to purchase menstrual products for those in need after natural disasters, and making menstrual products eligible for Flexible Spending Account purchases. The Asian American Law Students Association is also pleased to join WALs in honoring Representative Meng. The event will be held on Friday, April 16, 6:00-7:00 pm. Please register [here](#) to attend. I hope you can make this special event.

Dean Anderson

## **Faculty, Staff, and School News**

**Professor Jonathan Brown** was featured in the article “Alliance for NY's Farmland applauds state budget” – read [here](#).



Foundation Press has published **Professor Bridget Crawford's** casebook, *Wills Trusts & Estates* (2d ed) with co-authors Professors Danaya Wright (U Florida) and Michael J. Higdon (Tennessee). This is Professor Crawford's third casebook; her others are in Federal Income Taxation and Estate & Gift Taxation.

**Professor Emeritus James Fishman** was one of eleven professors who filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court supporting disclosure of donors to nonprofits – read [here](#). Additionally, the sixth addition of Professor Fishman's casebook [Nonprofit Organizations: Cases and Materials](#) will be published in June.



**The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University is pleased to announce that Joshua Galperin will join its faculty in Fall 2021 as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Law.** Professor Galperin, currently a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, will add his expertise to Haub Law's renowned environmental law program, which was just ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Read [here](#).



**Professor Shelby Green** moderated the panel *Three Lawyers on Practicing Real Estate Law* featuring Seth Mandelbaum, Kent Nevins and John Lettera, all partners in their firms and all Pace graduates. The alumni discussed the challenges and rewards of practicing real estate and land use law with Professor Green.

On March 31, **Professor Bennett Gershman** gave his Distinguished Professor presentation, he spoke on *Repairing the Damage: To Our Constitution, Our Democracy, Our Way of Life* – you can watch it [here](#). Professor Gershman published his article “Prosecuting Police: Will Derek Chauvin Get Off?” in the New York Law Journal – read it [here](#).

**Professor Katrina Fischer Kuh** was featured in the article “High Court Bats Down Gov't Bid To Halt Kids' Climate Suit” – read [here](#). She was also featured in “2nd Circ. Climate Ruling May Not Sway Case At High Court” – read [here](#).

**Professor Randolph McLaughlin** participated in a fundraiser/Quiz Night for the Westchester Women’s Bar Association Foundation. In addition to Professor McLaughlin, the event featured WWBA President / Federal Magistrate Judge (Ret.) Lisa Margaret Smith and 2020 WWBAF Justice Sondra Miller Scholarship winner Rebecka Levitt.

**Professor Margot Pollans’s** forthcoming article in the Harvard Environmental Law Review coauthored with Haub Law 3L Matthew Watson, “FDA as Food System Steward”, was featured [here](#).

**Professor Darren Rosenblum** spoke with Michelangelo Signorile on his Sirius XM radio show about the Meriwether case on April 5.

**Professor Merril Sobie’s** article “The Attorney for the Child Comes of Age” was published in the New York Law Journal – read it [here](#).

### **Students**

**Haub law students Pamela Guerrero and Stephen Ferrante** worked as National Lawyers Guild trained Legal Observers for a demonstration and Civil Disobedience action in Yonkers on Saturday, April 3. The Westchester community coalition that organized the demonstration is Fund Excluded Workers (FEW), which seeks to include two plus billion dollars in the latest NY state budget to provide unemployment compensation and other stimulus funds for families of undocumented workers and incarcerated New Yorkers. Professor David Dorfman notes that, Pamela and Stephen performed brilliantly as Legal Observers. **Professor David Dorman** was retained as the lawyer for the FEW group, to advise them as well as represent anyone who was ultimately arrested and charged. He notes that one demonstrator was arrested and received a desk appearance ticket.

## **Alumni**

**Hon. William J. Giacomo '84** retired from the bench after serving over 19 years as a Judge, most recently a Justice of the New York Supreme Court for 16 years.

**Anthony Schembri '88** is the conference chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Webinar on Forensic Science to be held July 23-25. The theme is "Insights and Innovations in Forensic Science: Progressing to the Future" – learn more [here](#).

**Rahat Chatha '09** has been nominated as a part-time municipal court judge in Jersey City – read [here](#).

**Luis Leon '17** was promoted to lead immigration attorney at Make The Road New York.

**Melanie M Franco '19** completed her clerkship with the Honorable Joan Bedrin Murray, J.T.C. (also a Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University alumni) in September 2020, and then joined Tully Rinckey PLLC in Albany, NY as an Associate.