



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 4/19/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



A Minneapolis jury has found former police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of second- and third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for the death of George Floyd, for kneeling on Floyd's neck for 9 minutes and 29 seconds. Our legal system, which allows ordinary citizens to decide whether a person has committed a punishable wrong against the people, provided accountability in this case, but the Chauvin jury's verdict is not the end of the story. The national conversation around social and racial justice, and the examination of appropriate standards of conduct for law enforcement, must continue. The work of balancing public safety and civil rights is not over.

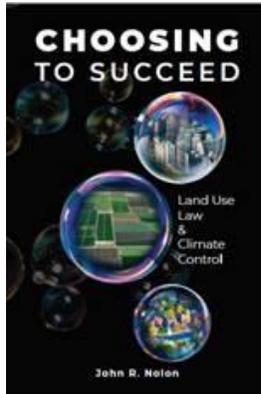
Dean Anderson

Faculty, Staff, & School News

Haub Law Professor Bennett Gershman joined a News12 Town Hall to discuss the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial – watch [here](#). He also spoke about the Chauvin verdict with The New York Law Journal in *'Justice Was Done': NY Legal Community Reacts to Murder Conviction for Derek Chauvin* – read [here](#).

Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center, Craig Hart, published an opinion piece (with Michael Romita): *Earth Day: To achieve our clean energy goals, the private sector must commit* – read [here](#).

Professor Katrina Fischer Kuh published an op-ed (with alumna **Maya K. van Rossum '92**) *For businesses, Green Amendment is double green* – read [here](#).



Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus John Nolon's new book, [Choosing to Succeed: Land Use Law and Climate Control](#), has been published by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI). The book, released on April 21, is the sixth book of the professor's that ELI has published. Read more [here](#). Congratulations, Professor Nolon.

Dean Emeritus Richard L. Ottinger published a letter to the editor on *The Climate Threat Posed by Plastics* in the New York Times – read [here](#).

Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer's article, *The Death of Slander*, 35 Colum. J. & Arts 17 (2011) was cited by a District Court for the 9th Circuit in *Jordon v. Wonderful Citrus Packing, LLC*.

Professor Emily Waldman was interviewed on the podcast *As a Matter of Law* (University of Richmond Law Review) about the Supreme Court's case about online student speech – *Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L.* – listen [here](#).



Last Friday, April 16, **WALS held its annual Pioneer of Justice Awards Ceremony**. This year's honoree was United States Congresswoman Grace Meng. The virtual Ceremony featured remarks by Professors Crawford and Waldman, WALS president Juliana Palmieri, and Representative Meng. The Ceremony was attended by faculty, staff, students, and alumni – many of which were past WALS presidents and members. Congratulations to all involved on a successful event!



In honor of Earth Week, the **Environmental Law Society** organized various events, including a trash collection challenge. Pace community members were asked to dedicate one hour of their time to picking up litter in honor of Earth Day.

Students

Aaron Spring is founder of *Stash The Trash Ossining*. The group partners with school groups and families to help clean local areas. He was featured on News12 recently concerning the group's efforts. See [here](#).

Robin Happel was featured in an Earth Day event held on Instagram Live on the topic of Gender & Climate Change (with Himaja Nagireddy). The event was put on by United Nations Association (IG: una.usa).



Samantha Nicole B. Ladines (JD Candidate '23) has been selected as a NYS Catalyst Public Service Fellow. She will be a Fellow at the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission this summer. Read more [here](#).



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The Westchester Women's Bar Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to two students at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. The Justice Sondra M. Miller Scholarship was awarded to **Gabriela Tavarez**. A second scholarship was funded this year by the WWBAF, the WWBA Foundation Board Scholarship. **Megan Farrell** was awarded this



On Saturday, April 3, **Haub Law students Stephen Ferrante and Pamela Guerrero served as National Lawyers Guild trained Legal Observers** for a demonstration and Civil Disobedience action in Yonkers. 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. Learn more about Stephen and Pamela's experience in an expanded profile on them [here](#).



Jonathan Blackford is our current featured Haub Law student on the homepage of the website. You can read Jonathan's profile [here](#).



On April 5, the Elisabeth Haub School of Law Student Bar Association and Asian American Law Students Association presented an event in support of our Asian students and in response to the violence and discrimination the community has experienced. The event focused on the learning more about the Asian American experience and long-standing discrimination of Asian people in America. During the event, surprising and little-known case law and statutes were explored and the long history of Asian discrimination and Asians being treated as an "other" group in our country was discussed. Haub Law student Kasama Star led the presentation and a discussion followed by panelists Mayo Bartlett, Bill Kaung, Karen King and Tejash Sanchala. You can view the presentation [here](#).

Alumni

Christopher B. Fisher '94 was named to City & State's Telecommunications Power 50. He is managing partner at Cuddy & Feder and a member of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law Board of Visitors. Read more [here](#).

Doug Jones '07 was recently named as a partner to Husch Blackwell LLP in the firm's Austin office. Learn more [here](#).

Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe '07 was selected as a 2020 Hebsgaard Award Recipient, given by the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity. As noted on the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity website, "The Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard Award is named in honor of Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard, the founding executive director of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity who spearheaded initiatives designed to identify, recruit, advance, and retain young attorneys of color in the Connecticut legal profession."

The Alumni Association webpage - <https://law.pace.edu/alumni/alumni-association> - now features headshots and work information for the current Board members.