



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 5/3/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



We are extremely pleased by the news that Haub Law Prof. Bridget J. Crawford has been named a Distinguished Professor, the University's highest faculty honor, by the Pace University Trustees.

This honor comes in recognition of a sustained record of extensive, extraordinary research and scholarship, outstanding teaching, and exemplary service to the University, community, and professional field.

I have known Prof. Crawford well for more than two decades, dating back to our days as first year section mates and study partners. "Distinguished" is a description that fits her well. We have taught together, served as Associate Deans together, and supported each other as scholars. She has brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to all of those endeavors.

Prof. Crawford's pathbreaking interdisciplinary scholarship explores how seemingly neutral legal rules and systems can reflect, exacerbate and sustain inequality. Her work draws on jurisprudence, statutory analysis, behavioral economics, critical tax theory and feminist legal theory to demonstrate how an equitable legal system can better serve human needs by taking gender, race and other identity factors into account.

In addition to being a renowned scholar, Prof. Crawford is also a beloved classroom teacher who inspires students and colleagues alike. I cannot begin to count the number of students who have said to me, "I thought I would hate Tax, but . . ." She is always willing to confer with, or partner with, colleagues on whatever courses they are teaching. In addition to Federal Income Taxation, Prof. Crawford teaches Estate and Gift Taxation; Wills, Trusts and

Estates; Tax Policy; Corporations & Partnerships; and Feminist Legal Theory. Her published work includes three casebooks, three books, and more than 100 scholarly articles and essays. Before joining the Haub Law faculty in 2003, she was a practicing attorney at Milbank LLP, where she specialized in taxation and estate planning. She is a graduate of Yale College (BA), the University of Pennsylvania School of Law (JD), and Griffith University (PhD) in Brisbane, Australia.

Please join me in congratulating Prof. Crawford, who joins Bennett Gershman and John Nolon as the Law School's Distinguished Professors.

Dean Anderson

Faculty, Staff, and School News

Professor Emeritus Jay Carlisle and **Professor Nicholas Robinson** attended the Westchester County Bar Associations Virtual Swearing In Ceremony for the Association's 2021 - 2022 Officers and Directors. This event was in lieu of the annual banquet, cancelled because of the pandemic. Elisabeth Haub School of Law alumna, past WCBA President, and a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Justice Linda Jamieson presided. She recognized the Association's close relationship with the Law School and praised Dean Horace Anderson. Justice Jamieson read the list of lawyers who were presented fifty year awards, which included Professors Jay Carlisle and Nick Robinson. Professor Robinson notes that, "by coincidence, we both joined the Pace Law School faculty in January of 1978, to help launch our law school when it was only 3 semester old...we were privileged to teach when Judge Jamieson was our student at Pace. Law is an inter-generational endeavor."

Professor Karl Coplan's book, *Live Sustainably Now: A Low-Carbon Vision of the Good Life*, has won a Nautilus Book Award in the Green Living and Sustainability category. Congratulations, Professor Coplan! Learn more here: <https://nautilusbookawards.com/2020-silver-winners/>

Professor Smita Narula supported the efforts of a group of human rights organizations and academics who have intervened in the first climate change case before the European Court of Human Rights to provide legal arguments to show that states have extraterritorial human rights obligations and must ensure special protection of children's rights.

Professor John R. Nolon's article, *Local Land Use Power: Managing Human Settlements to Mitigate Climate Change*, was published on May 1st in the Environmental Law Institute's Environmental Law Review. The article demonstrates that land use regulation can be retooled to greatly reduce or capture urban carbon emissions, and posits that mitigation efforts can lead to significant adaptation benefits, linking the two components of climate change management.

On May 2, 2021, **Professor Nicholas Robinson** led an Arbor Day Observance on the banks of the Hudson River in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. A sweet gum tree was dedicated in memory of those who died during the Covid-19 Pandemic. NYS Assemblyman Thomas J. Abinanti and Mayor Ken Wray participated along with poets and musicians, and civic leaders from the Philipse Manor Garden Club. Robinson emphasized the Village's tree ordinance, Chapter 385 of the Village Code and the NYS "Urban Forestry" Tree Cities programs. Additionally, Professor Robinson's book review is now in print, as of April 2021. It is the first comprehensive study of the environmental law of Singapore. Read it [here](#).

The latest **GreenLaw Blog** has been posted, Urban Heat Islands and Equity, you can read it [here](#). Contributors to this blog article were: Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Law John Nolon, Rhea Mallett (LLM candidate at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Land Use Law Center Volunteer), Jessica Roberts (second-year student at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Research Assistant to Professor Nolon), Jillian Aicher (second-year student at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Research Assistant to Professor Nolon), Colt Watkiss (first-year student at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Land Use Law Center Volunteer).

Professor Nicholas Robinson notes that “The NYS Court of Appeals has reaffirmed the “forever wild” clauses in the NYS Constitution. It is a brilliant victory. The court listed our Haub Law School’s amicus brief as the first, among all the amici listed. Congratulations to Gaby Dylag, who wrote the brief, and Todd Ommen and Karl Coplan for mentoring this amicus brief through the clinic. It was an honor for our Pace Law Clinic to represent the Sierra Club in this victory for wilderness preservation in New York.” Read the decision [here](#).



An on-campus procession was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 on the Haub Law campus. Congratulations to all! Haub Law will celebrate its 2021 graduation virtually on Sunday, May 16 at 1:00PM. The 2021 commencement speaker will be The Honorable Philip M. Halpern '80, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of New York. Learn more [here](#).

You can read the May 2021 Environmental Law Newsletter [here](#).

Students



Laura Schwartz, Class of 2021, is featured on the Haub Law website for a Commencement Q&A – read [here](#).

Congratulations to 3L Paola Idrovo, whose representation of a young Guatemalan man through the Immigration Justice Clinic this year culminated in his receipt of Lawful Permanent Resident (“green card”) status, and **3L Lourdes Aguilar**, who managed the applications of two Clinic clients from El Salvador, and obtained Lawful Permanent Residence status for them both. Stay tuned for an expanded Q&A with Paola and Lourdes on this experience.

Marissa Cohen and **Jacqueline Stevens** article, *A Nation Joins in Tears: Implications of the Domestic Deployment of Federal Troops in Portland, Oregon*, has been published in Volume One, Issue One of the North Carolina Civil Rights Law Review, it is now available on the journal’s website, <https://journals.law.unc.edu/nccivilrightslaw/published-issues/>. Their article appears at 1 N.C. Cvl. Rts. L. Rev. 120 (2021).

The Spring edition of the Planning and Law Division newsletter of the American Planning Association featured an article by **Emily Lively** (2L): *Mediation May be the Economic “Vaccine” Small Businesses and Landlords Need to Survive the Pandemic*. Adjunct Professor **Jennie Nolon Blanchard** is the Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter. Read [here](#).

Christian Podest, Class of 2021, published his paper in the Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Journal:
Christian Podest, *Level the Playing Field: Advocating for the removal of Major League Baseball’s prohibition on the admissibility of Statcast-generated sabermetrics as evidence in salary arbitration hearings*, 21 Pepp. Disp. Resol. L.J. 43 (2021)
Available at: <https://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/drlj/vol21/iss1/2>

Alumni



Ryan Naples '08 was profiled as our Haub Alumni of the Month – you can read his profile [here](#).



[Bryn Goodman \(2011\)](#) has recently been elevated to Partner in the Labor & Employment Department at Fox Rothschild LLP. Bryn focuses her practice on guiding employers and management on all aspects of employment law, with experience in a variety of industries including hospitality, insurance, finance, architecture, healthcare and technology. When a dispute arises, she represents employers in state and federal lawsuits and administrative proceedings involving wage-and-hour, discrimination and sexual harassment claims.

Jeffrey Deskovic '19 was featured in the article *New Development In Old Warmus 'Fatal Attraction' Case* – read [here](#).

You can read the April 2021 alumni e-newsletter [here](#).