Welcome back, everyone! This week, new students arrived on campus for Orientation, and their energy and enthusiasm for this new chapter in their lives was palpable. I’m looking forward to seeing our returning students next week, and so are our faculty and staff. The staff has been hard at work all summer preparing for our return to campus, and the professors are excited to be back in front of full classrooms, developing new lawyers. It has been a long 17 months, but the vibrancy of our campus community is already in evidence. We eagerly look forward to a year of learning together again, both in and out of class.

We remain strongly committed to taking care of our Haub Law community; even as we come back to campus, we will prioritize your safety. As you know, Pace University is requiring COVID-19 vaccines for everyone in our community coming to campus, so if you have not yet uploaded your vaccine record, please do so immediately on the confidential Patient Portal. The University also is requiring face coverings to be worn indoors on all campuses and is encouraging their use outdoors when distance cannot be maintained. Our goal remains to keep the Pace University and Haub Law communities safe and healthy, while allowing for a more normal semester.

I look forward to getting to know you (including some upper level students that I have yet to meet in person!), and I will be holding a series of casual coffee sessions and community conversations with students throughout the year to hear how things are going. You may also see me in the classroom and the hallways, where I enjoy interacting with students – don’t hesitate to pull me over for a chat. We are thrilled to be back again in person, let’s make the most of it. Remember – we are all in this together.
**Faculty, Staff, & School News**

**Attention!** SBA President, Madison Shaff, is collecting used textbooks, supplements, and general law related books for the SBA pay it forward library. The goal of the library is to help students who are financially stressed with the costs of law school. Madison requests any and all donations from faculty, staff, or students to add to her current collection of about 500 books! There is a box for donations on the 3rd floor of Aloysia, outside the SBA office. For big donations where pick-up will need to be arranged, please reach out to Madison at mshaff@law.pace.edu.

**Orientation!**

Our 1L students arrived on campus this week for orientation! This outstanding class represents 6 countries, 21 states and 145 undergraduate programs. On the first day of orientation, following welcome remarks from Dean Anderson and administration, students enjoyed meeting each other during a BBQ lunch and had the opportunity for tours led by our student ambassadors - some seeing the campus for the very first time. Welcome to Haub Law, future lawyers!
Professor Bennett Gershman’s work was quoted in Word&Way, a Christian publication based in Missouri as part of their weekly email newsletter, A Public Witness, in their post Guilty Even When Proven Innocent – read here.

Professor Lissa Griffin has been designated a Visiting Professor in Comparative Justice at Birmingham City University, Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences. The designation begins immediately and lasts for three years. Professor Griffin has been collaborating with Birmingham City University for many years on many projects, and the designation of Visiting Professor is in recognition of her past and continuing work with their Law School.

Cindy Kanusher, PWJC Executive Director, spoke to News 12 on the importance of what has happened with regard to the Gov. Cuomo sexual harassment allegations.


Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer’s podcast, Law to Fact, celebrated 300,000 downloads. Law to Fact is a national podcast for law students discussing substantive legal issues with noted professors of law including many Haub Law professors. It is available on all podcast platforms and at http://www.lawtofact.com. Additionally, The University of Pittsburgh Law Review Online will publish An Emoji Legal Dictionary, which Haub Law 3L Ashley Cangro and Professor Tenzer co-authored.

The August 2021 Pace/Haub Environmental Law Newsletter was published – read it here.

Pace University announced that Rachael Silva, a strategic and creative marketing communications professional with an impressive track record of successful brand building in academia, healthcare and non-profits, has been named Assistant Dean for External Affairs at Haub Law. Welcome, Rachael!
Introducing **Haub Law’s new butterfly garden**! Led by the SBA, our hardworking students rolled up their sleeves last weekend to create a habitat for pollinators on campus. The project aims to reverse the negative effects of land development on butterfly populations and insects, while also beautifying the Pace quad.

**Alumni**

Deepa Badrinarayana (LLM ’01/SJD ’07 alumna) and 2020 Haub Law Visiting Scholar, published an op-ed on Bloomberg Law, *IPCC Report Drives Urgent Agenda for World on Climate Change*, read it [here](#).