Message From Dean Horace Anderson

Exams began this week and we are entering the home stretch to the end of the fall semester. I want to wish students good luck on their exams, and I hope you all will continue to stay safe and healthy as we approach the year’s end and the holidays.

Also this week, the nonprofit Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC) virtually presented its 2020 Green Seal Award to Haub Law alumna Carolyn Cunningham, in recognition of her contributions to protecting our county’s environment and future. Prof. Nicholas Robinson and Dean Emeritus Dick Ottinger presented moving tributes, and Carolyn was praised by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and public officials at all levels of government. We add our congratulations to Carolyn for this honor, and for her many years of service to Westchester and New York State.

Carolyn is FCWC’s longest-serving Board Member. She first became involved with FCWC in 1980 and served as Executive Director from 1981 to 1985. Her experience with FCWC led her to pursue her law degree, which she earned from Haub Law in 1988, and she practiced Environmental Law after that. Carolyn played an active role on the FCWC Board even while starting her new career. During her tenure at FCWC, she also served as Vice President and Treasurer, and chaired the membership committee for over a decade.

As a resident of Rye, Carolyn was concerned about the noise from the Westchester County Airport, and this became her signature issue at FCWC. Carolyn will be featured in the near future in an upcoming Alumni of the Month profile on the website and in the Alumni newsletter, so stay tuned.
Professor Jay Carlisle continues his involvement in the WCBA Community Recovery Task Force, some of whose members are assisting those being evicted from their homes for nonpayment of rent and mortgages because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Professors Bridget Crawford and Emily Waldman’s work is cited in Bloomberg Businessweek’s article *Scotland Takes Aim at ‘Period Poverty’ by Making Products Free*. Read [here](#).

On December 2 and 3, the Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Stockholm University held an online Workshop entitled, “The Climate Crisis: Legal Safeguards for Justice and Security.” This Workshop attempted to highlight cutting-edge, transformational, interdisciplinary and thought-provoking research offering insight into the role of national and international public law, litigation, and private governance in promoting social-ecological resilience, sustainable development and justice, as well as the relationship of law to effective civil disobedience and activism—all in an effort to increase global peace and security in relation to the climate crisis. During the Workshop, international legal scholars discussed six draft papers covering a range of topics, including climate framework laws, climate justice, energy justice, and the correlations between gender based violence and climate change. Professor Jason Czarnezki co-moderated the workshop.

Professor Shelby Green’s review, *Controlling the Locals from the Top Down and the Bottom Up for Housing*, of Christopher’s S. Elmendorf’s article *Beyond the Double Veto: Housing Plans as Preemptive Intergovernmental Compacts*, can be found [here](#).


On December 10, UN Human Rights Day, Professor Nicholas Robinson will speak at the conference in France for the Normandie Chair for Peace, on “Human Rights in the Community of Life.”

Professor Nicholas Robinson and Professor Emerita Ann Powers signed onto the amicus brief in *Wild Virginia v. CEQ*. The brief was signed by 53 law professors. Read [here](#).

Professor Darren Rosenblum’s latest article for Forbes, *Carrots And Sticks: Why Nasdaq Adopted Its Radical Board Diversity Rule*, can be read [here](#).

On November 19, 2020, Adjunct Professor Joseph A. Siegel gave a workshop at Columbia University titled *No Time to Waste: Facilitating Effective Collaboration on the Climate Crisis*, co-sponsored by the Morton Deutsch International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution and the Columbia School of Professional Studies, Program on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

**Students**

Marissa Cohen (JD Expected 2021) will be a panelist at Yale's Students for Sensible Drug Policy panel discussion this Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:30-5pm. Please find the zoom link [here](#) and the Facebook event [here](#).

**Alumni**

Carolyn Cunningham ‘88 received the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County's 2020 Green Seal Award on December 1 in recognition of her decades of contributions to protecting our county's environment and future.