



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 3/29/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



By now you all probably have heard that our long-recognized environmental law program was ranked No. 1 in the country earlier this week in the latest U.S. News and World Report ranking. This is welcome news but comes not entirely as a surprise, because the program has been ranked among the very best in the nation for a long time. In the past few years, the environmental law program has recruited top faculty who are recognized scholars in climate change law, international human rights law and natural resources and food systems law. The excellence of the program has been maintained and boosted through the strong leadership of Prof. Jason Czarnezki and Prof. Katrina Fischer Kuh.

Almost lost in the buzz over this recognition is that Haub Law made a big jump of 20 places and was ranked tied for No. 24 in trial advocacy. This is a huge accomplishment, and I wanted to thank our Advocacy Program leader Prof. Louis Fasulo and his hard-working team for this truly deserved recognition. Next to our environmental law ranking, this is the next highest specialty rating at Haub Law, but we know that it understates the terrific work being done and the success of our students in the program. While we know that academic rankings, which often depend on arbitrary razor-thin numerical distinctions, do not capture the true value of a law school or program, we remain certain that a Haub Law degree continues to be a valuable and cost-effective foundation in building a meaningful career.

I also would like to mention this week that, in light of the end of Women's History Month, the beginning of Derek Chauvin's trial for the death of George Floyd, and the precipitous rise in violence against Asian Americans (many of them elders and women), we should

remember to keep our eyes on our racial and social justice mission. On Monday, the Student Bar Association and the Asian American Law Student Association present a double event in support of our Asian American students and in response to the violence and discrimination the AAPI community has experienced recently. At 1:00 pm a Zoom Community Panel is scheduled for us to learn more about the Asian American experience and long-standing discrimination against Asian people in America. Haub Law student Kasama Star will make a presentation and lead a discussion with Mayo Bartlett, Bill Kaung, and others from the Westchester County community. (Meeting ID: 969 1561 2679; Password: 811663) - To RSVP or ask for additional information please email Maddie Shaff at mshaff@law.pace.edu

Also, at 6:00 pm a Zoom Community Support Group is scheduled to help anyone unpack any mental health impacts resulting from anti-Asian attitudes, experiences, or discrimination. Discussion will be held in community safe space. The dialogue and support group will be facilitated by the Pace Counseling Center and community-based mental health professionals. Allies are welcome to join in learning and support the community. The support group will be led by Dr. Angela Kang and Dr. Jasmin Kwok. To RSVP for Zoom information or ask for additional information, please email Maddie Shaff at mshaff@law.pace.edu.

Faculty, Staff, and School News

Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law is ranked number one in the country for environmental law by the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings, released on March 30. Read more [here](#).

Jill Backer's article *What is the Purpose of the Bar Exam in 2021?* was featured in Westchester Lawyer Magazine – read it [here](#).

Professor Jill Gross' article was cited by the 8th circuit in a dissent: [Jill I. Gross, Bargaining in the \(Murky\) Shadow of Arbitration, 24 Harv. Negot. L. Rev. 185 \(2019\)](#). **Cited in Dissent:** [Morgan v. Sundance, Inc., No. 19-2435, 2021 WL 1181677 \(8th Cir. Mar. 30, 2021\)](#).

Professor Michael Mushlin published his article *Banishment New York Style* in the New York Law Journal. Professor Mushlin notes that Meghan E. Garvey and Katelyn A. Rauh, both Class of 2021 Elisabeth Haub School of Law, provided superb assistance in the preparation of this essay. Read it [here](#).

Theresa Prestopino, Assistant Dean of Finance and Human Resources, has been asked to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the AALS Section of Law Finance & Administration.

Professor Nicholas Robinson will serve as moderator and panelist for ELI's Emerging Leaders Webinar, "Leading into 2050: Building Resilience for Health, Climate & Biodiversity" on April 27 at 12:00PM. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Professor Darren Rosenblum's opinion piece, *Misgendering students is not 'academic freedom.'* *It's an abuse of power.*, was published in the Washington Post. Read [here](#).

In her most recent podcast, *Law to Fact*, **Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer** spoke with Judge, Attorney, Historian, and [Prof. John Browning](#) about righting historic wrongs – listen [here](#).

Pace University's Office of Research puts out a newsletter, Research @ Pace, highlighting faculty research & scholarship. This month's newsletter featured news from many, including Haub Law's Professor Lissa Griffin, Professor Randolph McLaughlin, Professor Karl Coplan, and Professor Ben Gershman. Additionally, the news of Professor Shirley Lin joining the faculty at Haub Law was featured.

PECC is moderating a series of business roundtable workshops for the United States Trade and Development Agency on Smart Cities and Grid Modernization, bringing leading US technology companies offering solutions in energy efficiency and renewable integration, health, and urban safety together with government and industry in Brazil and Central America. On April 13th, 1:00-4:00PM, PECC will cohost the 2021 Green Hydrogen Roundtable with Sustainable Westchester, ACE NY, and NY BEST. The event is open to the public. Register here:

<https://community.sustainablewestchester.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=109>

Additionally, the Center co-hosted with Stand Earth a meeting of New York municipal elected officials to present Center research on municipal legal authority to halt the expansion of fossil infrastructure under New York law.

The March 2021 alumni e-newsletter featuring faculty, staff, student, and alumni news can be read [here](#).

Students

Congratulations to the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University student team for placing among the top 32 out of almost 400 teams at the 28th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. This accomplishment puts the Pace team in the top 10% of teams, worldwide. Read [here](#).

Miy Mahran and Paola Idrovo, two Haub Law third year students, have been named Immigrant Justice Corps Class of 2021 Justice Fellows. Congratulations Miy and Paola! Read more [here](#).

Kseniya Zilberman will be joining the Christian Law Society's Fellowship program at the end of May in San Antonio, TX. Congratulations, Kseniya! It was a highly competitive process and there were a large number of applicants for a limited number of spots. She will join 35 other students from a total of 27 law schools across the country. Congratulations, Kseniya! You can learn more about CLS here: <https://www.christianlegalsociety.org/> and the program here: <https://www.christianlawstudents.org/cls-law-school-fellows>.

2L Melanie Schlosser recently authored the blog post *Helping Animals Cross The Road* on Animal Blawg – read [here](#).

Alumni

The Westchester County Bar Association announced that the Environmental Law Committee has welcomed new leaders. Both selected leaders are alumni of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. **Congratulations to incoming co-chairs Diana Bunin Kolev, Esq. '05 and Nicholas Ward-Willis, Esq. '93. Additionally, Brianna Winning, a 3L at Haub Law** will be assisting Diana and Nicholas. Diana and Nicolas's term starts on May 1, 2021. Read [here](#).



Neale R. Bedrock '90 has joined the MNAA leadership team as its new executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer. Read more [here](#).

Jeffrey Deskovic's '19 article *Looking Back: Exposing The Death Penalty, Part 2*, was featured in a special *Looking Back* section on The Davis Vanguard – read [here](#).

The featured Haub Alumni of the Month is **Candice Smith '20**. Currently, Candice is an Assistant District Attorney with the Queens County District Attorney's Office. Read her profile [here](#).

Thirteen attorneys formerly with the New York firm of Havkins Rosenfeld Ritzert have joined Kiernan Trebach, including three Haub Law alumni. **Steven Rosenfeld '81** is a partner in the NYC office, as is **Lynda Liebhauser '98**, and **Deidre Robokos '98** is of counsel in DC.