

## **Margot Julia Pollans**

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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

#### **Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University**

*Professor of Law*, 2020 – Present

*Associate Professor of Law*, 2018 – 2020

*Assistant Professor of Law*, 2015 – 2018

*Faculty Director*, Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative, 2016 – Present

*Teaching:* Environmental Law Survey (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)  
Administrative Law (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2019)  
Food Systems Law (Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020)  
Agriculture Law & the Environment (Fall 2017, Fall 2019)  
Property Law (Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

*Service:* Appointments (Chair, 2020-21, 2019-20; Member, 2016-17)  
Curriculum Committee (2018-2019)  
Faculty Development Committee (2015-2016, 2017-2018)  
Haub Environmental Scholars Program, Faculty Advisor (2016-2019)

*Awards:* NYC Food Policy Center, “40 Under 40 Rising Stars in Food Policy” 2017

#### **New York University School of Law**

*Adjunct Professor*, Taught Food Law & Policy Seminar, Fall 2020

#### **St. John’s University School of Law**

*Adjunct Professor*, Taught Environmental Law, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

#### **UCLA School of Law**

*Teaching Fellow*, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy, 2013 – 2015

#### **Georgetown University Law Center**

*Teaching Fellow & Staff Attorney*, Institute for Public Representation, 2011 – 2013

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Articles**

*Eaters: Powerless by Design*, MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2022).

*FDA as Food System Steward*, HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. (forthcoming 2021) (with Matthew Watson).

*The Right Family*, 39 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 1 (2020) (with Noa Ben-Asher).

*The New Food Safety*, 107 CALIF. L. REV. 1173 (2019) (with Emily Broad Leib).

*Drinking Water Protection and Agricultural Exceptionalism*, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 1195 (2016).

*Regulating Farming: Balancing Food Safety and Environmental Protection in a Cooperative Governance Regime*, 50 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 399 (2015).

*A “Blunt Withdrawal”? Bars on Citizen Suits for Toxic Site Cleanup*, 37 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 441 (2013).

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Note, *Bundling Public and Private Goods: The Market for Sustainable Organics*, 85 N.Y.U. L. REV. 621 (2010).

### Books, Book Chapters, and Symposium Pieces

*Ecolabeling*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Emma Lees & Jorge E. Viñuales eds., 2019) (with Jason Czarnezki & Sarah Main).

*Food Systems*, in CLIMATE CHANGE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE LAW (Michael Berger & Justin Gundlach, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2018).

FOOD LAW AND POLICY: CASES AND MATERIALS (Wolters Kluwer 2018) (with Jacob Gersen & Michael Roberts).

*Farming and Eating*, 13 J. OF FOOD LAW & POL'Y 99 (2017) (invited contribution to special issue on Food Policy in the Trump Era).

*The Safe Drinking Water Act/ Food Law Nexus*, 32 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 501 (2015) (invited contribution to symposium issue).

*Setting the Table for Urban Agriculture*, 46 URB. LAW. 199 (2014) (with Michael Roberts), also published in URBAN AGRICULTURE: POLICY, LAW, STRATEGY, AND IMPLEMENTATION (Martha H. Chumblor, Lawrence Bechler, & Sorell Negro, eds. 2015).

### Popular Press

Oped, "Everything Wrong With Our Food System Has Been Made Worse by Coronavirus," *Los Angeles Times*, May 4, 2020, <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-04/meat-processing-plants-coronavirus-executive-order>.

Letter to the Editor, "A Farming Revolution, Minus Factories," *New York Times*, Oct. 3, 2016, <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/03/opinion/a-farming-revolution-minus-factories.html>.

Oped, "The Labeling Shortcut," *Slate*, May 5, 2016, [http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/science/2016/05/the\\_fda\\_s\\_quest\\_to\\_define\\_natural\\_won\\_t\\_give\\_us\\_better\\_food.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2016/05/the_fda_s_quest_to_define_natural_won_t_give_us_better_food.html).

### EDUCATION

**Georgetown University Law Center**, L.L.M., *with distinction*, 2013

**New York University School of Law**, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010

*Honors:* Law Review Alumni Association Prize (2nd highest GPA after 5 semesters)  
Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize (outstanding scholarship and character)  
*Order of the Coif*  
Furman Scholar (scholarship program for future academics)  
Lederman/Milbank Fellow in Law and Economics (grant for research)  
Center for Environmental and Land Use Law Fellow

*Journal:* *New York University Law Review*, Articles Editor

**Columbia University**, B.A., History, Environmental Science, Creative Writing, 2004

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## CLERKSHIP

Hon. David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2010 – 2011

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP**, NY, NY, Summers 2009 & 2010

*Summer Associate* (offer extended): Researched and drafted memos to support civil litigation on a range of issues such as tax foreclosure, fraud, and habeas.

**New York City Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development**, Summer 2008

*Summer Intern*: Assisted with program development related to the mortgage foreclosure crisis in New York City.

**Springside School**, Philadelphia, PA, 2004 – 2007

*Upper School History Teacher*: Taught modern world history, ancient world history, United States history, Middle Eastern history, and AP American Government and Politics.

Coached varsity track and cross-country. Served as lead ninth-grade class advisor.

## PRESENTATIONS

*The Limits of Transparency*

Panelist, Symposium: Food for Thought: The Impact of Food Choices in a Changing Climate, Lewis & Clark Law School, Mar. 13, 2021

*Barriers to Equitable Transitions in the Food System*

Panelist, Equitable Transitions: Visions for a Sustainable & Just Future, Public Interest Environmental Conference, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Feb. 13, 2021

*Farm Bill & Conservation Programs*

Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Sept. 17, 2019

*Agricultural Exceptionalism: History & Lessons*

Guest Speaker, Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative Legal Table Meeting, Sept. 17, 2019

*Food Law as Environmental Law*

Emerging Environmental Law Conference, Vermont Law School, June 21, 2019

*Modern Food Fascism*

Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 1, 2019

*Food Sovereignty as a Reparations for Urban Renewal*

Fifth Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, May 10, 2019

*Farm Bill 101*

Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Jan. 29, 2019.

*Modern Food Fascism*

Georgetown University Law Center, Environmental Law Speakers Series, Nov. 1, 2018

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*Food Policy Advocacy in New York City*

New York City Food Policy Center, Hunter College, Mar. 20, 2018.

*The Farm Bill as a Tool for Social Change*

North Country Food Justice Summit, March 1, 2018

*The Farm Bill as a Tool for Social Change*

Yale Food System Symposium, Feb. 23, 2018

*Mapping the New Food Safety*

University of Arkansas School of Law, Faculty Workshop, Feb. 20, 2018.

*Legal and Policy Tools for Dairy in a Changing Climate*

Panelist, AALS Annual Conference, San Diego, Jan. 3, 2018.

*Legal Barriers to Food Impact Valuation*

IC Foods, U.C. Davis, Nov. 6, 2017.

*Understanding the Farm Bill*

Presenter, Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, Sept. 28, 2017.

*The Future of Food Law*

Panelist, Cardozo School of Law, Apr. 20, 2017.

*Legal Applications and Challenges*

Panelist and Conference Organizer, Oxford Meeting on Impact Valuation, Oxford  
Environmental Change Institute, Environmental Research Workshop, Apr. 11, 2017.

*Environmentalism at the FDA: Food and Beverage Packaging and the Law*

Paper Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center, Environmental Research  
Workshop, Mar. 23, 2017.

*Agriculture, Climate Change, and the USDA*

Panelist and Panel Organizer, Good Food Festival, Climate Change and Agriculture: The  
Forgotten Industry, Mar. 17, 2017.

*Farm Bill 101 and More: an Agricultural Conversation with U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney*

Interviewer, Bedford 2020 Food Forum, Mar. 4, 2017.

*Annual Food Almanac*

Panelist, SlowFood NYC, Feb. 28, 2017

*The Future of Food Law: A Conversation with Kathleen Merrigan*

Interviewer, Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative Annual Event, Feb. 13, 2017.

*New Voices in Administrative Law*

Paper Workshop, AALS Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2017

*A Non-Perishable Food Movement*

Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Dec.  
1, 2016.

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### *Environmental Decisionmaking at the FDA*

Invited Panelist, Law and Food Systems: Institutional Pathways Toward a New Paradigm, Food and Drug Law Institute & Georgetown Food and Drug Law Journal Symposium, Nov. 4, 2016.

### *Agricultural Exceptionalism and Environmental Law*

Invited Presenter, Food Law Student Leadership Summit, Oct. 1, 2016.

### *Agriculture, Climate Change, and the USDA*

Panelist and Panel Organizer, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Climate Change and Agriculture: The Forgotten Industry, Sept. 30, 2016.

### *Rethinking Lead in Drinking Water*

Invited Panelist, Troubled Waters, New York State Bar Association, May 23, 2016.

### *Drinking Water Protection and Agricultural Exceptionalism*

Guest Speaker, Current Challenges in Environmental Law Seminar, New York University School of Law, Apr. 26, 2016.

### *Contaminants of Emerging Concern: Law and Policy*

Invited Panelist, Texas Environmental Law Journal Symposium, Contaminants of Emerging Concern and Water on Earth, University of Texas School of Law, Apr. 15, 2016.

### *A Farm Bill Primer: Myth and Reality*

Guest Speaker, Food Systems & the Environment Seminar, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Jan. 26, 2016.

### *Food Rights in an Uncertain World*

Panelist and Panel Organizer, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Yale Law School & Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Oct. 30, 2015.

### *Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship*

Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," Vermont Law School, Oct. 3, 2015.

### *University of Washington Junior Environmental Scholars Workshop*

Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," UW School of Law, July 9, 2015.

### *Food Rights in an Uncertain World*

Panelist and Panel Organizer, International Society of Public Law Annual Conference, Public Law in an Uncertain World, NYU School of Law, July 2, 2015.

### *US Environmental Regulation of Food Production & FSMA Basics*

Guest Lecturer, Food Law Masters Program, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy June 5-6, 2015.

### *Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship*

Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," Columbia Law School, May 22, 2015.

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### *Reconceptualizing the Future of Environmental Law*

Roundtable Participant, Pace Environmental Law Review Symposium, Pace Law School, Mar. 20, 2015.

### *Environmental Threats to the Right to Food and International Legal Responses*

Moderator, Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs Symposium, Realizing the Right to Food, UCLA School of Law, Mar. 6, 2015.

### *Information to What End: The Role of the Consumer in Driving System Change*

Organizer & Moderator, inaugural UCLA-Harvard Food Law and Policy Annual Conference, Transparency in the Global Food System, UCLA School of Law, Oct. 24, 2014.

### *Food, Health, and Whiteness as Property*

Moderator, UCLA Critical Race Studies Annual Symposium, Whiteness as Property: A Twenty Year Appraisal, UCLA School of Law, Oct. 2, 2014.

### *Regulating Farming*

Presenter, Faculty Colloquium, UCLA School of Law, Sept. 29, 2014.

### *Genetically Engineered Crops: A Panel Discussion*

Moderator, UCLA School of Law, Apr. 17, 2014.

### *Regulatory and Legislative Landscape: A Look Ahead*

Organizer & Moderator, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy Conference, Food Fight: An Examination of Recent Trends in Food Litigation, UCLA School of Law, Apr. 11, 2014.

### *The Food Safety Modernization Act and Sustainability*

Invited Panelist, Petrie-Flom Center Conference, New Directions for Food Safety: The Food Safety Modernization Act and Beyond, Harvard Law School, Feb. 21, 2014.

### *Farm Bill 101*

Invited Panelist, Stanford Law School, Feb. 5, 2014.

### *Toward a Food Secure Future: Bridging the Gap Between Sustainable Agriculture and Hunger Elimination*

Panelist, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Oct. 18, 2013.

### *Toward a Food Secure Future*

Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, Faculty Summer Workshop Series, June 20, 2013.

### *Rulemaking, Public Commenting, and Working with Agencies*

Presenter, Environmental Law Institute Skills Workshop in Public Interest Environmental Law, Apr. 21, 2012.

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### **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

Interdisciplinary Working Group, Governing Nutrient Pollution Beyond Farmers  
Farm Bill Law Enterprise

### **BAR ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, & BOARDS**

State Bar Admissions: Mass. (inactive), D.C. (inactive), NY (2013)

Federal Bar Membership: U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2011)

Professional Associations: American Association of Law Schools, Food Law Section Chair  
(2018), Environmental Law Section Officer; American Agricultural Law Association

Advisory Board Member: Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy at UCLA School of  
Law (2015 – 2018); Essex Farm Institute; Academy of Food Law and Policy (2019-2021).