

# From the Community to the Classroom

**G**eorgia State Law Assistant Professor Courtney Anderson has fostered strong relationships with community leaders to help identify and address the issues facing communities in metro Atlanta, including access to affordable housing and education.

Anderson's research focuses on the interrelated effects of housing, education and health. She also explores those areas in her Property and Law and Health Equity courses, where she incorporates experiential learning to help her students enhance their lawyering skills and engage in the community that surrounds them.

"Students are always looking for ways to put their lawyering skills to use and give back," Anderson said. "Most Georgia State Law students are from Atlanta or have close connections to the city. Through the experiential learning aspect of my courses, they get to be active and learn more than what we can teach in the classroom."

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# Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic Starting Fall Semester

This fall, Georgia State Law will open the Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic in partnership with Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Disability Integration Project. Talley Wells, who has worked for Atlanta Legal Aid Society since 2000, and was named director of the Disability Integration Project in 2008, will direct and teach the yearlong off-site clinic.

The clinic will focus on advocacy arising out of the landmark case *Olmstead v. L.C.*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court recognized the right of individuals with disabilities to live in a community setting, rather than an institution, if such a placement is medically team appropriate and can be reasonably accommodated.

Participating students will represent clients to help them obtain the assistance they need to live at home. Representation may include advocacy in administrative hearings, educational matters, speaking with state agencies or assisting with larger federal litigation.

The clinic will also serve as an avenue to increase awareness about the lives of those with disabilities in the community and to educate the public about the importance of *Olmstead*. Students will work in teams to research legal issues that impacts children/young adults with disabilities and conduct community education forums about these issues.

"One of my passions is to tell the nation about this critical decision because it is transforming

the country from a 19th-century system based on institutions and separating people with disabilities to a 21st-century opportunity for people with disabilities to be full parts of the community," Wells said.

Implementation of the 1999 *Olmstead* ruling has been slow-moving. It required a U.S. Department of Justice complaint in 2010 against Georgia for true reform to begin, Wells said.

As a result of *U.S. v Georgia*, thousands of home and community-based waivers were created to transition hospital and nursing home residents back into the community.

"That decision has been the backbone of change in Georgia," Wells said. "I feel like we have finally begun to make large steps in a 150-year-old problem of institutionalizing people with disabilities, but we have miles to go."

Wells said there is a huge amount of excitement surrounding the opening of this clinic, and the work it does will have a positive impact on the community.

"I think Georgia State Law is making an impact in Atlanta and in Georgia, and I'm excited about working with the law school and advancing its relationship with Atlanta Legal Aid Society," he said.

## Director's Message

This fall brings many exciting changes to the Center for Law Health & Society, including several new programs: a newly approved LL.M. and post-J.D. certificate program, a new study abroad program with a spring trip to the University for Peace in Costa Rica, and a new offsite disability clinic with our community partner, Atlanta Legal Aid Society. We are also debuting the first of our online courses. We have seen our colleague, Emily Suski, off to a new position and welcomed our new colleagues, Jimmy Mitchell and Roxanne Greeson. We have also celebrated the many achievements of our faculty and students, some of which are highlighted in this edition of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing the impact of these new endeavors within our vibrant center.

Best wishes,

Director, Center for Law, Health & Society

**"Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic is a unique opportunity for students to be involved in individual representation while at the same time being part of this major legal transformation that is happening around the country and in particular making a huge impact in Georgia."**

– Talley Wells, *Director of the Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic*





## First Online Course in Health Law Offered

The College of Law will offer the first online course this fall. The course, Health Law Quality and Access, developed and taught by Leslie Wolf, professor and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, is one of the required courses for the health law certificate and in the new LL.M. and post-J.D. certificate.

Making health law classes accessible to a broader set of students, many of whom may be working, as the center expands its degree options was the impetus for developing the online course. Asynchronous online courses, when done well, provide the kind of flexibility necessary to reach these students. Georgia State's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) provided essential guidance on best practices for teaching online through regular consultation and their online courses. When complete, the online courses will match the quality interactions and individual student feedback for which Georgia State's health law program is known.

Instructional designer Roxanne Greeson, who previously worked with CETL, has joined the center to support the development of this and other online courses. "Roxanne's expertise in learning theory and the technology has been invaluable in translating my course into an online format," Wolf said.

The center plans to use the model developed by Wolf and Greeson to translate other courses into an online format. The 25-plus students enrolled in this fall's class will help refine and shape future online classes at the college.

## Center Launches Health Law LL.M., Post-JD Certificate

The Center for Law, Health & Society now offers a new master of laws and a post-juris doctorate certificate in health law. These programs, approved this summer by the Georgia University System's Board of Regents, build on the center's successful and popular health law certificate for J.D. students.

"Health law touches so many different fields and careers," said Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), center associate director. "I receive many calls from our graduates and other attorneys interested in learning more about health law. We want to meet these needs, and our ability to offer both full-time and part-time options makes us uniquely capable of doing so."

The center already has a small number of students who have entered through the general LL.M. program, which was launched in the 2015-16 academic year. Although primarily directed at foreign-trained lawyers who may sit for the Georgia bar after earning their degree, the program also offers tracks in health law, intellectual property law and environmental law. "That students have sought us out before even marketing our program is a testament both to students' interest in health law and Georgia State law's excellent reputation in this area," Kershner said. "We are looking forward to expanding these program now that we have approval."

In addition to the LL.M. and post-J.D. certificate, the center is developing an online master of jurisprudence for non-lawyer health practitioners.

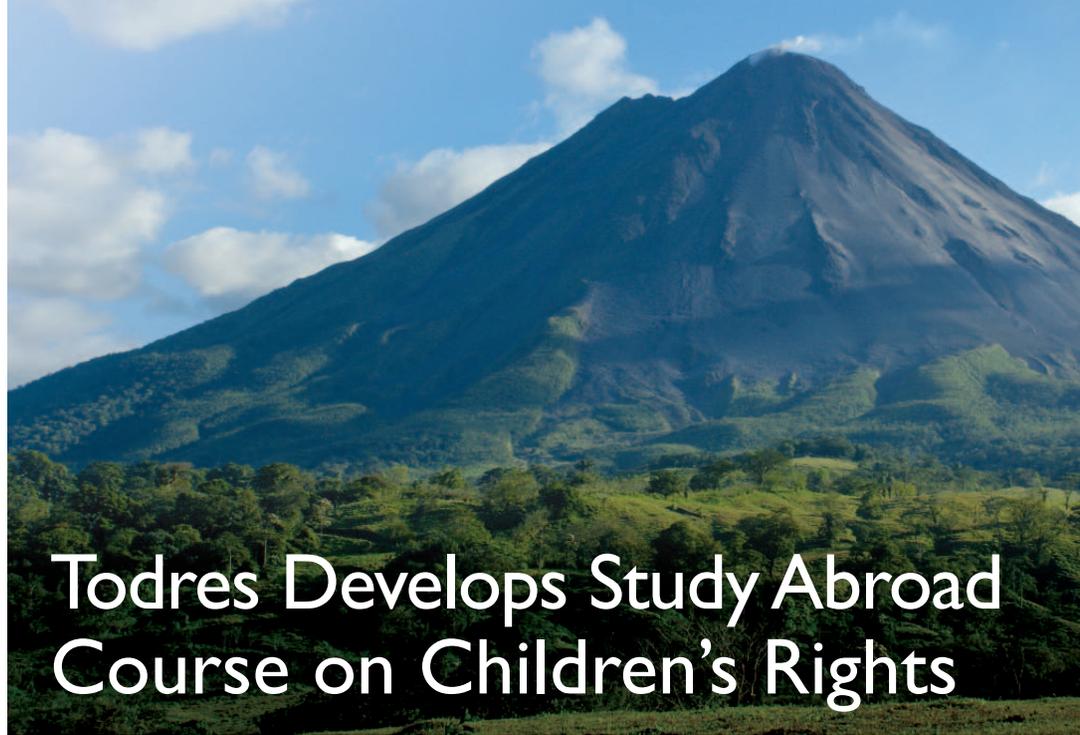
**TOP 10**

The health law program at Georgia State Law is ranked in the top 10 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for the 10th consecutive year.

# Wolf Joins Metro Growth Center in Rio

Leslie Wolf, professor and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, joined the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth in its Spring Break trip to Rio de Janeiro. Part of the International Perspectives on Urban Law & Policy course and led by Metro Growth's co-chair, Julian Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law, and Karen Johnston (J.D. '08), assistant director, the week included lectures by leading Brazilian environmental lawyers and law professors and site visits, including tours of two Rio favelas (shanty towns) and the Rio city operations center.

"The Brazil trip confirmed my commitment toward offering our health law students study abroad opportunities. I am excited that, through Jonathan Todres's leadership, this is becoming a reality," Wolf said.



## Todres Develops Study Abroad Course on Children's Rights

Georgia State Law students soon will have a new international experiential learning opportunity. Professor Jonathan Todres has developed a course, Global Perspectives on Children and the Law, which will include a one-week study abroad component. The course explores how law and policy can advance children's rights and well-being globally.

Each year the course will focus on different issues important to children's rights beginning with migration and education for marginalized children and adolescents. The Spring 2017 study abroad program will be in San Jose, Costa Rica, in partnership with University for Peace through its Centre for Executive Education.

UPEACE is a United Nations-mandated university that promotes world peace and progress through education and research. "This course will offer a unique setting for students to enrich their understanding of how children's rights law is implement

in practice," Todres said. "By combining UPEACE's expertise in human rights and social innovation with field visits to affected communities, meetings with other stakeholders and class discussion, we hope to foster opportunities for students to think creatively about how to effectively address challenges to the rights and well-being of children."

As immigration, migration, and education are also significant issues in the United States, this program will provide students an opportunity to learn about Costa Rica's experience and bring the lessons they learn through the study abroad back to the United States.

The course is limited to 10 law and graduate students. Participating students will write a paper on a relevant topic. Students interested in extending their stay in Costa Rica will be able to tour a volcano and national park.



"I'm excited that this course will offer students an opportunity to witness and deepen their understanding of challenges children face around the globe. We become better lawyers when we can truly appreciate the experiences of those we aim to serve."

– Jonathan Todres,  
*Professor of Law*

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Anderson's approach to her teaching and research stems from her experience as a clinical fellow at Georgetown University Law Center representing low-income tenants. In doing so, Anderson realized her services extended far beyond their legal rights and developed her passion for eradicating the disparities in low-income communities.

"We were our clients' only advocates. They told us how hard it was for them to access social services and education because of where they lived," Anderson said. "We realized how many ancillary issues stemmed from the disparities in their communities, and we were the only ones who could help."

Anderson shares these insights with her students in a variety of ways. Her Law and Health Equity students take a bus tour from downtown Atlanta to the affluent community of Buckhead. Students observe and contrast the size of houses, the green spaces, schools and neighborhood amenities in Buckhead with the concentration of vacant homes, low flood plain areas and lack of sidewalks in low-income neighborhoods.

During the course, students work with Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Units, citizen advisory councils that make zoning, land use and other planning recommendations to the mayor and city council, to address health disparities and inequalities.

"Courtney wants to understand the underlying conditions that contribute to inequities and injustice," said Leslie Wolf, professor and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. "By grounding her scholarship and teaching in the real-world problems, she points the way to making a difference in people's lives and inspires her students to consider the impact they can have in their communities within their career."

Anderson's Property students have worked with Purpose Built Schools, a nonprofit

committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through high-performing schools, to help Thomasville Heights Elementary School, which is facing state takeover after receiving an "F" rating three years in a row. Purpose Built Schools hopes to make Thomasville a charter school instead.

"Thomasville had a 40 percent turnover rate, and Purpose Built Schools needed help understanding why," Anderson said.

Her students pulled eviction records and housing conditions, and cross-referenced demographics to provide a picture of issues that could impact Thomasville students' ability to attend school. Purpose Built Schools is planning to incorporate their recommendations based on the findings in the upcoming school year.

Through a collaboration with Georgia State University's School of Public Health, Anderson and her Law and Healthy Equity students have helped with the Atlanta Youth Count and Needs Assessment, a comprehensive survey of youth homelessness in Atlanta.

They helped develop the survey questions not only to capture the number of homeless youth, but also what led to their homelessness and their future plans. The resulting report provides practical information on the size, nature and needs of the homeless and runaway youth in Atlanta that can inform development and refinement of policies, programs and interventions to help these kids.

The connection Anderson makes between communities and her students is as lasting as her relationships with residents and leaders. She often hears from former students who continue to follow the issues she introduced and hope to continue to work toward solutions. She's also been selected multiple times as a December graduate's favorite professor. It's clear that Anderson's approach to teaching, in combination with her research and involvement with community leaders, is benefitting her students and making a difference.



## Caley and Bliss Promoted to Clinical Professors

Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86, J.D. '89),

co-director of the Health Law Partnership and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, and Lisa Bliss, co-director

of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic and director of experiential education, were both promoted to the rank of clinical professor.



In extending well-deserved congratulations to Bliss and Caley, Dean Steven J. Kaminshine said, "We are fortunate to have such talented professors on our faculty, contributing their exceptional leadership, clinical teaching and scholarship."

## Cino Named Associate Dean

Associate Professor Jessica Gabel Cino has been named associate dean for academic affairs for Georgia State University College of Law. Cino, who has been affiliated with the Center for Law, Health & Society since she joined the college's faculty in 2009, teaches courses on forensic evidence, forensic medicine, bankruptcy and contracts. Her primary research focuses on fraud and ethics at the intersection of law and science.



## Heled Receives Promotion & Tenure, Named IP Center Co-director

Center for Law, Health & Society faculty member, Yaniv Heled, was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure, as well as being named co-director of the new Center for Intellectual Property.

Since joining the Georgia State Law faculty, Heled has focused his research on the legal and ethical aspects of biomedical technologies, such as biologics and biosimilars, stem cells, cloning and DNA sequencing and testing. His most recent work examines the regulation of biosimilars and regulatory competitive shelters, an increasingly important type of government benefit afforded to technology developers.

"Yaniv's promotion, tenure, and co-directorship in the new IP center reflect the extraordinary work that he has completed at the intersection of biological science and intellectual property," said Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. "We look forward to working together with the IP center on topics of common interest."



# HeLP Clinic Bids Farewell to Suski

The Center for Law, Health & Society bid farewell to Emily Suski in May. Suski joined the HeLP Legal Services Clinic as a clinical supervising attorney in July 2010 through a generous two-year grant from the Kresge Foundation and later became an assistant clinical professor. She was recruited to University of South Carolina to start a medical-legal partnership in the vein of the Health Law Partnership there.

Suski's contributions were not limited to her clinical work. She also taught Family Law and conducted research on topics such as bullying. She held leadership positions in the American Association of Law Schools Section of Poverty Law, including serving as chair in 2014, as well as serving as co-chair of the scholarship on Clinical Legal Education in 2013.

"Emily's excellent background in child advocacy benefitted the HeLP Clinic during her tenure at Georgia State," said Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89), HeLP's director and co-director of the HeLP Clinic. "Her interdisciplinary skills in social work and law contributed greatly to her teaching of our clinic students and facilitated our ability to attract social workers into our intraprofessional education. She also inspired our students interested in disability law."

"We will miss Emily, who was an important part of the clinic and our center," said Leslie Wolf, professor and center director. "But this is a tremendous opportunity for Emily to build a medical-legal partnership and to make her mark in a new endeavor based on what she learned through her years at HeLP, to the benefit of the University of South Carolina, its students and South Carolina's citizens."



## HeLP Clinic Welcomes Mitchell

The HeLP Legal Services Clinic welcomed supervising attorney James "Jimmy" Mitchell in May. Mitchell brings a wealth of legal practice and research experience to his new role. Most recently, he was employed as an associate with Nall & Miller LLP. He defended both national and local corporations in governmental liability, constitutional law, product liability, and insurance and business litigation.

Prior to working with Nall & Miller, Mitchell was a federal staff attorney with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. There he assisted Court of Appeals judges in the disposition of civil and criminal cases and conducted extensive research around federal and state legal issues.

While at the University of Notre Dame Law School, Mitchell volunteered for CASA, an organization that appoints trained volunteers to advocate in juvenile court proceedings for the best interests of children who have

suffered abuse or neglect. Mitchell's experience with CASA instilled in him a passion to advocate on behalf of children.

"Jimmy excelled in law school and coupled with his experience, he is particularly well suited to teach and mentor our students," said Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89), director of HeLP and co-director of the clinic. "We are thrilled that he has joined the HeLP Clinic as clinical supervising attorney."

"I was excited to jump right in this summer," said Mitchell. "With student Blinn Combs (J.D. '17), we already have successfully appealed a termination of disability benefits for a child with serious health conditions."

Working with the clinic appealed to Mitchell from multiple angles: he is interested in teaching, supervising students, legal practice and research. "I cannot imagine a better opportunity to teach students while also providing essential legal services to the community," he said.



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HEALTH LAW PARTNERSHIP



# HeLP Leader

Leaders of the nationally recognized Health Law Partnership, a medical-legal partnership, share their achievements. Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89), director of HeLP and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, was named a leader of this spring. In addition, the HeLP advisory council recognized founding members of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic.

HeLP is an interdisciplinary community collaboration between health care and law. One of its core components is interdisciplinary education of graduate professional students. HeLP has provided over \$700,000 in benefits for those clients.



“Working to expand access to justice, reduce disparities, and achieve the goal of health equity is very rewarding work, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve.”

– Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89), Director of HeLP, Co-Director of HeLP Legal Services Clinic and Clinical Professor

## Caley Receives Award for Community Service and Social Justice

An advocate for children with health care needs in low-income families, Sylvia Caley, clinical professor, has left an indelible mark on the community in her quest to eliminate health disparities and promote health equity.

Georgia State University President Mark Becker presented Caley with Georgia State University's Carl V. Patton President's Award for Community Service and Social Justice on April 25 for her dedication to and significant contributions in improving the lives of others.

“As one of the founders of HeLP, Sylvia has transformed her civic commitment into positive social action for Georgia State Law students and the community partners with whom HeLP collaborates,” said Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, who nominated Caley.

“Sylvia is a role model for many, and truly exemplifies Georgia State's commitment to fostering civic and community engagement,” said Scott. “She has dedicated most of her professional life to improving the health and well-being of some of our most vulnerable communities and has been actively and continuously engaged in addressing them for many years.”

This includes her mentoring of students from different disciplines, who participate in HeLP and the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, her Health Legislation and Advocacy course that pairs students with community partners, and her service in numerous organizations that promote access to health care, community education and health improvement.

“Truly, it is a privilege to receive this recognition from the school that has given me so much — the education, training, and encouragement necessary to expand my horizons and the platform upon which to contribute to the betterment of our community,” said Caley.

# ship Recognized

legal partnership among Georgia State Law, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid Society, were recognized this spring for d co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, and Lisa Bliss, co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, each received University awards center director Charity Scott at its annual fundraiser, Shake it Up for HeLP, for her efforts in establishing the medical-legal partnership.

are providers and lawyers to address the multiple social and economic conditions that affect low-income children's health. One of HeLP's students through the HeLP Legal Services Clinic at the College of Law. In 2016, HeLP handled more than 600 cases, resulting in more than

"HeLP's clients have received significant financial, social, personal, and other benefits over the years through HeLP's legal representation, which have profoundly contributed to improving the health and well-being of so many children and families in Atlanta."

– Charity Scott, *Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law.*



Photo courtesy of John Disney with the Daily Report

## HeLP Fellowship Named for Scott

Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, was recognized for her "vision, inspiration, and resourcefulness" in HeLP's creation at the annual Shake It Up for HeLP event in April.

"HeLP's advisory council, staff and faculty wanted to honor Charity because, without her, HeLP wouldn't have gotten off the ground," said Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86, J.D. '89), clinical professor and director of HeLP. "In many respects she is the mother of HeLP. Her ideas and energy are embedded in everything HeLP has accomplished during the last 13 years."

"Charity Scott, along with Sylvia Caley, was the driving force in the creation of the HeLP project," said Steve Gottlieb, executive director of Atlanta Legal Aid Society. "The word I always use to describe Charity is relentless, because she would not give up on her belief that patients in hospitals, especially children, needed a collaboration between lawyers and doctors to address the social and economic determinants of their health."

"Happily, being 'relentless' over the years paid off when we finally and formally entered into our community partnership in 2004," Scott said.

Since its founding, HeLP has expanded within Atlanta and has become a national model for medical-legal partnerships. HeLP's success is founded on the strengths of its leaders and partners and has succeeded due to the efforts of faculty, students, volunteers and countless supporters in our community, Scott said.

In addition to the award, HeLP members set up the Charity Scott Summer Law Student Scholarship, which will provide a stipend to students who work full time for 10 weeks during the summer at the HeLP office, Caley said.

"Through my service, I've learned so much about culture, teaching, leadership and how we as law professors have the power to transform the justice system through education."

– Lisa Bliss, *Director of Experiential Education, Co-Director of HeLP Legal Services Clinic and Clinical Professor*



## Bliss Honored for Exceptional Service, Scholarship and Teaching

Lisa Bliss's commitment to discipline-related service was honored with the Georgia State University 2016 Exceptional Service Award that also recognizes her excellence in scholarship and teaching.

"My goal is to foster an educational environment in which students explore the meaning and application of law, ethics, and professional identity in real situations, thus preparing them for their future as professionals," she said.

Bliss became a clinical professor in 2006 and co-launched the HeLP Legal Services Clinic. Soon after, she took on the responsibility of broadening Georgia State Law's focus and commitment to greater integration of clinical education into its curriculum. In 2014, she became director of experiential education and has executed a strategic agenda to further enhance experiential education and the development of interactive teaching.

An active participant in the larger clinical legal education community, Bliss holds elected leadership positions for the Section on Clinical Legal Education of the Association of American Law Schools and the Global Alliance for Justice Education, and formerly served on the board of directors of the Clinical Legal Education Association. She has traveled to developing countries, including Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam, to train teachers in clinical legal education methods and models.

"Participating on national and international committees that support the development of clinical legal education has enriched my work tremendously," she said.

Bliss says it's important for law professors to be active in service across the globe because when combined with research, the experience can "deepen one's knowledge and inform one's scholarship."



## Wolf Represents Lawyers in Society of Scholars

“Knowing the accomplishments of my distinguished colleagues and friends from the Greenwall Fellowship cohort and the Berman Institute of Bioethics, I am keenly aware of the honor of being the first to represent that group, as well as being the first lawyer, in the Society of Scholars.”

– Leslie Wolf, *Director of the Center for Law, Health & Society and Professor of Law*

From doctors to historians, philosophers to engineers, the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars comprises more than 600 of the most influential and pioneering minds in the world. But since its founding in 1969, the society has not included a single lawyer among its illustrious ranks—until now.

Leslie Wolf, professor and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State University’s College of Law, was one of 16 men and women inducted into the Society of Scholars at an April 11 ceremony hosted by Johns Hopkins University President Ronald J. Daniels and Provost Robert C. Lieberman.

After earning a J.D. from Harvard Law School and practicing law for several years, Wolf earned her M.P.H. at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 1997 while a Greenwall Fellow at the school’s Berman Institute of Bioethics.

She credits the program for her successful transition from private practice to academia and for this honor as well. Wolf was nominated for membership in the Society of Scholars by former leaders of the Greenwall Fellowship.

Though she will be the first of her kind in the society, Wolf will certainly be among equals. A leading expert in public health law and research ethics, Wolf has a distinguished record. She previously was on faculty at the University of California San Francisco, has published extensively in the medical and legal literature, and served on committees for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health.

“This honor is well deserved and a tribute to the high quality and influence of Leslie’s interdisciplinary work,” said Steven J. Kaminshine, dean and professor of law.

# Lytton Hosts Conference to Discuss Novak's New Book



Scholars from leading U.S. law schools gathered May 3 for a daylong conference to discuss and provide feedback on the forthcoming book, *A New Democracy: Law and the Creation of the Modern State*, by William Novak, a University of Michigan law professor and legal historian. The book will be published by Harvard University Press.

Novak's book traces the rise of regulation in America from the end of the Civil War to the Great Depression and shatters the myth that modern regulation in the United States started with Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s.

Novak argues that, during this period, the nation underwent a "Second American Revolution," in which progressive reformers worked to expand the right to vote, limit the role of money in politics, fund public education, promote public health, and regulate the economy. A desire to make American politics and culture more democratic guided these efforts and set the stage for the better known reforms of the New Deal.

"Professor Novak's research reveals that many of the basic regulatory issues that we struggle with today — money in politics, immigration, educational standards — have a long history that dates to the 19th century," said Timothy Lytton, Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law, who organized the event at Georgia State Law. "Novak's careful historical study of these issues can help us better understand our own regulatory policy challenges today."

The conference brought together scholars in the field to discuss the book's thesis and to offer feedback at a stage when changes to the manuscript still can be made. Participants, a mix of historians, political scientists, and administrative law scholars, came from Harvard University, Yale University, Columbia University, Georgetown University, University of Berkeley, Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, University of Georgia and Georgia State University.

"Reviewing Professor Novak's manuscript as a prelude to publication was a premier opportunity to watch scholarship in process," said Paul Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law. "It let Georgia State faculty members at the law school and the history department participate in interdisciplinarity at the highest level, along with some of the finest scholars in the country."

The event was hosted by the Center for Law, Health & Society and co-sponsored by Georgia State Law and the University of Michigan Law School.

"With workshops such as this, including leading law scholars and legal historians from around the country, Georgia State Law is building on its growing national reputation as a place for serious scholarly encounters."



– Timothy Lytton, *Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law*



# Law Week

## Student Events

The first week of April is designated as Law Week at the College of Law. An annual tradition, the week, sponsored by the Student Bar Association, is an extension of Law Day, celebrated nationally as a day of dedication to the principle of government under law established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958. Each student organization participates hosting events to educate, entertain and engage classmates.

“Law Week is important because it is a week of concentrated collaboration among our students, faculty, and the Atlanta legal community to promote and reiterate our commitment to public service,” said Darlene Childers (J.D. '17), Student Bar Association 2016-17 president and past Law Week coordinator.

This year, the Student Health Law Association hosted a panel on human trafficking. Guest

speakers included Naomi Tsu with the Southern Poverty Law Center, Monica Khant with the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network, and Camila Wright with the State of Georgia Office of the Attorney General. The panelists discussed variations in human trafficking, such as sex and labor, female and male, domestic and international, and minors and adults, and shared different approaches needed to address this critical issue.

In addition, professor Leslie Wolf spoke on a panel on HIV and the law hosted by OUTLaw, along with Greg Nevins of Lambda Legal, Eric Wright from the Georgia State School of Public Health, and Neal Carnes from the Georgia State Department of Sociology. The panelists discussed a wide-range of issues, including the changing face of the epidemic, continued discrimination and stigmatization of people living with HIV and laws that

criminalize knowing HIV exposure.

Professors Tim Lytton and Patti Zettler participated in the “LAW Matters” video series. Lytton described how law advances health and safety through litigation or industry regulation, using playground surfaces as an illustration. Zettler explained how law helps us to reconcile competing values and goals, such as balancing the tension in development and testing of new pharmaceuticals between the government’s role in protecting the public’s health and the rights of individuals to autonomy and privacy.

SHLA member and health law certificate student Nicole Henderson (J.D./M.S.H.A. '17) expressed how law enhances quality of life for people with chronic illnesses and helps to ensure that all citizens receive affordable and quality health care.



## 10th Annual **BIOETHICS** AT THE MOVIES

This spring, the 10th Annual Bioethics at the Movies series was co-sponsored by the Student Health Law Association and the Center for Law, Health & Society.

One of the most popular health law events, the series is open to all students at the College of Law as well as members of the health law community. The series features clips from movies and television and discussion on a wide range of topics in bioethics guided by health law faculty and guest speakers. Past years have addressed themes such as vaccination, human cloning, genetic enhancement, surrogacy and medical tourism.

Professors Jonathan Todres and Emily Suski kicked off the series with Mean Girls: A Case Study on Childhood Bullying. The movie takes a humorous but realistic look at the bullying in American high schools and students’ navigation of social groups and cliques. Todres and Suski discussed the indicia of bullying, its effects on victims, such as isolation, reduced academic success, poor physical and mental health and suicide, and possible opportunities for prevention, including state anti-bullying statutes.

Next, Professors Courtney Anderson, Erin Fuse Brown, and Patti Zettler co-hosted Dallas Buyers Club: Dollars, Drugs, and Disparities. The film follows the story of a newly diagnosed HIV patient in the mid-1980s who fought to obtain medication that the FDA had not yet approved. The professors engaged students in discussion about social disparities and discrimination, pharmaceutical research and development process, and factors involved in drug pricing and access to approved as well as unapproved drugs.

To conclude the series, Professor Yaniv Heled reprised the Monty Python Bioethics Corpus, with no shortage of clips of this infamous comedic group. A scene of medieval plague provided fodder for debate of the definition of death in various countries, cultures and time periods. Other clips spurred discussion on gender issues, organ transplants, obesity and chronic disease.

“Bioethics at the Movies is a favorite among students,” said SHLA member Jessica Hobbs (J.D./M.S.H.A. '16). “The movie clips provide a unique platform to engage students in discussion of important issues.”

# Health Law Students Honored

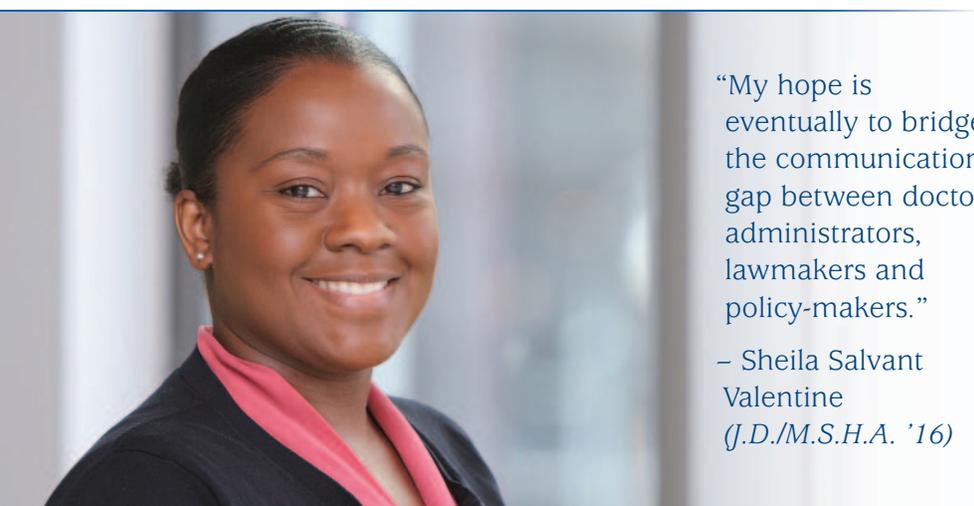
Several health law students were acknowledged for their achievements at the 2016 College of Law Honors Day. Sheila Salvant Valentine (J.D./M.S.H.A. '16) received the Health Law Award. This award, which includes a monetary gift sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia's Health Law Section, recognizes outstanding student achievement in health law including academic performance, writing ability, experiential learning, and involvement in the health law community.

The ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Health Law is awarded to three students with the highest grades in each section of core health law courses. Lisa Churvis (J.D. '16) and Jessica Hobbs (J.D./M.S.H.A. '16) received this award for achievement in Health Law: Finance and Delivery (Spring 2015). Lauren Zaki (J.D. '17) received this award for achievement

in Health Law: Quality and Access (Fall 2015). These students received a certificate and a complementary book selection from ABA/BNA.

Whitney Arp (J.D. '16) and Daniel Lee (J.D. '16) were presented with the HeLP Legal Services Clinic Award, including a monetary gift sponsored by the HeLP Advisory Council, for demonstrating excellent legal analysis, writing, advocacy, and professionalism in the delivery of legal services to low-income families served by the clinic.

"We are pleased to be able to recognize the achievements of our health law students," said Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, "Each of them are excellent representatives of our program and Georgia State Law."



"My hope is eventually to bridge the communication gap between doctors, administrators, lawmakers and policy-makers."

– Sheila Salvant Valentine  
*(J.D./M.S.H.A. '16)*

## Health Law Award Recipient Obtains CDC Fellowship

2016 Health Law Award recipient, Dr. Sheila Salvant Valentine (J.D./M.S.H.A. '16) will join the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the HIV prevention division as an ORISE fellow.

Valentine, a native of Haiti, was a primary-care physician practicing in the Caribbean, first in Jamaica and then Turks and Caicos Islands, before becoming a Georgia resident and a Georgia State University student. She graduated in May after having studied concurrently at the College of Law and Robinson College of Business, completing a master of science in health administration in addition to her law degree.

The CDC position will allow her to pursue her dual passions for health care and the law. Having been a doctor in countries like Jamaica, where medical care is government subsidized, she realizes that strategic policies and laws are necessary for a health care system to function properly. She wants to be a part of making the process work.

"Not only do I understand the legal aspect of the health care system, I also understand its clinical aspect," she said. "I have been on both sides of the fence and therefore have a different and deeper appreciation for health law."

## New SHLA Officers Named

The Student Health Law Association (SHLA) is a student-run organization for law students interested in health-related legal disciplines. The following students were elected as SHLA officers for 2016-2017:

- 3L President:** Sakinah Jones
- 2L President:** Caitlin Fox
- VP of Programming:** Kirstin Rodrigues
- VP of Membership:** Brandon Reed
- VP of Community Outreach:** Blake Kilday
- VP of Student Outreach:** Sophia Horn

The positions of treasurer and secretary will be filled by incoming first-year students interested in health law at the beginning of the academic year.



# Center Highlights



## Courtney L. Anderson

Professor Anderson was a co-author of the Atlanta Youth Count and Needs Assessment 2016 Report, an empirical study of homeless youth in the city. She also worked with attorneys and public health officials to analyze the impact of housing instability on students at the request of Purpose Built Schools.



## Lisa R. Bliss

Professor Bliss was honored by Georgia State University as a recipient of the Faculty Award for Exceptional Service, which recognized her contributions to the university and the profession. Bliss was an international trainer at the 2nd Asia Regional Clinical Legal Education Summer School in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She taught multiple sessions on clinical legal education topics. The event was attended by 42 law teachers from 13 different countries.



## Jessica Gabel Cino

Cino finished work on three articles related to DNA evidence and improving forensic science. She also was named a "Rising Star" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. In June, Professor Cino was invited to serve as a member of the American Academy of Forensic Science's Standards Boards for both DNA and fingerprint evidence. Those boards will set the course for standards and procedures in forensic laboratories across the country.



## Yaniv Heled

Professor Heled was promoted to associate professor with tenure. He presented his work at the Fourth Annual Governance of Emerging Technologies conference at Arizona State University and at the ASLME Health Law Professors Conference at Boston University. He is working on two articles: one exploring requiring healthcare corporations to incorporate as public benefit corporations (co-authored with Liza Vertinsky and Cass Brewer) and another surveying the state of legislation and regulation of autonomous vehicles.



## Roberta M. Berry

Professor Berry continues to direct the Georgia Tech Honors Program. She co-authored (with five Honors Program students) a presentation in April 2016 on enhanced learning in living-learning communities. In partnership with Georgia Tech's Oxford Study Abroad Program, she taught a summer class on U.S. constitutional law to Georgia Tech Honors Program students residing at Oxford University, with field trips to the Inns of Court (London) and other historically significant sites.



## Sylvia B. Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89)

Professor Caley presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools on Interprofessional Education Opportunities through medical-legal partnership. She also participated on a panel at the annual summit of the National Center for MLP on moving Beyond the Clinic: Engaging in Policy Work to Address Systemic Change. She hosted leaders from Navient Health in Macon, Georgia, who are seeking to establish a MLP in central Georgia.



## Erin C. Fuse Brown

Professor Fuse Brown published two posts with Jaime S. King (UC Hastings) in *Health Affairs Blog* on state efforts to control health care costs and on the Supreme Court decision in *Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual*. She presented at the Academy Health Policy, Families USA, and ASLME Health Law Professors Conferences. She was also a guest on the podcast, *The Week in Health Law*.



## Wendy F. Hensel

Associate Dean Hensel published "Hospitals Rationing Drugs Behind Closed Doors: A Civil Rights Issue" with Leslie Wolf in *The Conversation*, which was reprinted in *U.S. News & World Report*. Hensel and Wolf presented this research at the National Association of County and City Officials National Preparedness Conference in Dallas, Texas. Hensel also acted an accreditation auditor for the College of Law of Prince Sultan University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



**Stacie P. Kershner  
(J.D. '08)**

Kershner has been drafting proposals for new programs, including an online master of jurisprudence in health law (M.J.) for non-lawyer health practitioners and other professionals and an in-person master of laws in health law (LL.M.) for attorneys. She is co-writing a chapter on public health law for a public health ethics book with Professor Wolf.



**James E. Mitchell**

James Mitchell joined the HeLP Legal Services Clinic in May as a clinical supervising attorney. Although new to the College of Law, he is hard at work on many of the HeLP Clinic's cases. Of note, he has already extensively supervised a student who successfully advocated on behalf of a client in a hearing before a federal administrative law judge.



**Charity Scott**

Professor Scott was the guest editor for a special volume of the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* published in Spring 2016 reviewing the national faculty fellowship program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on the future of public health law education. The essays covered the program's successes and challenges, the fellows' curricular innovations, their mentors' experiences, the deans' contributions, online research and teaching libraries and professional development offerings.



**Leslie E. Wolf**

Professor Wolf was the first lawyer inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars. Cambridge University Press published her chapter on HIV criminal exposure statutes in the book *Criminalising Contagion*. She presented with center colleagues Wendy Hensel on resource allocation at the NACCHO Preparedness Summit and Jonathan Todres on research ethics challenges in child trafficking at the annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference.



**Paul A. Lombardo**

Professor Lombardo presented "Confronting Reproductive Technologies: History, Rhetoric and the Spector of Eugenics" at the Hastings Center, New York, and "Eugenics at the Movies: Abortion and Birth Control in *Where Are My Children?* (1916)" at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis. He was also named an advisory board member for *The Eugenic Rubicon*, an NEH Grant to the University of Michigan that will digitize state sterilization data.



**Timothy D. Lytton**

Professor Lytton published editorials on mass shootings and lawsuits against the gun industry in the *New Republic* and the *National Law Journal*. He was interviewed on these issues by *The New York Times*, *CNN*, and *Bloomberg News*. He presented a draft chapter—"Building a Better Burger: The Dynamics of Food Safety Reform"—from his book on food safety regulation at Cornell University, the University of Texas and the University of Georgia.



**Jonathan Todres**

Professor Todres published "Can Mandatory Reporting Laws Help Child Survivors of Human Trafficking?" in *Wisconsin Law Review Forward*. He served on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine study committee on bullying prevention, which published its report in May 2016. He also presented his new book on human rights in children's literature at the Children's Literature Association Annual Conference in Ohio and the ACEI Global Summit on Childhood in Costa Rica.



**Patricia J. Zettler**

Professor Zettler presented her paper "Pharmaceutical Federalism," at the University of Kentucky College of Law and participated in a panel on proposed changes to federal research regulations at ASLME's Health Law Professors Conference. She was interviewed about various FDA-related topics by the *Washington Post*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *STAT News*, and *Fast Company*. She continues to serve on the advisory board for the *Food and Drug Law Journal*.

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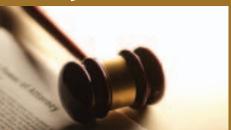
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