

# HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT

[ RACE AND PLACE IN AMERICA ]

Visit this in-person exhibit examining historic challenges of the past 120 years in achieving health equity in the United States.



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## Georgia State Law Hosts Health Law Professors Conference

More than 230 health law professors, government and private sector attorneys, researchers and other professionals from over 30 states and five countries attended the 40th Annual American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference hosted by the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State University College of Law.

Health equity was a recurring theme throughout the conference, including

Camara Jones's keynote address, plenary sessions on the future of Medicaid and health reform, a preview of the "Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America" exhibit and a reception at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

With more than 30 concurrent sessions, the conference afforded an opportunity to engage on critical issues, including health care reform, the opioid

epidemic, vaccines, new human subjects regulations and teaching.

"The Health Law Professors Conference has exceptional substance and collegiality," said Leslie Wolf, professor of law and center director. "It was a privilege to host it and to welcome our colleagues to Atlanta and our new building."

Read more about the conference in our special section at pages 10-15.





## Director's Message

The center was thrilled to host the 40th Annual American Society for Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference in June. Check out our special section commemorating this fantastic event. Also in this issue, we have faculty members taking on new administrative roles, receiving promotions, awards and other recognition of their work, and a staff member joining the faculty. We also have students and graduates taking on leadership roles. I am proud to share their accomplishments with you.

Best wishes,

Director, Center for Law, Health & Society

“The Center for Law, Health & Society is honored to host this exhibit, which furthers our focus on health equity and complements our mission of providing a space for reflection on critical issues at the intersection of law, policy, health and society.”

— Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), Associate Director, Center for Law, Health & Society



## Exhibit Invites Public to Explore Issues of Health Equity in America

Georgia State University has re-mounted portions of the exhibit “Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America” at the College of Law, making materials originally displayed at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum available to the public for the first time since 2014.

Kim Ramsey-White, director of undergraduate programs at the School of Public Health, viewed the exhibit with her class in 2014, and was instrumental in bringing it to Georgia State. “Having this exhibit as a resource on our campus will allow faculty to connect students to powerful visual and narrative content that humanizes the history of racism, discrimination and marginalization and their individual and collective impact on the health of our nation,” she said. “We are proud to revive the exhibit in a way that will engage, educate and reinforce for generations that ‘Health is Human Right.’”

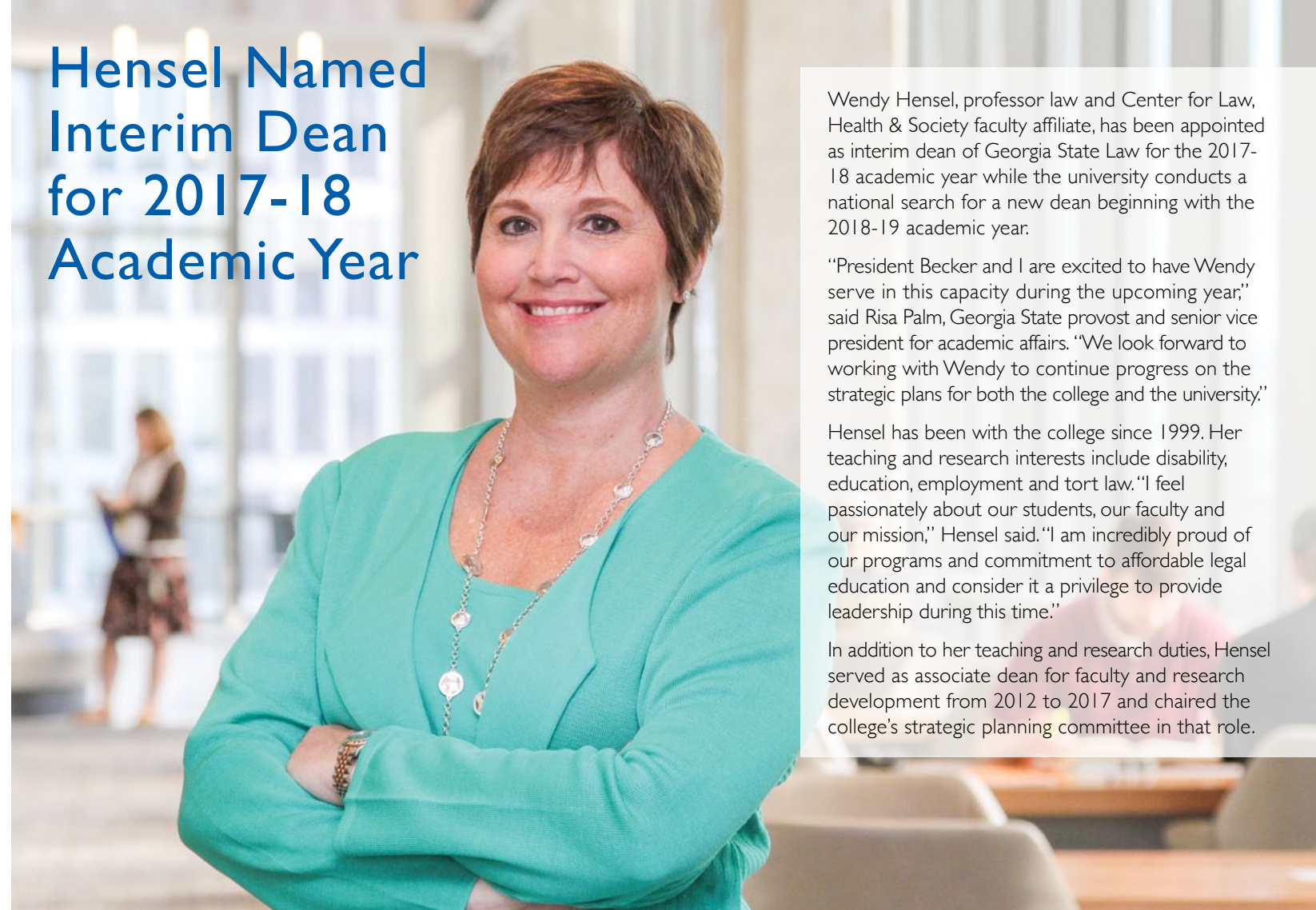
The freshly curated exhibit includes historic photos, posters and other documents. It is the result of a

partnership among the School of Public Health, the Center for Law, Health & Society and the University Library, which has produced an interactive, online version of the exhibit that includes additional materials and allows for distance learning opportunities.

“This exhibit has rich components that align with numerous law courses, especially the health law curriculum, as well as courses in other departments,” said Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. “We encourage alumni and friends to drop by to experience this thought-provoking illustration of how socially-disadvantaged populations face inequities in regards to health.”

The exhibit is open to the public through Dec. 1. For more information, visit [publichealth.gsu.edu/healthexhibit](http://publichealth.gsu.edu/healthexhibit). For the interactive online exhibit, visit: [library.gsu.edu/healthexhibit](http://library.gsu.edu/healthexhibit).

## Hensel Named Interim Dean for 2017-18 Academic Year



Wendy Hensel, professor of law and Center for Law, Health & Society faculty affiliate, has been appointed as interim dean of Georgia State Law for the 2017-18 academic year while the university conducts a national search for a new dean beginning with the 2018-19 academic year.

“President Becker and I are excited to have Wendy serve in this capacity during the upcoming year,” said Risa Palm, Georgia State provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “We look forward to working with Wendy to continue progress on the strategic plans for both the college and the university.”

Hensel has been with the college since 1999. Her teaching and research interests include disability, education, employment and tort law. “I feel passionately about our students, our faculty and our mission,” Hensel said. “I am incredibly proud of our programs and commitment to affordable legal education and consider it a privilege to provide leadership during this time.”

In addition to her teaching and research duties, Hensel served as associate dean for faculty and research development from 2012 to 2017 and chaired the college’s strategic planning committee in that role.

## Lytton Named New Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development

Distinguished University Professor and professor of law Timothy D. Lytton was named associate dean for research and faculty development for Georgia State Law.

Lytton joined Georgia State Law and the Center for Law, Health & Society in 2015. He teaches Administrative Law, Torts, Products Liability and Legislation & Statutory Interpretation, and his research examines health and safety regulations, with a recent focus on food policy.

“I am very excited about this new opportunity. The Georgia State Law faculty produces cutting-edge scholarship in an extraordinary range of areas,” Lytton said. “The faculty culture at Georgia State Law is defined by an appreciation of intellectual diversity, a strong commitment to each other’s success, and a deep belief that high quality

scholarship and teaching should go hand-in-hand. I see my new position as merely a facilitator of this culture.”



Lytton was attracted to Georgia State Law because of its commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and efforts to put new ideas into practice throughout Atlanta.

“I’m very impressed by the intensity and creativity of intellectual life here in the law school,” he said. “I’m also pleasantly surprised by how much I have learned in

the classroom that has informed my research. My students bring to their studies a rich diversity of experiences, and classroom discussion has helped me refine my ideas about applying institutional theories to policy problems.”

# 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 11th consecutive year.





## Wolf Lectures on HIV Exposure Statutes at Johns Hopkins University

Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society and professor of law presented, "Reconciling Criminal HIV Exposure Statutes and Public Health," as part of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics Seminar Series. The presentation was based on Wolf's research and teaching on this topic, including her chapter in the book, *Criminalising Contagion: Legal and Ethical Challenges of Disease Transmission and Criminal Law*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2016.

States began adopting laws that criminalized exposure to HIV in 1986, after the HIV test became available, Wolf said. The laws typically require only that a person intend to engage in the activity that risks transmission of HIV, rather than an intention to harm or actual transmission.

"They also typically do not account for measures that reduce transmission risk," Wolf said. "Accordingly, they often criminalize no or low risk behavior. This can reinforce misunderstanding and fears about HIV when prosecutions are reported in the media."

Although HIV exposure statutes have been criticized, politicians and the public continue to support them. Wolf suggested that a 2014 Iowa case and the revised statute Iowa adopted in its wake demonstrates a way forward. "While it falls short of what HIV and public health advocates wanted, the Iowa statute takes into account current prevention science, which is a significant improvement."

Wolf was a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy at Hopkins from 1996-1998 and earned her master's in public health in 1997.

faculty at the University of California San Francisco. As a member of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies Policy and Ethics Core, she provided advice to prevention scientists on how to protect human subjects while conducting cutting-edge HIV/AIDS research, often among vulnerable populations.

**"Ethical treatment of participants is essential to maintaining trust in research."**

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

Wolf served on the UCSF institutional review board, which reviews research involving human subjects before it begins to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects. She also served on the UCSF

embryonic stem cell review committee.

Wolf's research has tackled a number of human research issues. Her research on Certificates of Confidentiality, a legal tool that facilitates the conduct of important, but sensitive research, has established her as the leading expert on them. She presented her research team's findings on certificates to SACHRP, which later released recommendations on improving confidentiality protections.

Wolf also presented her research findings on IRB conflicts of interest to SACHRP. She is widely known for her work on research involving stored biological specimens.

Since coming to Georgia State, Wolf has regularly taught a course on human subjects research. She also serves as an education liaison for the Georgia State Human Research Protections Program.

## Professor Appointed to the National Academies' Board on Children, Youth and Families

Jonathan Todres, professor of law, has been appointed to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Board on Children, Youth, and Families of the National Academies. The board convenes leading experts across disciplines to analyze the best available evidence on critical issues facing children, youth, and families. "It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the board and to contribute to its mission," Todres said.

The board's work addresses a range of issues, including reducing child poverty; promoting mental, emotional and behavioral health; and financing early care and education with a highly qualified workforce. Board members serve for three years and provide strategic leadership, assist with the identification and development of program priorities, and support the board's various programs and projects.

"In an era of limited resources, it is essential to have access to evidence-based research from which we can develop innovative solutions to the challenges that children and families face," Todres said. "The board plays a critical role in pulling together the evidence for policy makers and other professionals who seek to advance family and child well-being."

Todres has served previously on three committees of the National Academies, including: the Committee on the Biological and Psychosocial Effects of Peer Victimization: Lessons for Bullying Prevention (2014-2015); the Planning Committee on Increasing Capacity for Reducing Bullying and Its Impact on the Lifecourse of Youth Involved (2014), and the Committee on Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States (2012-2013).



## Todres Receives Fulbright Award

Professor Jonathan Todres has received a Fulbright research fellowship to continue his work on children's rights in children's literature. He will spend spring semester at the School of Law at University College Cork in Cork, Ireland.

The highly competitive Fulbright Program is supported by the U.S. government and agreements with foreign governments, and sponsors U.S. and foreign faculty and professional exchanges for purposes of research and teaching.

"We are so pleased that Jonathan has received this prestigious award," said Wendy Hensel, interim dean and professor of law. "It is a real testament to his stature as a scholar in the field of children's rights."

While in Ireland, Todres will compare depictions of human rights issues in Irish versus American children's literature. This research could lead to a follow-up to his book, *Human Rights in Children's Literature: Imagination and the Narrative of Law* (co-written by Sarah Higinbotham), that focuses on global children's literature. Todres will also explore human rights education and child participation projects in Ireland, with the hope of adapting his work to develop interactive materials for educators to use with their students.

University College Cork has a robust program on children's rights, making it an exceptional place for Todres to do his research. It hosts a Child Law Clinic that has engaged in children's rights projects, several faculty focused on human rights at the law school, and an interdisciplinary university level institute focusing on issues affecting children.

"I'm excited to spend the semester at University College Cork. It is a rare opportunity for me to have so many colleagues who share my scholarly interest and passion for children's rights in one place," said Todres. "I intend to take full advantage of the breadth and depth of children's rights scholars at the law school and across the University."



## Fuse Brown Awarded Tenure, Promoted

Erin Fuse Brown was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor effective July 1. Fuse Brown joined Georgia State Law and the Center for Law, Health & Society in the fall of 2012. Fuse Brown teaches Administrative Law, Health Law: Financing & Delivery, and the Health Care Transactional & Regulatory Practicum. Fuse Brown credits her promotion and tenure to the collaborative effort of her mentors, research assistants, colleagues, peers and family—and she feels fortunate to be a part of the Georgia State Law faculty.

## Professor Receives Georgia State Law's Morgan Award for Scholarship

Erin Fuse Brown received the 2017 Patricia T. Morgan Award for Outstanding Scholarship, which recognizes faculty members who have compiled a substantial and continuing record of outstanding research and scholarly activity within the previous two calendar years.

"Erin has become one of the leading voices on numerous health care issues that are critical to health policy and people's lives. She is a truly worthy recipient of the Morgan award," said Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health and Society and professor of law. "Her ability to convey complex legal and policy issues to legal and non-legal audiences is simply extraordinary."

"My scholarly efforts have been dedicated to shining a light upon the issue of rising health care costs that has massive implications for the national economy and personal financial well-being," Fuse Brown said. "In so doing, I hope to not only engage the legal academic community but also move the policy needle to implement better legal protections for health care consumers."

Since 2015, Fuse Brown has published three law review articles and three peer-reviewed articles,

including "Resurrecting Health Care Rate Regulation" in the *Hastings Law Journal*, "The Double-Edged Sword of Health Integration" in the *Indiana Law Journal* with co-author Jaime S. King, and "The

Blind Spot in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Cost-Control Policies" in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. She also has engaged with the public in numerous shorter pieces in national and international blogs, op-eds, and online publications.

In addition to this work, Fuse Brown is also a co-investigator on a National Human Genome Research Institute grant to study legal protections for participants in genomic research.

Fuse Brown will continue research on the consumer impacts of medical bills, counteracting anticompetitive health care consolidation, and reducing legal barriers to state health reform efforts.

"I will also be watching what Congress does to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in the coming months and evaluating how it affects ordinary individuals and the health care industry," Fuse Brown said. "There is no shortage of work to be done in health law and policy research."



## Lombardo Serves on Prenatal Genetic Testing Workgroup



With easier access to and declining costs of next-generation prenatal genetic testing, more expectant parents are able to learn about potential medical conditions and characteristics about their fetuses, raising ethical questions.

In February, the Hastings Center convened an international, interdisciplinary workgroup "Goals and Practices for Next-Generation Prenatal Testing" at the Open Society Foundation in New York. Paul Lombardo, Georgia State Law Regents' Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, attended, along with other clinical researchers, philosophers, social scientists and patient representatives.

Funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, the workgroup discussed what the ethical use of the prenatal tests might be, what research is still needed, and what policies the workgroup might recommend be adopted or altered to support ethical use of these tests. Within the next year, the work group is expected to issue a report that provides a normative analysis of next generation prenatal tests and makes recommendations about test use.

"As with all technological advances, our hope for medical progress to improve the human condition must be tempered by our memories of past abuses clothed in the language of science," said Lombardo, an expert on the history of genetics and eugenics.

## Hughes Recognized for Volunteering

The Legal Services Corp. recognized former Center for Law, Health & Society faculty fellow Randy Hughes for his many years of volunteer efforts with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Hughes started volunteering with Atlanta Legal Aid's Saturday Attorney program in 1968 and never stopped despite fifty years of active private practice in firms that later became Bryan Cave LLP, before retiring in 2008.

Hughes's connection with Georgia State Law and the center began in 1999 and included teaching and student mentorship until his retirement in 2016. Despite retiring, Hughes continues to volunteer three days a week with Atlanta Legal Aid, including with the Health Law Partnership (HeLP), Georgia Senior Legal Hotline and Health Law Unit.



## Wolf Receives Inaugural Kaminshine Award for Service



Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society and professor of law, received the inaugural Steven J. Kaminshine Award for Excellence in Service.

"The College of Law has a tradition of substantial faculty involvement in service activities, and we wanted to begin recognizing service just as we recognize exceptional scholarship and teaching," said Wendy Hensel, interim dean and professor of law. "The title of the award recognizes the exceptional service over 12 years that Steve provided as dean."

"There is no one more deserving of this award than Leslie. She is involved in virtually every major initiative at the college and selflessly devotes her time and energy to serve students, faculty, and the college of law," Hensel said.

For Wolf, serving is central to her work. "I have been extremely fortunate to have had excellent mentors throughout my career from whom I learned the importance of service," she said. "From them, I learned how essential, but also how rewarding, service can be."

## Kershner Appointed to Faculty



Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society since 2012, recently became a faculty member at the College of Law. This change came as part of larger reclassification of associate and assistant directors of Georgia State Law centers from staff positions to non-tenure-track faculty positions. This change reflects their professional credentials and the academic nature of their responsibilities.

"Our associate and assistant directors have substantial responsibilities within their centers that draw on their professional training and background," said Steven J. Kaminshine, who recently stepped down as dean. "I am glad we were able to make a change that is commensurate with what they do."

In her role, Kershner manages the center's daily operations and public relations. She coordinates the health law certificate program, several dual degree programs and the new LL.M. with a concentration in health law; advises students; and assists in curriculum development. She also organizes conferences and other events for faculty, students and members of the health law bar.

"Joining the faculty creates new opportunities for me at the College of Law and across the university," Kershner said. "This is exciting both for the center and my own professional development."





# HeLP Honors Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Chief Medical Officer

On April 20, as part of its annual fundraising event, Shake it Up for HeLP, the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) honored Dr. Dan Salinas, chief medical officer with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, one of the three HeLP partners along with Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Georgia State Law.

According to HeLP director, Sylvia Caley, the partnership "wouldn't be here, but for Salinas." Shortly after Salinas joined Children's, Dale Hetzler, an attorney and the original HeLP collaborator at Children's, left for another health system in Tennessee. This change could have threatened the partnership, but Salinas understood the benefit to Children's patients and their families of adding lawyers to the health care team.

Caley credits Salinas's support with improving

the lives of low-income children and their families, lowering stress among members of the healthcare team, creating cost avoidance for Children's, and creating constructive public policy change in Georgia. It also helped develop cement HeLP's international reputation and earn academic promotions for three.

Playing off the famous *Star Trek* line, Dr. Robert Pettignano, HeLP's medical champion since 2008, highlighted Salinas's willingness "to boldly go where other organizations are reluctant to go." According to Pettignano, Salinas is an "unflinching advocate" for HeLP with his "special insight" as to the beneficial impact that the collaboration would have on the care of the children at Children's.

In his remarks, Salinas recognized Children's and HeLP's shared commitment to improving

the lives of children. He also reflected on HeLP's achievements during the last 13 years, from the direct legal services provided to children and their families, to the positive financial impact on Children's through its investment in HeLP, to the educational experiences of diverse professional students, and to the clinical and legal research HeLP has conducted. He also noted that HeLP's success has changed how people perceive the idea of lawyers and doctors working together to improve the health of children.

"I will forever be proud of my association with the Health Law Partnership and thank you again for recognizing me for the small part that I have had the honor of playing in your evolution," said Salinas.



# HeLP Clinic Student Successes

This spring, two pairs of law students in the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic successfully secured Social Security disability benefits on behalf their clients after hearings before an administrative law judge. Although the cases differ factually, they provided the students some common lessons.

Paul Blackstock (J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. '18) and Blake Kilday (J.D. '17) represented an older child with cognitive and intellectual disabilities whose disability benefits had been terminated. They argued for reinstatement of the child's benefits.

Shelby McKenzie (J.D. '18) and Terretta Jones (J.D. '17) represented a toddler with lifelong neurological issues, arguing to overturn an initial denial of benefits.

The students' reflections on the experience of stepping into the attorney role and representing their clients' interests for the first time were consistent, describing it as "major," "incredibly enlightening," "most fulfilling," and "most gratifying." Through this experience, the students came to appreciate the value of the attorney-client relationship.

"Getting to know my clients on a personal level and understanding more about their lives helped me become a better advocate on their behalf," Blackstock said.

"The hearing brought home that, while it is the judge's courtroom, it is the client's day in court," Kilday said.

Representing their clients in the hearings reinforced the value of the interprofessional partnerships that are built into HeLP. To obtain Social Security disability benefits, the students need to demonstrate that their clients fit within listed criteria.

One pair of students worked with medical students to translate the information in the medical record into the legal categories. The other had a physician working in the clinic attend the hearing with them. HeLP's interprofessional relationships helped provide the expert support needed to document their clients' disability.

Finally, the students learned the importance of preparation. In one hearing, the administrative law judge's questioning was confusing, but the students felt well prepared to respond with the crucial facts. In the other hearing, the students found that neither the medical expert nor the judge had read the nearly three years of new medical records they had submitted.

"I knew that we had to show that medical expert's opinion that our client was not disabled was based on incomplete information," said McKenzie. "Knowing the contents of the record helped us do that."

"The students worked extremely hard in preparing for these hearings," said James Mitchell, HeLP Legal Services Clinic supervising attorney. "I am proud of their representation of their clients and of their growth as professionals."



The Health Law Partnership (HeLP) is a medical-legal partnership among Georgia State University College of Law, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Through this community collaboration, health care providers and lawyers address the multiple social and economic conditions that affect the health of low-income children. One of HeLP's core components is interdisciplinary education of graduate professional students through the HeLP Legal Services Clinic at Georgia State Law.



"The conference focus on health equity reflects the history of Atlanta and the commitment of the Georgia State University and the center."

—Leslie Wolf, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Law, Health & Society

## SPECIAL SECTION



# 40th Annual Health Law Professors Conference

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

## Keynote Examines Impact of Racism on Health

Health disparities in the United States exist because of a history of systemic racism that is perpetuated by present-day structures, said Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., keynote speaker for the Health Law Professors Conference at Georgia State Law. With a focus on health equity, the Center for Law, Health & Society hosted the conference, which is the premier meeting for academics in health law or bioethics in schools of law, medicine, public health or business.

To develop effective policies to achieve health equity, she said, we need to ask "how is racism operating here?" A senior fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Cardiovascular Research Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, Jones is the immediate past president of the American Public Health Association.

Reflecting the well-documented disparities in access to health care and quality of care experienced by racial and ethnic minorities, Jones noted, "It doesn't just so happen that people of color in this country are over-represented in poverty while white people are over-represented in wealth." Rather, she explained, racism that is foundational in our

nation's history continues to have profound impacts on the health and well-being of its people.

Health disparities are not simply a function of poverty, Jones said. "Even

if I eliminated income inequality today, if I did not address institutionalized racism, in 20 years we would start to see a stratification by race again in terms of income."

Institutional racism is a system of identifiable mechanisms and structures, policies, practices or values which are different elements of decision making, Jones said. The system determines "who's at the table and who's not, what's on the agenda and what's not."

It takes the form of disparities in housing, employment, income, and access to medical facilities, Jones said. It's not just things that are being done to people of color, but also things that are not being done.

"Achieving health equity requires valuing all of the individuals in a population equally, recognizing and rectifying historical injustices and providing resources not equally but according to need," Jones said. "Health disparities will be eliminated if health equity is achieved."

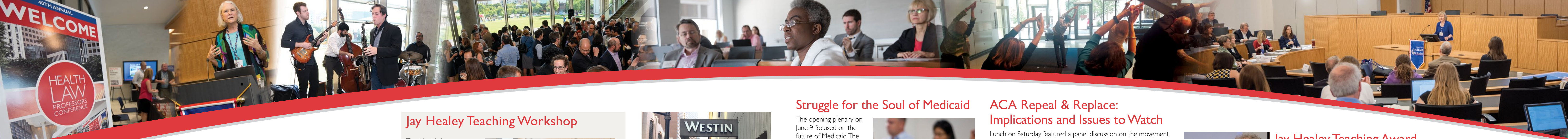
"Dr. Jones is a leading voice on health equity. She challenges each of us to think critically about laws, policies and practices that keep some in our society from reaching their full potential and how we might become agents of change," said Center for Law, Health & Society director and professor Leslie Wolf.

## Center for Civil and Human Rights Reception

Friday evening's reception at the Center for Civil and Human Rights, which bridges the legacy of the American Civil Rights Movement to today's global human rights movements, allowed attendees to explore through thought-provoking, multi-sensory exhibits, the lessons of Dr. Jones's keynote. For example, some attendees tested how long they could sit at a lunch counter while subjected to the kind of verbal abuse African-American students experienced as they protested against segregation policies.







## Welcome Reception at Georgia State Law

Health Law Professors Conference attendees connect at the welcome reception on June 8 in the Catherine C. Henson Atrium at Georgia State Law.



## Pre-Conference Tours



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Grady Health System offered pre-conference tours to attendees. The tours provided a glimpse into the workings of the nation's public health agency and one of the largest "safety-net" hospitals in the United States.



### Health is a Human Right Exhibit

Attendees got a sneak peek of the Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America exhibit.

## Jay Healey Teaching Workshop

The Health Law Professors Conference began with the Annual Jay Healey Teaching Workshop, where participants gathered in small groups to engage in facilitated discussions about experiential teaching and learning in health law.

"The annual Jay Healey session offers a great opportunity to bring everyone in the conference together to talk about something we all have in common: teaching health law," said Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and founding director of the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State Law. "Coming at the very beginning of the conference, it also offers an excellent way for newcomers to the field of health law teaching to get to know more senior faculty right from the start. It's such a collegial and welcoming group for those who are just starting out, and best practices in teaching health law is something we are all passionate about."



## Wellness

The theme of wellness was woven through the conference. Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, organized a concurrent session on mindfulness for reducing stress and anxiety, certified yoga instructor Austin Charles (J.D. '18) led attendees in a mid-afternoon stretch on Friday, and Courtney Anderson, assistant professor of law, led the annual Saturday morning fun run around Centennial Park.

## Lanyards

The conference lanyards supplied by the beadwork project of Kidzpositive Family Fund which supports HIV-positive women and their families in South Africa.



## Struggle for the Soul of Medicaid

The opening plenary on June 9 focused on the future of Medicaid. The expert panel provided a comprehensive overview of the program, the proposed changes to it, and the impact such changes would have on the populations that it covers. Medicaid is the largest provider of health insurance, and the main public provider of long-term care and the primary health insurance coverage for many persons with disabilities or HIV/AIDS and persons with mental illness or substance abuse issues. Accordingly, any changes would have ripple effects on the health system as a whole. The panelists focused their attention on the negative impact the proposed changes would have on the vulnerable Americans that rely on Medicaid for services. By providing historical perspectives into the Medicaid law and other reform efforts, the panelists encouraged critical evaluation of the proposed reforms and a basis for doing so.



## ACA Repeal & Replace: Implications and Issues to Watch

Lunch on Saturday featured a panel discussion on the movement to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act organized and moderated by Georgia State Law professor Erin Fuse Brown. Panelists shared the current state of the efforts, what they thought might occur next in Congress and the potential implications of various scenarios. They debated the role of federalism and whether flexibility might exacerbate health and wealth disparities across states. Important to the conference, the panel also explored how to teach health law amid this state of uncertainty.



## Concurrent Sessions

More than 170 speakers presented their research at more than 30 different concurrent sessions during the conference. Sessions covered current topics in health care financing and regulation; law, medicine and bioethics; public health law; health sciences and technology; health and social justice; and health law teaching. A Georgia State Law professor moderated each session, assisted by health law student volunteers. Given the variety of sessions offered, attendees could learn about current developments, discover a new topic, or dig deep into areas of interest.

## Jay Healey Teaching Award

Peter Jacobson, professor of health law and policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, was awarded the 2017 Jay Healey Teaching Award. Jacobson, who is recognized as a renowned scholar on a wide-range of health law issues, was recognized for his scholarship, passion for teaching, mentoring of students and inspiration of colleagues.

The award is named in honor of Jay Healey, one of the original organizers in 1976 of what later became the Health Law Professors Conference. Healey, considered a teacher's teacher, died of cancer in 1993, but his legacy survives in the teachers he inspired and the focus on teaching in this conference.



## Sweet Treat

King of Pops, co-founded by Georgia State Law graduate Nick Carse (J.D. '08) provided a welcome mid-afternoon snack to beat the Atlanta heat. Extra pops were donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Atlanta.

## Health Law Scholars Awardees

For over 15 years, Saint Louis University and the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics have sponsored the Health Law Scholars Workshop that offers junior faculty members the opportunity to present works-in-progress for feedback from experienced health law scholars. The 2017-18 scholars, announced at the Health Law Professors Conference, are Jalayne Arias, assistant professor

at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine; Matthew Lawrence, assistant professor of law at Pennsylvania State University-Dickinson Law; Medha Makhoul, assistant professor of law and director of the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic also at Pennsylvania State University-Dickinson Law; and Govind Persad, assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



## Passing of the Torch for 2018

At Saturday lunch, on behalf of Georgia State Law, Leslie Wolf passed the torch to Max Mehlman and Jessica Berg of Case Western Reserve School of Law, host of the 2018 ASLME Health Law Professors Conference.







# Students Explore Children's Rights in Costa Rica



Spending part of spring break learning about the lives, challenges and hopes of people in immigrant squatter communities in San Jose, Costa Rica, prompted Jobena Hill (J.D./M.B.A. '19) to reflect on what true success means.

"As law students, we are conditioned to focus on our grades, awards, rankings and titles," she said. "This experience puts the pressures of law school and life in perspective and reminds me to measure my success not by my accomplishments but in the lives I can touch."

Hill and eight other Georgia State Law students—Karina Deochand (J.D. '18), Jarvarus Gresham (J.D. '18), Chae Mims (J.D. '17), Paul Panusky (J.D. '19), Christina Scott (J.D. '18), Daniela Villamizar (J.D. '17), Kristen Wilson (J.D. '17), Diego Zorrilla (J.D. '19)—spent nine days in the Central American country exploring children's rights issues, including child migration, education and

how children's rights law is implemented in practice.

Jonathan Todres, professor of law, led the study abroad program, sponsored by the Center for Law, Health & Society, in partnership with the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) and its Centre for Executive Education. The program included a mixture of classroom time and site visits.

"The agenda fully encompassed the entire children's rights framework, from children in their home and school environments, to the largest NGOs working in the region and around the world, to the Costa Rican government," Diego Zorrilla (J.D. '19) said.

"We were able to interact with the issues, learn about the practices and programs in place, and innovate new methods to improve and expand child services."

Lecturers in the classroom included UPEACE faculty members Olivia Sylvester, whose work focuses on cultural rights that arise in the context of food and food procurement among indigenous populations, and Miriam Estrada-Castillo, who spoke about human rights law and the Costa Rican experience, as well as Lindsay Fendt, a journalist who has covered migration issues in Costa Rica and the region.

Students were introduced to how social innovation can be applied to humanitarian challenges that are the focus of human rights law, Todres said.

"This course introduced perspectives that will not only help us approach legal issues



differently but will assist in the development of solutions with an eye for innovation and efficiency in systems in which we aspire to work," said Jarvarus Gresham (J.D. '18).

"I never considered before how the conventional environmental conservation worldview could have negative human rights implications on a population," said Chae Mims (J.D. '17). "The lectures demonstrated to me the power of understanding another's perspective, and reminded me of what UPEACE taught us — social innovation is creative. Creativity requires the humility to consider another perspective or even to change our own."

Through the site visits, students met with representatives from government agencies, international organizations—including UNICEF and the International Organization for Migration—and local nongovernmental

organizations working to advance children's rights and well-being. They also visited the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Tecnológico de Costa Rica, a major university which has a program aimed at increasing access to higher education for indigenous students in Costa Rica.

"The site visits gave us opportunities to think about how the law and lawyers might be able to support marginalized communities and help foster positive outcomes for children and their families," Todres said.

Todres said it was gratifying to see how the students challenged and supported each other on the trip. "Their commitment to the program and long-term to using their legal training to make the world a better place inspires me both in my teaching and in my own work."



"Viewing the experience of children through a children's rights lens as one walks through a community or sits next to children who are affected by the law we study is a powerful experience which can shape how we approach the practice of law."

— Jonathan Todres, Professor of Law



# Health Law Students Awarded

Sakinah Noelle Jones (J.D./M.S.H.A '17) received the Health Law Award at the 2017 College of Law Honors Day. 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.

Other health law awardees included Jamila Watts (J.D. '17), Nathan Chong (J.D. '18) and Randall Hunt (J.D. '17), who received ABA/BNA Awards for Excellence in the Study of Health Law for their superior performances in the foundational health law courses, Finance and Delivery and Quality and Access.

Blinn Combs (J.D. '17) was presented 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 proud of each of these students and their achievements," said Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, "They are worthy recipients of their awards."



# Charles Leads National Mindfulness Society's Student Division

Austin Charles (J.D. '18) chairs the Mindfulness in Law Society student division. With the help of his faculty advisor Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and founding director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, he has taken the lead for developing mindfulness resources and networking for those interested in establishing mindfulness programs at their law schools.

"Austin has established both an online databank of mindfulness resources and numerous personal connections with law students across the country," Scott said. "He's being looked to by law schools across the country to help with setting up these programs."

The national Mindfulness in Law Society (MILS), the brainchild of Missouri Law Professor Richard Reuben (J.D. '86), serves students, lawyers, law faculty members and judges. It aims to improve the mental well-being of legal professionals across the nation through mindfulness practices.

"At first, we thought it could be a good idea to find out what other schools were

doing and learn from their programs," said Charles, who also leads a weekly yoga class for students, faculty and staff. "As it turned out, we discovered that our program was one of the more active ones, so we decided to start connecting and networking these student groups so that we could help support one another and exchange ideas."

When Charles is not consulting with other law students about their interest levels and assessing their needs to build or build upon a program, he's traveling to other schools or presenting at national conferences.

"A lot of what we've been working on are the relationships," Charles said. "I went up to Columbia Law this fall and taught a mindfulness workshop for

their students, and in turn, we're having the student director of its program come instruct at one of our retreats."

The network of law schools we are creating is a tremendous resource for law students who are interested in creating mindfulness programs," Charles said. "We all benefit from the experiences of each other.

"From my personal experience talking to my professors about our student organization, the national society, and our yoga program, they're happy we're doing this. Giving students the opportunity for more stress reduction is something that they get behind."

— Austin Charles (J.D. '18), Chair, Mindfulness in Law Society

# Assar Named Best Overall Oralist at National Health Law Moot Court Competition



Three Georgia State Law students, Yasmin Assar (J.D. '18), Nathan Chong (J.D./M.S.H.A. '18) and Matt Sessions (J.D. '17) advanced to the octo-final round in the National Health Law Moot Court Competition Nov. 4-5 in Carbondale, Illinois. Assar beat out members of 29 other teams to win awards for Best Preliminary Oralist and Best Overall Oralist.

"I was completely shocked when my name was called as winning best oralist," Assar said. "When I heard my name I think my jaw literally dropped to the floor."

The competition problem dealt with a constitutional rights violation in the criminal context, Assar said. The teams submitted a brief at the end of September and then attended the competition for oral arguments. Teams had to argue for both the petitioner and respondent during the preliminary round.

To prepare for the competition, members of the team co-wrote the brief and spent around a month preparing for the oral argument portion.

After advancing to the octo-final round, the team was knocked out by the number one seeded team at the competition, The Barksdale Warriors.



The Student Health Law Association is an organization for law students interested in health-related legal disciplines. The following students were elected 2017-18 officers of SHLA:

- 3L President - Caitlin Fox (J.D. '18)
- 2L President - Katie Broyles (J.D. '19)
- Vice President of Community Outreach - Andrew Brown (J.D. '19)
- Vice President of Programming - Adam Harper (J.D. '19)
- Vice President of Student Outreach - Sophia Horn (J.D. '18)
- Vice President of Membership - Brandon Reed (J.D. '18)

First-year students may apply for the positions of treasurer or secretary at the beginning of the academic year.

# A Day in the Life

To provide students a glimpse into "A Day in the Life of a Health Law Attorney," the State Bar of Georgia's Health Law Section hosted a panel discussion for Georgia State Law students in March. Panelists included Keith Mauriello, assistant general counsel with WellStar Health System, Brian McEvoy (J.D. '97), a shareholder with Polsinelli LLP, Lynnette Rhodes, associate chief of Medicaid operations at the Georgia Department of Community Health, and Jennifer Whitton (J.D. '12), a health care associate with BakerHostetler LLP.

The panelists gave insights into how the typical work day in a private firm, as in-house counsel, or in a government agency are similar and how they differ. They discussed their career trajectories, from their first jobs after law school to their current positions. They also talked about the dynamic nature of health law, which both presents opportunities and challenges.

"The panel gave us all a good look into what it's like to be a health care attorney in different settings," said Kirstin Rodrigues (J.D. '17). "We appreciated learning about current issues in health law and hearing about health law from practicing professionals."



# Grads on the Move

Brett DuVall (J.D. '17) began working as a staff attorney for Judge Ernest Blount in Henry County State Court.

Gregory Fosheim (J.D. '14) relocated to Chicago and has joined the health care group of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP as an associate.

Matthew Goings (J.D. '15) was named director of operations at Georgia Lawyers for the Arts.

Rachel Hulkower, (J.D. '13) is now the lead researcher for health information and technology with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Law Program.

Carson Lamb (J.D. '15) was selected for the leadership development program of the American Health Lawyers Association and named lead coordinator of the Fraud and Abuse Practice Group. He relocated to Washington, D.C., and continues to work with Arnall Golden Gregory LLP's Health Care Practice Group.

Samuel Shapiro (J.D./M.S.H.A. '14) was selected for the leadership development program of the American Health Lawyers Association and named lead coordinator of the Fraud and Abuse Practice Group. He relocated to Washington, D.C., and continues to work with Arnall Golden Gregory LLP's Health Care Practice Group.

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# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BIOETHICS at the Movies

The Student Health Law Association and the Center for Law, Health & Society sponsored the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bioethics at the Movies this spring. This popular series explores health-related themes in film and television through lively discussion among faculty and students.

## Wildly Human: Politics, Stereotypes and Bioethics in Zootopia

**Moderator:** Leslie Wolf, professor of law and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society

**Additional co-sponsors:** Student Animal Defense Legal Fund and Parents Attending Law School

## Not Welcome: *Loving v. Virginia* and Marriage Equality

**Moderators:** Paul Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law and Regents Professor; and Tanya Washington, professor of law

**Additional co-sponsors:** Black Law Students Association, Muslim Law Students Association, OUTLaw

## On Being Human: Scenes from *District 9*

**Moderator:** Yaniv Heled, co-director of the Center for Intellectual Property and associate professor of law

**Additional co-sponsor:** Intellectual Property Law Society

## Traffic: *Losing Mind and Body to the Drug Game*

**Moderator:** Courtney Anderson, assistant professor of law

**Additional co-sponsor:** Criminal Law Society

“Students always enjoy Bioethics at the Movies. The series provides a unique and entertaining forum to discuss important topics in bioethics.”

—Sakinah Jones (J.D./M.S.H.A. '17), Co-President, Student Health Law Association



## Bridging the Gap – Literacy, Health, and Law

Literacy plays an important role in developing and maintaining healthy communities. Yet almost one percent of U.S. adults cannot read at all, and 1 in 6 U.S. adults have difficulty reading above an elementary level.

In January, the Center for Law, Health & Society invited Daphne Greenberg, director and professor, and Iris Feinberg (Ph.D. '15), assistant director of the Adult Literacy Research Center at Georgia State University College of Education and Human Development, to present on “Bridging the Gap – Literacy, Health, and Law.” The ALRC links theory and practice through interdisciplinary research, professional development, and community partnerships to understand the challenges and opportunities for adults with low literacy skills.

There are many myths and stereotypes surrounding individuals with low literacy skills, explained Greenberg, yet these individuals are not easily identifiable. “They may be high school graduates, employed, non-English speakers, prison inmates, people with special learning needs, recent high school dropouts, or senior citizens,” Greenberg said. “However, they often refuse to admit their

low literacy skills and go to great lengths to compensate. But this can make them vulnerable because they often don’t receive the accommodations necessary to understand the complicated health, legal, financial or other issues they may face.”

“Patients, family members or other caregivers with low literacy skills are less likely to understand information from health care providers, adhere to medication and discharge instructions, keep scheduled appointments, locate health providers and services, seek preventative care, and manage chronic health conditions,” Feinberg said. This can exacerbate the disparities in health status and mortality that already exist for this population.

The speakers concluded by offering suggestions for attorneys and medical providers working with low literacy individuals, including establishing an environment where individuals feel comfortable and supported, using plain language and asking questions or having individuals repeat back instructions in their own words to ensure understanding.

“Our students will encounter clients with low literacy in practice. Learning the signs of low literacy and strategies for enhancing understanding will help our students to become better attorneys and lead to better health and legal outcomes for our clients.”

—Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89), director of the Health Law Partnership, co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic and Clinical Professor of Law

## From the Tower to the Trenches

The Center for Law, Health & Society co-sponsored two of the spring sessions in Georgia State Law’s From the Tower to the Trenches continuing legal education series. The series brings together faculty members and graduates or other legal experts to discuss current legal topics.

### The Future of the Affordable Health Care Act

Following the 2016 election, Republican leaders in Congress moved to repeal and replace the ACA. To examine these efforts, the January session focused on emerging health care proposals, how to prepare for possible changes, and how to advise health care clients in a time of uncertainty.

Titled “The Future of the Affordable Health Care Act: A Legal Perspective,” the session featured Russell Sullivan, partner at McGuire Woods and former U.S. Senate Finance Committee staff director; Kirkland McGhee (J.D. '85), vice president and senior counsel at Kaiser Permanente; and Charlotte Combre (J.D. '97), partner at BakerHostetler, LLP. Erin Fuse Brown, assistant professor of law, moderated the session.

The ACA falls apart if President Donald Trump “knocks out enough legs of the stool,” Fuse Brown said. While replacing the ACA’s insurance regulations would need 60 votes in the Senate, only a simple majority could repeal key parts of the ACA that affect the federal



budget, such as the ACA’s taxes and Medicaid expansion, through budget reconciliation.

Sullivan added that because the ACA was drafted with broad, flexible language, the Trump administration could take steps independent of Congress that could significantly impact the ACA. For example, President Trump could stop enforcing the individual mandate, grant Medicaid or stop key payments to insurance companies participating in the exchanges.

Even a small change to the ACA provisions could have big implications for providers, Combre said. Attorneys must advise their clients to comply with the current regulations while protecting them from risk of future changes.

McGhee argued that real progress requires focus on health care, not insurance. “We have to figure out how to assess the overall health of the country and how to structure health care to address those needs. That will lead us to the correct answers,” McGhee said.

### Litigation as a Gun Control Strategy

Firearms violence is a major United States public health problem that has generated widespread concern on both ends of the political spectrum. Unable to advance significant legislative reforms, gun control advocates have turned to courts. By suing gun manufacturers for allegedly lax marketing and distribution practices that make it easier for criminals to obtain firearms, gun violence victims are hoping to bring about policy change. The only problem: in 2005, Congress granted the gun industry immunity against liability from criminal misuse of a weapon.

The March expert panel discussed a new generation of lawsuits against gun manufacturers that seeks to circumvent the immunity law. The

panel consisted of Distinguished University Professor and professor of law Timothy Lytton, an expert on gun litigation; Peter Canfield, a partner with Jones Day, who represents leading gun control organizations; and John Monroe, a leading advocate for expanding and protecting the right to carry firearms in Georgia. Blinn Combs (J.D. '17), a former philosophy professor who has published and presented on the Second Amendment, moderated the session.

“The new generation of lawsuits has exposed retail gun dealers to liability, but it is unlikely to succeed against gun manufacturers because of the federal immunity,” Lytton said. “Even if plaintiffs’ do not prevail in court, the litigation is likely to increased attention on the industry’s marketing, sales, and distribution practices, and

it may create pressure for manufacturers to make sure retail stores are following industry guidelines for responsible sales practices.”

Canfield shared the example of a lawsuit by the City of New York against out-of-state gun stores that illegally sold weapons that were used to commit crimes in New York. “The purpose of the litigation was to compel dealers to adopt business practices that prevent diversion of guns to criminals, and it resulted in some success,” Canfield said. However, this particular litigation strategy is now unavailable, since the trace data necessary to bring such a claim is no longer publicly available.

Monroe challenged the use of tort litigation to regulate the gun industry’s marketing, sales, and distribution practices. “The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is charged with regulating the industry—they have the necessary information and enforcement resources. It makes no sense to put the onus on the manufacturers to do the job of a federal agency,” he said. “There are no allegations in these lawsuits that there is anything defective about the firearms involved—they did precisely what they were designed to do.”





# Center Highlights



## Courtney L. Anderson

Anderson has been invited to present at *The Ohio State Law Journal* Symposium on Re-Thinking State Relevance in October 2017. She recently gave presentations to federal public defenders and John Lewis Fellows on housing and gentrification, and worked with the Atlanta Beltline on tax exemption solutions to create and maintain affordable housing inventory in Atlanta.



## Lisa R. Bliss

Bliss was elected 2017 Chair of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education. She also co-wrote "Measuring the Impact of Social Justice Teaching: Research Design and Oversight," published in the *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education* with professors Sylvia Caley and Leslie Wolf. In July, Bliss was the keynote speaker at the Conference of the *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education* at Northumbria University in the United Kingdom.



## Jessica Gabel Cino

Cino continued her work on the improvement of forensic science. She is working with the Department of Defense Forensic Science Center on various research initiatives and the legal implications of them. Her most recent article, "Lay Understanding of 'Identification': How Jurors Interpret Forensic Identification Testimony," of which she is a co-author, is being published by the *Journal of Forensic Identification*.



## Yaniv Heled

Heled presented his work at Bio Lawpalooza at Stanford University, the Governance of Emerging Technologies Conference, and the Health Law Professors Conference. He also participated in the 2nd bioip Faculty Workshop at Loyola University Chicago. He is working on two projects: one exploring requiring health-care corporations to incorporate as public benefit corporations and another surveying laws pertinent to nonconsensual acquisition and analysis of genetic material and information from public figures.



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

Kershner was appointed to the faculty as an academic professional. She coordinated the onsite logistics for the Health Law Professors Conference with colleagues from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, including communications, scheduling, tours and catering. She collaborated with the School of Public Health and University Library to bring the "Health is a Human Right" exhibit to the College of Law and worked closely with the curator on installation of the exhibit in the center space.



## Timothy D. Lytton

Lytton published a book chapter and an article on food safety regulation: "Oversight of Private Food Safety Auditing in the United States: A Hybrid Approach to Auditor Conflict of Interest" and "The Taming of the Stew: Regulatory Intermediaries in Food Safety Governance." He presented a chapter draft of his book on food safety regulation at Vanderbilt, UCLA, and UC Berkeley.



## Charity Scott

Scott published articles on patient-physician collaboration in the *American Journal of Bioethics* and on promoting health equity in the *Indiana Health Law Journal*. She gave trainings on conflict resolution in health care at Grady Hospital in Atlanta and for the Center for Conflict Resolution in Health Care in Memphis. She continued as co-coordinator of the Jay Healey Teaching Plenary at the Health Law Professors Conference.



## Leslie E. Wolf

Wolf presented "Reconciling Criminal HIV Exposure Statutes and Public Health" as part of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics Seminar Series. She also presented on research ethics issues in child maltreatment research as part of an NIH funded training grant at Washington University in St. Louis. Wolf's article with professors Lisa Bliss and Sylvia Caley, "Measuring the Impact of Social Justice Teaching: Research Design and Oversight," was published in the *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education*.



## Roberta M. Berry

Berry continues to serve as director of the Georgia Institute of Technology's Honors Program while teaching a spring class at Georgia State Law: Biotechnology, Law, Policy & Ethics. She gave a presentation, "Transition to an Honors Program Living Learning Community: Why and How" at the Honors Education in Research Universities conference. Berry also completed training in the first cohort of the Georgia Tech Provost's Emerging Leaders Program.



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

Caley consulted with programs working to establish medical-legal partnerships in their communities, including representatives from medical schools, health systems, private physician practices, law schools, civil legal services providers, and national law firms in Ohio, South Carolina and Texas. She presented at the Annual MLP Summit about the utility of developing interprofessional care teams to address the social determinants of health and at the Health Law Professors Conference on end-of-life challenges.



## Erin C. Fuse Brown

Fuse Brown received the Patricia T. Morgan Award for faculty scholarship and published "The Double-Edged Sword of Health Care Integration" in *Indiana Law Journal* with Jaime S. King and "The Challenge of Paying for Cost-Effective Cures" in *American Journal of Managed Care* with professor Patti Zettler. Fuse Brown presented her work at Harvard Law School, NYU Wagner School of Public Service, the ELSI Congress, Health Law Professors Conference, and was a guest on *The Week in Health Law* podcast.



## Wendy F. Hensel

Hensel co-wrote an article with Ross Silverman, "Squaring State Child Vaccine Policy with Individual Rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Questions Raised in California," that is published in the *Public Health Reports*. She also presented her scholarship, "People with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Workplace: An Expanding Legal Frontier," at the 18th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability, and Developmental Disability in Clearwater, Florida, in January, and at the Autism Conference and Expo of Georgia in May.



## Paul A. Lombardo

Lombardo presented the Joan Echtenkamp Klein Memorial Lecture in the History of the Health Sciences at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, gave the Bill and Sue Gross Stem Cell Research Center Spring Seminar at the University of California, Irvine, and spoke on "Advertising Eugenics: Selling America on Health, Heredity and Happy Babies" at the American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.



## James E. Mitchell

As clinical supervising attorney in the HeLP Clinic, Mitchell collaborated with clinic students on two hearings before federal administrative law judges in the spring semester. In the lead-up to the hearings, he closely supervised the students as they interviewed clients and medical providers, participated in mock hearings, and prepared opening statements and questions for direct- and cross-examinations.



## Jonathan Todres

Todres published a book chapter, "Children's Rights and Women's Rights: Interrelated and Interdependent," in the *Handbook of Children's Rights: Global and Multidisciplinary Perspectives* and an article, "Physician Encounters with Human Trafficking: Legal Consequences and Ethical Considerations" in *AMA Journal of Ethics*. He also delivered the keynote address at a conference on human trafficking at Savannah State University.



## Patricia J. Zettler

Zettler published in the *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* and co-wrote an article on drug pricing, with professor Erin Fuse Brown, in the *American Journal of Managed Care*. She presented at the Drug Information Association Medical Affairs and Scientific Communication Annual Forum, Stanford, Michigan and Tennessee's law schools, and the Health Law Professors Conference. She continues to serve as a consultant to a National Academies of Sciences committee on regulatory strategies to address opioid abuse.