

Center Welcomes Middleton to HeLP Clinic

Georgia State University College of Law and the Center for Law, Health & Society welcome Margaret Middleton to the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic. Middleton will serve as co-director of the HeLP clinic, following the retirement of HeLP's founding director Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86, J.D. '89).

"Margaret is an amazing addition to the HeLP clinic and the faculty," said Lisa Bliss, associate dean of experiential learning and clinical programs and HeLP clinic co-director. "Not only is she an experienced lawyer and clinician, but she has a talent for relationship building that is so important to the success of an interdisciplinary partnership like HeLP. Our students will learn so much from her."

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Director's Message

This is a season of change at the center. We said goodbye to our wonderful colleague, Sylvia Caley, who retired after eleven years at the helm of our Health Law Partnership (HeLP). But we are also thrilled to welcome our new colleague Margaret Middleton, the co-founder of the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, to our HeLP clinic and center. We also embark on a partnership with the American College of Legal Medicine to publish the *Journal of Legal Medicine*. Exciting times!

Best wishes,

Director, Center for Law, Health & Society



Middleton is well prepared to contribute to the mission of HeLP, a medical-legal partnership among Georgia State, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Atlanta Legal Aid Society. In 2009, she co-founded the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, the first MLP within the Department of Veterans Affairs health care. Under her leadership, the CVLC grew from one staff member to ten.

At CVLC, Middleton partnered with others to conduct a \$700,000 study sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation that examined whether the provision of legal services integrated into VA care improved mental health and well-being for veterans receiving care for mental illness and homelessness. The study found significant improvements in mental health and reduced homelessness over one year, whether or not they achieved their desired legal outcome.

In addition to her MLP work, Middleton also taught in the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Service Clinic for five years. "What I love about clinical teaching is helping students develop their professional skills, as well as their professional identities," Middleton said.

Middleton is excited to engage in the interprofessional education that is a hallmark of HeLP and the HeLP clinic. "There is no question that understanding how others approach their professional obligations and ethical duties enriches our student's appreciation of the roles that lawyers play," Middleton said.

Middleton received her B.S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, magna cum laude, from Cornell University and spent two years at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, after which she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Janet C. Hall, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut. She is a native Georgian.

"We are excited to welcome Margaret home to Georgia and to Georgia State Law," said Wendy F. Hensel, dean and professor of law. "Her experience and passion will be a tremendous asset as we move into the next era of HeLP and the HeLP clinic."

“ I believe that law school clinics help students define what a successful and meaningful legal career looks like to them. ”

—Margaret Middleton, Co-Director, Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic

Center Partners on Interdisciplinary Journal

Georgia State Law's Center for Law, Health & Society has partnered with the American College of Legal Medicine on its interdisciplinary publication, the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

The partnership developed out of a conversation professor Roy Sobelson had last year with his former student, Bill Hinnant (J.D. '01), a lawyer and physician. Hinnant was then ACLM president, and he was looking for a new academic partner for the journal. Sobelson connected Hinnant with Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. The rest, they say, is history.

"We have discussed having a health law journal for years, but the right opportunity hadn't arisen until now," Wolf said. "The center and ACLM both value interdisciplinary work in health law, which is – and will continue to be – reflected in the journal."

Wolf sees the journal filling a niche that the center is well positioned to foster and grow. "We want to publish scholarship that has an impact on health policy," said Wolf. "This is a peer-reviewed journal that will publish shorter articles that will be accessible to a broad readership."

ACLM did not take the decision to

partner lightly. A team of Georgia State representatives, including associate director Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08) and associate dean of library and information services Kris Niedringhaus, met with the ACLM board and the journal's editorial board at the ACLM annual meeting in Charleston.

"After meeting with the Georgia State Law representatives, both boards enthusiastically supported the partnership," Hinnant said. "Given the center's stellar national reputation, its amazing faculty, and its vision, ACLM knew we had found a partner who could take the journal to new levels." As an alumnus, Hinnant added, he was excited for the opportunities the journal will provide for Georgia State Law students.

Kershner echoed Hinnant's comments. "Although the journal will be peer-reviewed, we intend to involve students in the substantive work of the journal," she said. "It is wonderful to be able to provide this experience that students have been requesting."

The *Journal of Legal Medicine* is published quarterly by Taylor & Francis. Submissions are accepted year-round at tandfonline.com/loi/ulgm20.



Meet Bill Hinnant

Bill Hinnant (J.D. '01) is one of those rare M.D./J.D.s who both sees patients and practices law. He heads a urology practice and a legal practice in South Carolina. In his legal work, Hinnant focuses on medical malpractice, personal injury, and other cases in which his medical background is a real asset.

For several years, he has taken on significant leadership roles in the American College of Legal Medicine. Given its mission of encouraging interdisciplinary exchanges to "facilitate enhanced service to society in the healing arts and legal professions," it is no surprise that Hinnant has committed so much of his time to ACLM.

SAVE THE DATE:

Inaugural Journal Symposium

The Center for Law, Health & Society will host its inaugural journal symposium, "Solving America's Drug Pricing Problem," on Jan. 24-25, 2019. The symposium will kick off Thursday evening with a plenary presentation by Michelle Mello, professor of law and professor of health research and policy at Stanford University, and co-author of the National Academies Report *Making Medicines Affordable: A National Imperative*. A reception will follow the presentation. The symposium will continue on Friday morning with public presentations from a variety of legal scholars.



Caley Leaves Mark Fighting for Health Equity as She Retires

Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86, J.D. '89) has retired after 11 years as the director of the Health Law Partnership (HeLP), a medical-legal community collaboration among Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and the College of Law, and the co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic. Caley also taught courses on health policy and legislation and clinical skills. She was a member of the Grady Health System Ethics Committee and the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Bioethics and Public Affairs Committees.

As a nurse, Caley observed how inequality affected her patients' health. In her first job after law school with Atlanta Legal Aid, Caley realized her clients had a lot of health-harming legal problems. She thought if she could move her office into the hospital, she could help even more people.

Steven Gottlieb, director of the Atlanta Legal Aid, has worked with Caley since she was hired at Atlanta Legal Aid in 1989. Gottlieb said, "It was Sylvia's vision to have Legal Aid lawyers and law students serve clients in the hospital. She pursued it for

over 15 years until it came to fruition."

Dr. Robert Pettignano, HeLP's medical director and pediatrician at Children's said that Caley is an "invaluable contributor to the care of our patients/clients, to the practice of medical legal partnership and more specifically to HeLP. She has an ongoing drive to 'do the right thing' and it has been refreshing to see how she takes the cases of the children we serve to heart."

After starting the partnership, Caley began offering externships to Georgia State Law students. She talked to Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, and Lisa Radke Bliss, now associate dean of experiential learning and clinical programs about starting the clinic. They shared a vision of educating the next generation of professionals, both future lawyers and doctors, about the need for collaboration to address complex needs of patients and families in the 21st century. Their vision has been realized in the clinic, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in July.

Bliss said Caley's expertise and leadership in the medical-legal partnership movement

is unmatched. "She is a thoughtful and generous collaborator, and I'm proud of our work together and the opportunities we had to share our work with others nationally and internationally," Bliss said. "She has laid an excellent foundation for HeLP and the clinic to continue after her retirement."

Caley says that what she will miss most in her retirement is "the people and students, along with the daily opportunity to make someone's life a little better and the opportunities to help develop good public policy around the health, children and families."



HeLP Approved as a Medical-Legal Partnership

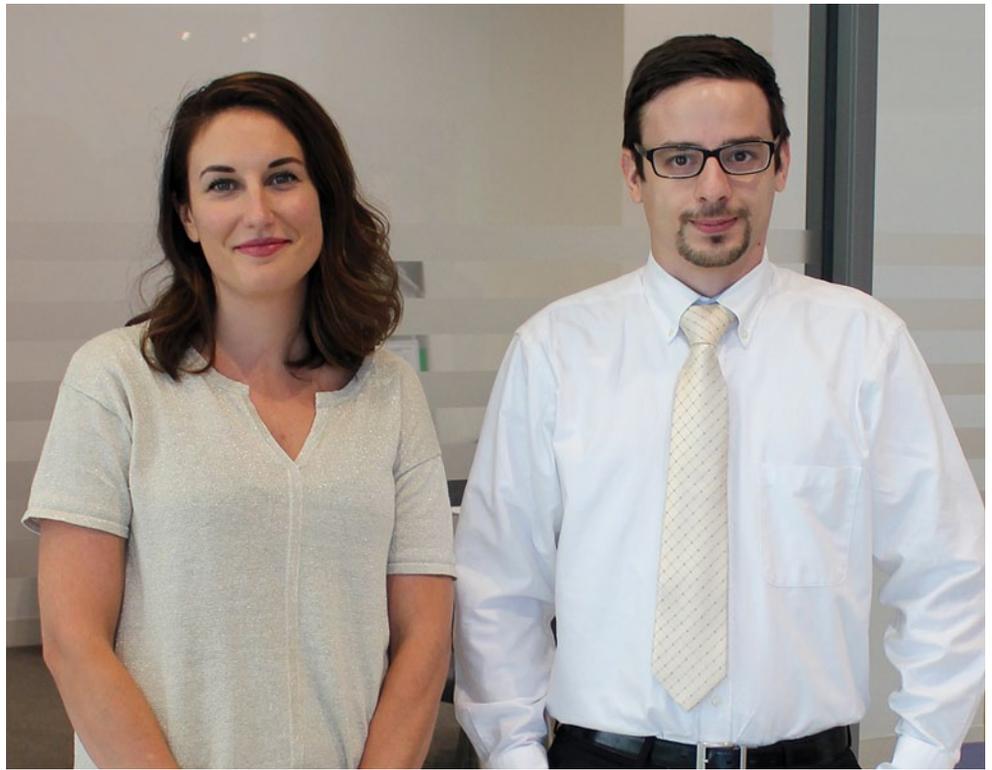
The Georgia Department of Community Health has approved the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) as a medical-legal partnership.

Although 46 states have health centers and hospitals that operate medical-legal partnerships, Georgia is only the second, after New York, to have codified medical-legal partnerships into state law. Having statutory recognition of the partnerships opens the door to potentially obtaining funding and grants, said former director of HeLP and clinical professor of law Sylvia Caley (M.B.A. '86, J.D. '89).

"HeLP sought to obtain this recognition as part of a plan for long-term sustainability, and as such made passage of legislation a systemic advocacy priority," Caley said. "I also thought it would help encourage other health care systems in the state to start a medical-legal partnership if we potentially could facilitate access to future financial resources to support their development."

The designation is possible because of Caley and Trey Kelley (J.D. '14), Bryan Jacoutot (J.D. '14), and Kimberly Ramseur (M.P.H. '15), who were enrolled in her 2013-14 health legislation and advocacy class. The students performed the background legal research and drafted the proposed legislation. That Kelly was also the representative of Georgia House District 16 helped the bill through legislative twists and turns. The bill overwhelmingly passed, and Deal signed it into law on April 21, 2014.

Under the law, the Georgia Department of Community Health is authorized to approve medical-legal partnerships that meet and comply with standards and guidelines established by the department for purposes of determining eligibility for grants available through the state or from other sources. The department finalized the standards in late fall 2017.



HeLP Clinic Students Win SSI for Client

The HeLP Legal Services Clinic allows students the opportunity to develop their lawyering skills while representing real clients. This spring, Carly Morrison (J.D. '19) and Peter Nielsen (J.D. '19) discovered how rewarding this experience can be and how their work can be life-changing for HeLP's clients.

Morrison and Nielsen represented a three-year old boy who was denied Supplemental Security Income. The child has Sturge-Weber Syndrome, a rare neurological disease. "This child has suffered from daily seizures since he was five months old, causing developmental delays and speech regression so that he can no longer form words," said Nielsen. "The unpredictability of his condition requires that he receive constant medical attention and round-the-clock care. The need for SSI was urgent."

To better understand the child's complicated diagnosis, the law students consulted with Morehouse and Emory medical students who served in the clinic as part of rotations, and pored over the more than 4,000 pages of the boy's medical records. They requested a hearing before an administrative law judge, challenging the denial.

"While awaiting the hearing, we requested a decision on the record.

If granted by the Social Security Administration, the ALJ can then make a decision based only on the medical records and a letter brief we submit summarizing the case," Morrison said. "If the request for a decision on the record is denied, the case proceeds on the normal route, so there is nothing to lose."

In their letter brief, the students argued that the child qualified for SSI because he met the medical requirements for both epilepsy and vascular insult, as well as the debilitating effects of his disease. After only two days, the ALJ returned a written decision on the record, stating the child met the requirement for epilepsy and was therefore eligible for benefits without having to rule on the other arguments the students raised.

"The wait for a hearing could have been as long as a year. This decision on the record allowed our client to avoid the delay and an emotionally difficult hearing. More importantly, it allowed the child to receive critical benefits sooner," Nielsen said.

"Not only does the HeLP Legal Services Clinic give students the opportunity to 'be a lawyer' for the first time, it also empowers them to provide legal assistance to many individuals who otherwise likely would not be able to retain an attorney," said supervising clinical attorney Jimmy Mitchell.



Wolf Named Distinguished University Professor

Leslie E. Wolf, professor of law and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, was among the five Georgia State University faculty to receive a Distinguished University Professorship this year. This prestigious honor recognizes faculty who have an outstanding record of scholarship, as well as a history of substantial contributions to the university and profession. Wolf's five-year appointment began July 1.

Wolf is an internationally recognized scholar of health law, public health and ethics. Numerous federal agencies and private foundations have funded her work, which includes empirical research on conflicts of

interest, research with stored biological materials, IRB web guidance, and HIV-related laws and policies, among other areas. Her research has appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *JAMA* family of publications, *Science* and the *American Journal of Public Health*.

"Professor Wolf demonstrates exemplary scholarship and brings tremendous value to our university and our students. We are thrilled that she has been recognized with this esteemed honor, and it is well deserved," said Wendy F. Hensel, dean and professor of law. Since joining Georgia State Law, Wolf's empirical research has focused on research ethics issues, including a project on Certificates of Confidentiality – a legal tool that protects sensitive, identifiable research data from compelled disclosure and a project on confidentiality protections of research data more generally. She has partnered with Laura Beskow, professor of health policy and director of research ethics at Vanderbilt Center for Biomedical Ethics & Society on both of those projects, which the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded.

"Our work on Certificates substantially contributed to understanding of this legal tool, and some of our recommendations for improvement were incorporated into the

revisions to Certificates as part of the 21st Century Cures Act," Wolf said. "This and other projects have provided opportunities for students. For example, I have co-authored several papers with students, including one out of our of the Certificates project with Brett Williams Tarver (J.D. '12) – then one of my graduate research assistants – that we presented at Harvard Law School!"

When reflecting on her numerous academic achievements, two stand out to Wolf. In 2016, she was the first lawyer inducted into the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars, which honors people who spent formative parts of their careers there. In 2017, she was appointed to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections, which advises the Department of Health and Human Services' Secretary on issues pertaining to the protection of human subjects in research. She also is grateful to be part of the Georgia State faculty.

"I feel extremely fortunate to be part of a university that truly values interdisciplinary work. My scholarship mostly is not traditional legal scholarship, but Georgia State Law and the larger university community has been supportive. The potential for collaborations in teaching and scholarship across colleges is enormous," Wolf said.

“I am thrilled to be named as a Distinguished University Professor and am grateful to have my contributions as a scholar and a teacher recognized through this award.”

—Leslie Wolf, Director, Center for Law, Health & Society (above with Risa Palm, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost)

Todres Completes Fulbright Program in Ireland



“The Fulbright Program has inspired me to seek more innovative approaches to my own work. In short, this experience will shape my work for years to come.”

—Jonathan Todres, Professor of Law

This spring, Jonathan Todres, professor of law and co-author of the book *Human Rights in Children's Literature: Imagination and the Narrative of Law* (Oxford University Press), traveled to Ireland to complete a Fulbright research fellowship at the University College Cork School of Law. The highly competitive Fulbright Program sponsors U.S. and foreign faculty and professional exchanges for purposes of research and teaching.

While at UCC, Todres continued his interdisciplinary research on children's rights and child participation, human rights education, and human rights in children's literature. He also co-taught an International Children's Rights course with Professor Ursula Kilkelly, dean of the School of Law. Todres presented his work on children's rights as well as human trafficking on more than ten occasions to audiences including scholars, students, educators, attorneys and children's rights advocates at UCC, Queen's University Belfast, Leiden University Law School in the Netherlands, the Cork Bar and Southern Law Association, and the Cork Life Centre, a nonprofit organization serving youth outside the mainstream education system.

He also delivered the keynote address, "Integrating Children's Rights Education in the Spaces Children Inhabit" at the Advancing Children's Rights through Education: From

Innovation to Realisation symposium in Dublin. "Human rights education imparts the idea that all children possess rights and each child is equally worthy," explained Todres. "It can bolster children's self-esteem, which can positively influence learning. And research shows human rights education can help reduce bullying. Children exposed to human rights education develop an understanding of both their own rights and their responsibility to respect others' rights."

In April, UCC School of Law launched its Centre for Children's Rights and Family Law. To celebrate the launch, UCC hosted a two-day intensive workshop with leading scholars representing eight countries and four continents. "The value of cross-cultural, interdisciplinary perspectives cannot be understated," said Todres, who participated in and presented a paper at the workshop. "The dynamic discussions that emerged will have value not only for individual research projects but more broadly for the field of children's rights."

"In the space of one semester, the Fulbright provided an opportunity to connect with partners in children's rights, family law, human rights, social science, child development, public health, literature and the arts, as well as with extraordinary individuals who work directly with children and youth in the community," Todres said.





Georgia State Law Centers Host bioip Workshop

The Centers for Intellectual Property and Law, Health & Society co-hosted the Third Annual bioip Faculty Workshop in May. The workshop was developed through a collaboration of Yaniv Heled, associate professor and co-director of the IP center, Cynthia Ho, Clifford E. Vickrey Research Professor and director, Intellectual Property Program at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and Kevin Outterson, N. Neal Pike Scholar in Health and Disability Law at Boston University School of Law.

Sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, the bioip workshop focuses on the scholarship of junior faculty

writing at the intersection of biotechnology, life sciences, food and drug law and intellectual property.

Articles by Govind Persad, assistant professor at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins, who has since moved to the University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Nicholson Price, assistant professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School; and Raphael Zingg, assistant professor at Waseda University, Tokyo, and a research affiliate with the Center for Law & Economics, were selected through a blind review process.

At the workshop, each junior scholar received in-depth feedback on their paper from a panel of interdisciplinary commentators specifically selected based on their expertise. In addition to Heled, Ho and Outterson, commentators included other Georgia State Law faculty, as well as faculty from other departments at Georgia State and from other institutions.

"The workshop is a wonderful opportunity for junior scholars to learn from senior colleagues in the field," said Heled. "More importantly, it is an invaluable opportunity for intellectual engagement and building the field of bioip."

Professors Interviewed on NPR

Associate professor Courtney Anderson and Regents' Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law Paul Lombardo were featured experts on National Public Radio this spring.

Lombardo was the featured commentator on NPR's highly rated podcast *Hidden Brain* last April. The forty minute program included a rare voice recording of a conversation with Carrie Buck, the woman whose 1927 U.S. Supreme Court case endorsed the constitutionality of state laws that allowed involuntary eugenic sterilization of more than 65,000 people in the 20th century. Lombardo discussed the revelations about Buck's case detailed in his prize winning book: *Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck v. Bell*, and reprised his own interview with Buck only a few days before she died in the 1980s. The podcast ended with a reading from poet Molly McCully Brown, whose recent collection of poems *The Lynchburg Colony* invoked the spirit of the place where the sterilization of Buck and thousands of others took place.

In May, Anderson discussed the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and continued housing inequity on *Closer Look* with Rose

Scott on WABE, Atlanta's NPR station. She discussed the implications for Atlanta of a new report released by the National Fair Housing Alliance and Trulia that examines the impact of the Fair Housing Act on metropolitan areas. "The goals of the Fair Housing Act – to prohibit discrimination, spur economic development and integration – have not been realized," said Anderson. "In the 1960s, racial segregation in housing was more overt and sanctioned by government and banks; now it is more subtle with intimidation, predatory lending and disparate zoning impact. But the results are eerily similar."

Gentrification increases urban housing prices such that original neighborhood residents cannot afford to remain and some move out of the city to find affordable housing. Anderson returned to *Closer Look* in July to discuss the suburbanization of poverty in Atlanta. "Poverty in the suburbs has significantly increased," Anderson said. "Poverty in the suburbs may present even greater challenges than in urban communities, due to lack of access to social services, limited public transportation and longer commutes to jobs, and the stigma of poverty in the suburbs."

Lombardo and Thompson Present on Eugenics and Alcohol Prohibition

Paul Lombardo, Regents' Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, joined Lauren MacIvor Thompson, faculty fellow with the Center for Law, Health & Society and lecturer of history at Georgia State's Perimeter College, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in Los Angeles in May, to present papers on the relationship between the 20th century American eugenics movement and the campaign for prohibition of alcohol.

Lombardo's presentation focused on the role of British physician and eugenic activist Caleb Saleeby, who traveled to the U.S. as debate over adoption of the 18th Amendment filled the headlines. Saleeby made common cause with the Women's Christian Temperance Movement and prominent statesman William Jennings Bryan, who credited the eugenic argument against alcohol as one of the most effective weapons the anti-alcohol forces employed.

Thompson highlighted how Margaret Sanger emphasized the need for birth control by adopting the moral rhetoric of the temperance movement. Sanger proposed that Prohibition would aid victims of domestic abuse, who suffered from the drunken assaults of their husbands, and subsequent unwanted pregnancies. Prohibition would empower women by removing the toxic effects of drinking from their lives.

Both Lombardo and Thompson will continue work on these papers and related research that will be featured at a U.K. conference to be held at the University of Bristol in September.



Faculty Promotions and Awards

Georgia State University President Mark Becker approved the College of Law's promotion and tenure recommendations. Jessica Gable Cino was promoted to full professor. Courtney Anderson was promoted to associate professor.

Dean Wendy F. Hensel announced the 2018 College of Law faculty awards. Anderson received the Maleski Award for Teaching Excellence. This award celebrates innovative faculty members who have made significant contributions to the promotion of student learning. Patti Zettler received the Patricia T. Morgan Outstanding Scholarship Award, which acknowledges faculty engaged in scholarly research that advances the academy, the profession and law reform efforts.

"These promotions and honors are well-deserved recognition of stellar teaching and research," said Leslie Wolf, Distinguished University Professor of Law and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. "I am proud of our health law faculty at Georgia State Law."





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The Role of Litigation

Just as there are multiple causes that led to the opioid crisis, multiple responses are needed to address it, said Abbe R. Gluck, professor of law and faculty director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School, at Georgia State Law's Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor Lecture on March 27, co-sponsored by the Center for Law, Health & Society.

"Law alone can't solve a public health crisis of this scale, but as lawyers, our hope is law – whether legislative, regulatory or litigation – can be as productive a partner as possible," she said.

One important way litigation is helping is by framing a narrative about responsibility in the opioid crisis. Initially, lawsuits were primarily brought against drug manufacturers and doctors, but plaintiffs have begun to cast a broader net, holding more entities responsible, including pharmacies and drug distributors. According to Gluck, these entities may be reconceiving how they see their role going forward as a result of these lawsuits.

But the wide net of responsible parties also makes litigation strategy difficult. "Courts have already

expressed concern that liability is going to be hard to find for any one kind of defendant because there are so many different links of the causative chain," Gluck said. This differentiates opioid crisis litigation significantly from the public health litigation to which it is most often compared, big tobacco. In addition, unlike tobacco, opioids have been approved as safe, effective and needed.

The most significant development in the opioid crisis is the consolidation of lawsuits into a multi-district litigation, the same type of litigation used for the NFL concussion cases.

More than 97 percent of MDLs settle, Gluck said. "Cases consolidated into MDLs tend to be those with many parties and many intractable problems. The only way to get relief is to have some kind of universal settlement." But the question is whether the settlement will be enough to address the problem.

"If the remedy isn't efficient, all this energy focused on the litigation could have the detrimental effect of taking the wind out of the sail of what would be more positive change," Gluck said. "Either way, litigation has certainly set the agenda and raised the profile of the crisis."



University-Wide Network Focused on Epidemic

Ending the opioid epidemic requires a multi-faceted approach, so researchers across Georgia State University have come together to address the problem of misuse and overdose from opioids and other drugs. The focus of the network is to foster collaboration across a broad range of disciplines including law, public health, physiology, health policy, social work, health care and behavioral health, and to identify research funding opportunities.

Georgia State Law faculty members Courtney Anderson, Yaniv Heled, Timothy

Lytton and Patti Zettler each bring distinct areas of legal expertise to the group. Anderson's focus is on health equity and race. Heled is examining the role the for-profit corporate nature of pharmaceutical companies plays. Lytton's expertise is in the use of litigation to advance public health.

From her experience at the Food and Drug Administration, Zettler brings an understanding of the federal government's role and the regulatory process for prescription opioids, therapies for patients with addiction,

and pain management technologies.

"Georgia State recognizes the importance of breaking down silos to address critical issues impacting health," said Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, who researched state laws to prevent opioid overdoses while a fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Law and policy play an important role, and lawyers need to be involved in the research to address the opioid crisis. We are glad the center faculty can provide this expertise."

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CLE Series for Georgia State Lawyers

The United States is in the midst of a drug abuse epidemic fueled by opioid addiction. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more opioid-related fatalities than from motor vehicle crashes. Georgia's opioid-related deaths increased tenfold between 1999 and 2014, the 11th most in the nation.

In February, Georgia State University College of Law's From the Tower to the Trenches lecture series session, "Pain, Profits, Plaintiffs, Prison: A Prescription for Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Georgia," focused on the need for a comprehensive multi-level approach to solving the crisis.

The session was moderated by associate professor Patti Zettler, formerly legal counsel with the Food and Drug Administration. Panelists included Sidney Barrett, chief legal Counsel of the Georgia Department of Public Health, now retired; Thomas Griner (J.D. '96; Ph.D. '19) of the Law Office of Thomas E. Griner LLC; Bethany Sherrer (J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. '15), legal counsel for the Medical Association of Georgia; and Timothy Lytton, Distinguished University Professor, professor of law and associate dean for research and faculty development.

Zettler provided an overview of the scope of the opioid problem and federal government's role, including how the FDA regulates approval, labeling, and marketing of prescription drugs. "The FDA alone cannot solve the opioid crisis," said Zettler who served as a consultant to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Pain Management and Regulatory Strategies to Address Prescription Opioid Abuse. "It took decades for the problem to develop, and it will take a sustained and coordinated effort among all stakeholders to effectively address the problem."

Barrett described Georgia's recent activities to address the crisis, including convening a statewide work group and recent changes to the law requiring prescribers to check the prescription drug management program before prescribing an opioid to prevent patients from obtaining multiple opioid prescriptions from different doctors. Griner and Sherrer discussed other recent legal innovations including naloxone access, medical amnesty laws, and expanding resources to treat opioid overdoses, as well as the gaps in these laws that need to be addressed.

Lytton explored the opportunities and pitfalls of civil litigation. Lytton noted that, although most lawsuits have been unsuccessful, the litigation process still serves important functions, including focusing attention on the role of manufacturers in causing opioid addiction through aggressive marketing, distribution, and sales practices; uncovering information through discovery that may not be disclosed to regulators; and prompting media coverage that keeps the issue of opioid addiction on the agendas of legislatures and public officials.



On April 16, students in public health law, health equity and health literacy courses presented their research posters to over 100 faculty and students from across Georgia State University in the *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* exhibit space.

Georgia State University has hosted the exhibit for the past year. Donated by the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, the exhibit examines the health inequities faced by low income and socially disadvantaged minority populations over the past 120 years and the challenges of achieving health equity.

Health is a Human Right: Then and Now



The spring courses offered by Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, Mathew Gayman, associate professor of sociology, and Iris Feinberg (Ph.D. '15), instructor of public health and assistant director of the Adult Literacy Research Center, incorporated the exhibit as a pedagogical tool to engage law and graduate students, culminating in the poster presentations.

The students were asked to examine a public health problem 'then' and 'now' from the perspective of their own discipline as a way better understand what progress has or has not been made in reducing health disparities. The photographs, data and documents in the exhibit provided real-world context for the students' research.

"Law is an important tool for improving health outcomes but it can also act as a barrier to addressing public health problems," said Kershner, who taught public health law. "The exhibit allowed students to visualize the impact, both positive and negative, of laws and policies on populations as well as on individuals."

Gayman reinforced the value of this assignment, noting that "at its core, sociology is interested in how social forces and structures not only influence human behavior and experiences but also how these factors serve as fundamental causes of health and health disparities."

Adding the health literacy lens, Feinberg explained, "Health literacy is the way people access, understand, and use health information; although low health literacy affects a broad range of people in differing contexts, it is particularly over-represented in underserved and marginalized populations."

"This was an exciting event. The value of the assignment was evident in the students' enthusiasm and the energy in the room," said Leslie Wolf, center director and an attendee. "Stacie, Mathew, and Iris deserve kudos for their creativity, collaboration, and teaching, which were on display throughout the event."

“Engaging in discussion with other disciplines helps students appreciate what others bring to the table and also to recognize the importance of their own role. The *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* exhibit offered the perfect backdrop for this discussion.”

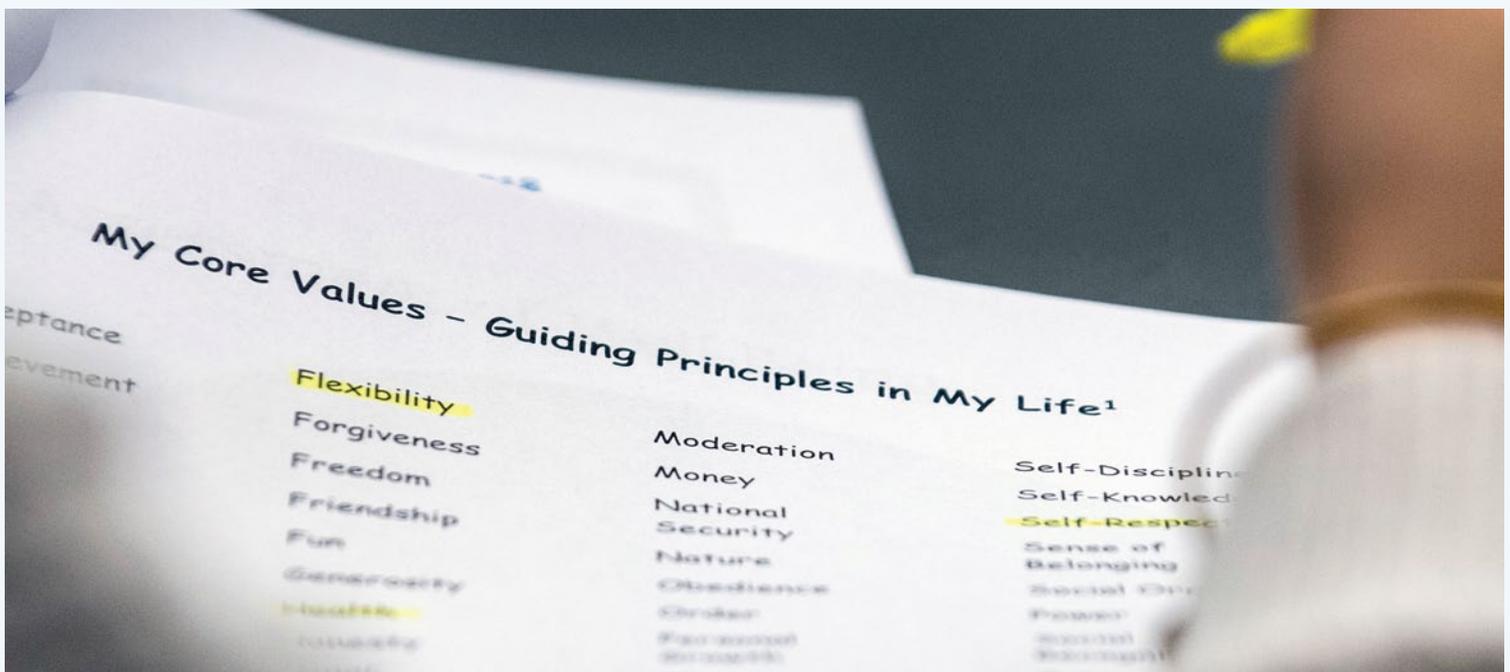
—Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), Associate Director, Center for Law, Health & Society



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What Makes Lawyers – and Law Students – Happy? Wellness in Law School and Practice

“Lawyer happiness is not correlated with extrinsic factors,” said Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law at Georgia State Law. “Income, class rank, whether you made Law Review—those things don’t correlate with happiness in practice. Ironically, these factors are probably the very things that are causing stress while in law school.”

To help students understand what wellness means in their own lives, Scott and Plamen Russev (J.D. '03), transactional attorney and chair of the Mental Well-Being Subcommittee of the State Bar of Georgia, developed and implemented a wellness program, “From Busy to Balanced: Designing Your Life to Live it Well.” The series, which was co-sponsored by the Center for Law, Health & Society, included weekly interactive and informative lunch sessions, plus student organization-sponsored challenges to encourage students to engage in healthy lifestyles.

Happiness and wellbeing are skills that can be developed, said Russev, a certified integral coach and breathwork practitioner. Learning about wellness principles and practicing that knowledge by engaging in specific wellness tasks, and creating an accountability mechanism and a support system are some of the ways to cultivate these skills.

Achieving wellness is not just about finding a work-life balance, Scott said. Rather, it’s a multidimensional approach that includes integrating mental health, physical health, and

professional, intellectual, social, emotional and financial well-being, all to be addressed through the lens of each student’s own inner values and sense of purpose in life.

Over the seven-week program, Scott, Russev and several guest speakers addressed each of these aspects of wellness and offered students tools for practicing wellness during law school as well sustaining the practice in their legal careers. In addition to understanding happiness, Scott and Russev stressed the importance of a positive outlook and connection with others.

Raymond J. Lindholm (J.D. '11 / M.S.H.A. '12), an associate at Polsinelli PC and a certified Wim Hof Method instructor, taught attendees breathing techniques for reducing stress. Jeffrey R. Kuester (J.D. '93), a partner at Taylor English, shared his personal experience with alcohol abuse and resources available to law students and attorneys to help with substance abuse problems.

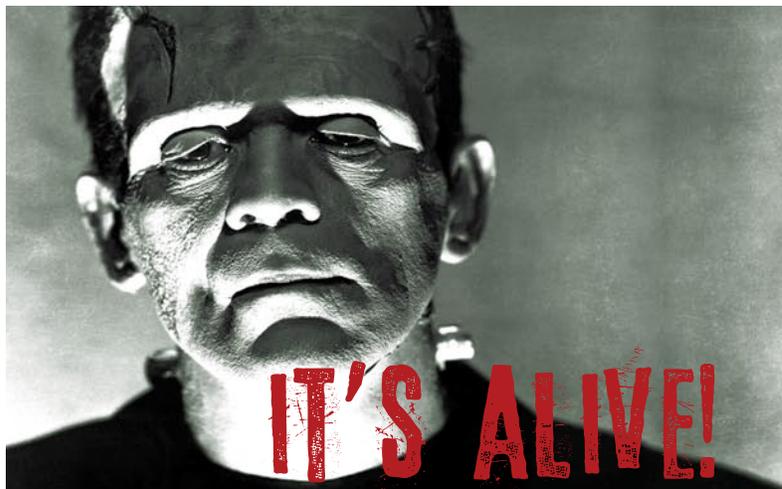
Linnie Vasallo, coordinator of Georgia State’s Mind-Body Clinic, emphasized the importance of healthy eating, sleep and exercise and introduced the concept of biofeedback between the heart and brain. Lynn Garson, attorney at BakerHostetler, mental health advocate and author of *Southern Vapors*, described her personal experience with clinical depression and highlighted the need for balance, flexibility, self-compassion and willingness to seek assistance.

Concluding the series, Thomas Michael Hodell, Jr. (J.D. '18), certified financial planner

with Chartered Financial Consultants and vice-president of the student organization, Estate Planning and Wealth Management Law Society, shared how to achieve financial wellbeing and peace of mind by managing cash flow, preparing for emergencies, understanding employer benefits, and planning for paying down student loans.

The series also highlighted the resources available to law students and attorneys needing help or wanting to practice wellness, including Law Lifeline, a project of the Jed Foundation & Dave Nee Foundation (lawlifeline.org) for law students, and Georgia Lawyers Living Well (gabar.org/wellness) and the American Bar Association Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (americanbar.org/groups/lawyer_assistance.html) for attorneys.





Bioethics at the Movies

In March, the Student Health Law Association and the Center for Law, Health & Society sponsored the 12th Annual Bioethics at the Movies. This popular series explores health-related themes in film and television through lively discussion among faculty and students. The Family Law Society, Black Law Students Association and Muslim Law Students Association partnered with SHLA as co-hosts for sessions relevant to their organizations.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's classic novel, the series kicked off with "It's Alive! Scenes from *Frankenstein*," with clips from the 1931 film featuring Boris Karloff as the monster. Panelists included Yaniv Heled, associate professor of law and co-director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Paul Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, and Jack Williams, professor of law, who has taught courses on the film to law and graduate engineering and science students. The panelists discussed themes of morality, biotechnology, what it means to be human and who in the story is more human, the scientist or monster?

At the second session, center director and professor of law Leslie Wolf presented "Choosing Death: Scenes from *Me Before You*." The movie, based on the book by Jojo Moyes, explores themes of disability, autonomy and assisted suicide. "The story forces us to think about what is a life worth living and who should make that determination," Wolf said. "Tackling these questions in the context of a romantic comedy make them a little easier to discuss."

Next, assistant professor Courtney Anderson presented "Scary Disparities and Exposing Experiments: Scenes from *Get Out*." The Academy Award winning film takes a classic horror story outline and provides a framework for illustrating and analyzing the manifestation of racism in medical experiments, social interactions and relationships. "Though the premise seems exaggerated, even the most outrageous depictions are rooted in truth and actual events," said Anderson. "The students provided great insight into the effects of racism on physical and mental health."

Closing the series, HeLP Legal Services Clinic supervising attorney Jimmy Mitchell presented "Examining the Funny Bone: Medicine and Ethics in *The Big Sick*." Based on a true story, the movie centers on a woman who falls under a mysterious illness, and her romantic partner who is caught in a conflict of ethics and love. "In a fun and lighthearted way, the movie raises some serious ethical issues related to informed consent and surrogate decision-making," said Mitchell.

"Bioethics at the Movies remains a student favorite," said Caitlin Fox (J.D./M.P.A. '18) SHLA co-president. "Clips from the movies provide a great jumping-off point for discussion of important topics in health law."

Student Health Law Association

The Student Health Law Association is an organization for law students interested in health-related legal disciplines. The following students were elected as officers of SHLA for 2018-2019:

3L President - Katie Broyles (J.D. '19)

2L President – Ngan Nguyen (J.D. '20)

Vice President of Community Outreach – Andrew Brown (J.D. '19)

Vice President of Programming – Adam Harper (J.D. '19)

Vice President of Student Outreach – Raina Azarkhail (J.D. '19)

Vice President of Membership – Jasmine Becerra (J.D. '20)

The positions of treasurer and secretary are reserved for incoming first-year students interested in health law and are selected at the beginning of the academic year.

Special thanks to the past SHLA board for an incredible year! During 2017-2018, SHLA co-sponsored a Law Week session "From Columbine to Parkland: How to Prevent Gun Violence in Our Schools," hosted two American Red Cross blood drives, participated in two health law competitions and coordinated tutoring of children in the after school program at the local YMCA. SHLA also hosted "What is Health Law?" a career panel featuring graduates Ryan Hood (J.D. '06), assistant general counsel of WellStar Health System; Barbara J. Rogers (M.B.A. '08, M.H.A. '09, J.D. '15) with Arnall Golden Gregory LLP; and Rachel King (J.D. '09) with the Georgia Department of Community Health, who discussed different opportunities in health law, their own career paths and advice for being successful in law school.





Health Law Students Honored

Sophia Horn (J.D./M.S.H.A '18) received the Health Law Award at the 2018 College of Law Honors Day. The award includes a monetary gift sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia's Health Law Section in honor of the late Alan Rumph, a health law attorney who served on the executive committee of the section. The award 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 Brian Cathey (J.D. '19) and Brandon Reed (J.D. '18), who received the ABA/BNA Award 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.

Andrew Brown (J.D. '19) and Logan Stone (J.D. '19) were 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 pleased to recognize the achievements and successes of our health law students," said Stacie Kershner, associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society. "They are excellent representatives of our program and the College of Law."

State Bar Health Law Section Awards Summer Stipends

The Health Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia launched an exciting new opportunity this year for health law students – a summer internship stipend awarded to students who pursue unpaid health law positions. Students seeking summer work in federal or state government agencies, nonprofit legal services or health care organizations were eligible.

"These positions can offer students a valuable alternative experience to the traditional law firm setting," said Erin Fuse Brown, associate professor of law and liaison to the section. "However, it can be challenging for students to accept unpaid positions when needing to pay for summer living expenses."

The section awarded stipends to a few deserving students at each Georgia law school based on their academic success thus far in law school, interest in health law and commitment to pursuing a career in health law in Georgia, including law practice, research or policy development. Elizabeth Grace Balte (J.D. '19), Michael Foo (J.D. '20) and Peter Nielsen (J.D. '19) were selected from among many qualified applicants at Georgia State Law.

"Working with the health law

unit of Atlanta Legal Aid Society has demonstrated the breadth of legal issues patients face when experiencing a health crisis, such as housing, employment discrimination, estate planning and access to benefits," said Balte. "This stipend has made it possible for me to



spend the summer advocating for clients with medical problems who would not otherwise be able to afford legal services."

"Through my internship with the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I have put writing, litigation, and advocacy skills to use in actually helping clients," said Foo. "Plus, working at the Office of General Counsel has helped me

understand how health law is influenced by more than just the health care sector – clients' health can be influenced by issues as varied as cybersecurity, patent, and even employment."

Nielsen spent his summer at the Office of the Mental Health Advocate within the Georgia Public Defender Council. "The position with OMHA allowed me to gain experience in criminal law, assisting attorneys who represent indigent criminal defendants suffering from mental health issues," said Nielsen. "This was a wonderful complement to the work I did during the school year in the HeLP Legal Services Clinic at Georgia State Law, which offers civil legal assistance to low income patients of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and their families."

"Over the last few years, the Health Law Section has been increasing its commitment to law students and young attorneys across Georgia," said Fuse Brown. "Many of our students have benefited from attending section-sponsored continuing legal education and networking events, as well as the financial support of the annual health law award. We are grateful for the section's generous support of our students."



The Intersection of Health and Public Interest Law

Founded in 2016, the Center for Access to Justice is Georgia State Law's newest center. One of the goals of the center, which is led by director and associate professor of law Lauren Sudeall Lucas and assistant director Darcy Meals, is to encourage students to develop a commitment to access to justice in school and throughout their professional careers. Law students interested in the intersection of health and public interest law have participated in two of the center's programs – the pro bono program and alternative spring break.

The pro bono program connects students with legal volunteer opportunities to address the unmet legal needs of people of limited means. Working under the supervision of practicing attorneys in the nonprofit, public and private sectors, Georgia State Law students are enhancing the capacity of law and legal institutions to do justice. Students volunteer in 2-3 hour blocks

that fit in their busy schedules. In just its first year, the program has facilitated more than 700 hours of student pro bono service in partnership with a host of legal services organizations.

Health law students Ali Grant (J.D.'18) and Sophia Horn (J.D./M.S.H.A.'18) worked with Atlanta Legal Aid Society's health law unit assisting with estate planning to clients living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer and ALS. "Working with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society brought my classroom learning to life," said Horn. "Participating in the pro bono program was one of the most memorable parts of my law school experience. It truly helped me develop client skills while also giving back."

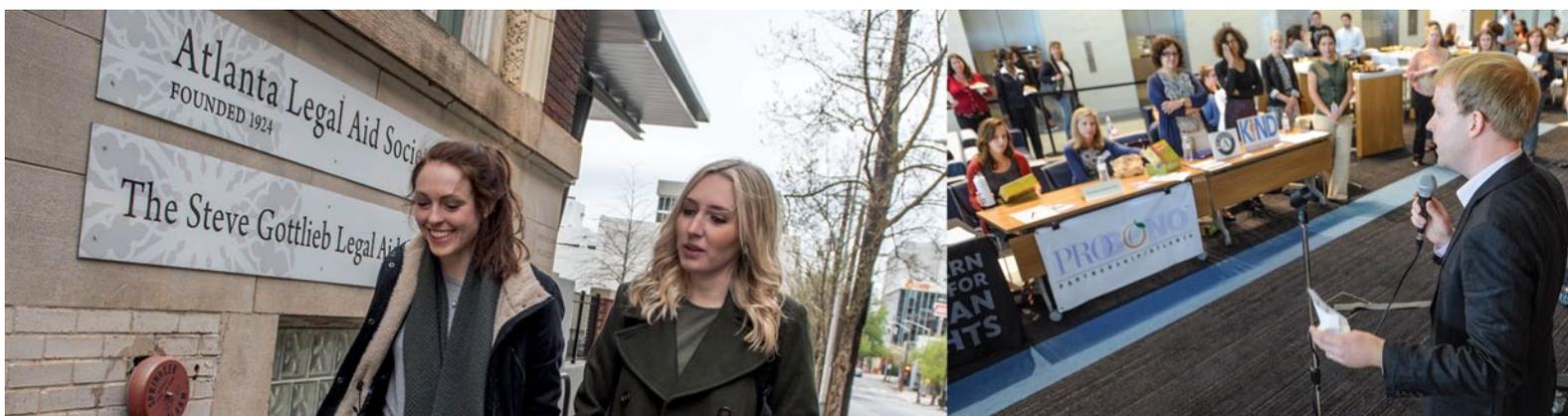
The pro bono program was named an outstanding university program and recognized with the 2018 Carl V. Patton President's Award for Community Service and Social Justice.

The center also hosts alternative spring break, week-long trips during

which students are immersed in a substantive legal issue while engaged in related pro bono service. For one of the local sessions, students worked with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Standing with Our Neighbors Program. The group gained an understanding of how substandard housing negatively affects health and education outcomes for low-income children—and how lawyers can make a difference through place-based lawyering.

The National Jurist recognized Andrew "Andy" Navratil (J.D.'18) as a "Law Student of the Year" for his leadership roles in the Alternative Spring Break and the Pro Bono Program.

"I think pro bono service is really important for attorneys," he said in the magazine's spring 2018 issue. "I think we have an obligation as lawyers to give back to society, and we have a duty to make sure the law is applied fairly for everyone, even people who can't afford an attorney."



Law Graduate Named One of Georgia State's First 40 Under 40

Barbara Rogers (M.B.A. '08, M.H.A. '09, J.D. '15), an associate in the health care practice at Amall Golden Gregory LLP, has been named one of the Georgia State University Alumni Association's inaugural 40 Under 40. The program recognizes the most influential and innovative graduates who embody the values of Georgia State. Created to celebrate Panthers who are making a difference in their respective organizations and communities, the outstanding young alumni were honored by Georgia State President Mark Becker at the ceremony on March 22.

Rogers focuses her practice on providing regulatory counseling for a variety of clients in the health care and life sciences industry, including nursing homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, assisted living facilities, hospices, physician groups and other health care providers. She provides guidance on federal and state issues relating to compliance, facility licensure, certificate of need, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, and a variety of health care transactions. Rogers is a member of the firm's hospitals and health systems committee, health care information technology committee and change of ownership team.

While serving on a hospital executive committee and hospital ethics committee, she spearheaded a five-location pilot program, working directly with the health system medical ethics director, to facilitate outpatient completion of advance directives for chronic patients. By the end of the pilot program, the locations had expanded to include more than 100 Georgia outpatient facilities.

She is also a HeLP Advisory Council member and has served as a board member of the Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives. She has guest-lectured for graduate-level health courses and has been a guest speaker at numerous law student events.

The 2015 recipient of the Health Law Award for Outstanding Achievement, she was a summer fellow with the Georgia Academy of Healthcare Attorneys and interned with the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit as a law student.

"I grew up in a large family on a 60-acre farm in Florida. We did not have much but we had each other," she said. "We all learned the value of hard work and to respect and appreciate the few things we did have, and that family always comes first."



First Class of Certificate Graduates Five Years Later

2018 marks Georgia State Law's fifth anniversary of the health law certificate program, which was designed to foster the knowledge, skills and values that contemporary health lawyers need in this rapidly-changing field.

Seven students were in the first class of health law certificates in 2013. Since then over 75 students have graduated with the certificate.

"I would not be where I am today without Georgia State's health law program and health law professors," said Sarah Ketchie Browning (J.D. '13), a transactional attorney at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP. "My practice centers entirely on health care law, and regularly involves the material covered in the health law regulations course with professor Randy Hughes."

Rachel Hulkower (J.D. '13) was a microbiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prior to law school and is now a legal analyst with the Public Health Law Program at the CDC. "My job requires that I understand broad legal principles, apply them to specific public health topics, research legal authorities, connect that information to health data, and communicate my analysis to public

health practitioners and policy makers, all skills learned while earning the certificate," she said.

Jena Jolissaint (J.D. '13) is an associate professor of philosophy and program director of general studies at South University, and she also runs a small real estate law practice. Her experience in the HeLP Legal Services Clinic "really taught me how to be a lawyer," said Jolissaint. "The opportunity to focus on health law made my experience as a law student even more rewarding."

While not all certificate students end up practicing health law, the core competencies developed in the program are transferable to other legal fields. Katrina Carmichael Hodges (J.D. '13) is an associate at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs in complex business litigation. Joseph Leonard (J.D. '13), an associate attorney at Riley McLendon, LLC, represents several metro Atlanta municipalities. Evelyn Clark (J.D. '13) is the assistant director of academic success and student affairs at Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law. Amy Jurden (J.D. '13) is counsel at the insurance company Assurant.



Center Highlights



Courtney L. Anderson

Anderson has been a guest on NPR's *A Closer Look* multiple times to discuss health disparities, poverty and gentrification in Atlanta and other urban areas. She presented "Opioids are the New Black" at American University's Washington College of Law this past spring. Anderson is also spending time this summer working with Atlanta-area pediatricians and the nonprofit Kids in Need of Defense.



Jessica Gabel Cino

Cino continues her work related to technological advances in forensic sciences. She recently completed an article on the reliability of algorithms in criminal investigations, including facial recognition, probabilistic genotyping and sentencing software. She is a member of an ABA task force on evaluating black box issues with algorithmic design and implementation.



Yaniv Heled

Heled presented his recently published article, "Follow-On Biologics are Set Up to Fail" at the second annual BioLawLaPaLooza at Stanford University and at the Health Law Professors Conference at Case Western University. He hosted the Third Annual bioip Faculty Workshop at Georgia State University College of Law and taught an Introduction to American Intellectual Property Law at the University of Warsaw School of Law's Program in American Legal Studies.



Paul A. Lombardo

Lombardo published "From In Vivo to In Vitro: How the Guatemala STD Experiments Transformed Bodies into Biospecimens" in *The Milbank Quarterly*. He was interviewed about eugenics on NPR's *Hidden Brain* podcast with poet Molly McCully Brown, was quoted in a BuzzFeed News article "Tissues from Cruel Studies of Sexually Transmitted Infections May Be Sitting in U.S. Government Labs," and was interviewed about *Three Generations, No Imbeciles* on Savannah station WRUU.



Lisa R. Bliss

Bliss accepted the award for "AALS Section of the Year" in January on behalf of the Section on Clinical Legal Education for accomplishments during her tenure as chair. She presented "Revisiting Essential Skills for Law Students in an Era of Fake News, Alternative Facts, and Governing by Disruption" at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Chicago in May.



Erin C. Fuse Brown

Fuse Brown and co-authors revised *Health Law* (8th ed. West), with updates on the ACA, ERISA, health care fraud, and abuse enforcement. She published "Removing ERISA's Impediment to State Health Reform" in the *New England Journal of Medicine* with Ameet Sarpatwari and "The Anti-Competitive Potential of Cross-Market Mergers in Health Care" in a symposium volume of *St. Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy* with Jaime S. King.



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

Kershner presented on using the *Health is a Human Right* exhibit as a teaching tool at Georgia State's Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning Conference on Scholarly Teaching and at the Health Law Professors Conference. She coordinated several events, including the Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor, a graduate poster presentation, Bioethics at the Movies featuring the 200th Anniversary of *Frankenstein*, and a From the Tower to the Trenches session.



Timothy D. Lytton

Lytton was quoted in articles on mass shootings and gun control published in numerous media outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *Reuters*, *USA Today*, and CNN, and he was interviewed by radio programs on NPR, Radio Hong Kong, and Radio Sputnik (Moscow). He delivered the 2018 Dreben Lecture at Harvard University on "The Turbulent History of Kosher Certification in America," and was selected to serve on the board of trustees of the Academy of Food Law & Policy.

**Margaret Middleton**

Middleton joined the clinical faculty in August as co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic. Prior to this appointment, she served as executive director and co-founder of the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center. She was also clinical visiting lecturer of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School. In 2017, Middleton co-wrote the article “Medical-Legal Partnerships at Veterans Affairs Medical Centers Improved Housing and Psychosocial Outcomes for Vets” in *Health Affairs*.

**Charity Scott**

Scott has given presentations on mindfulness as a tool for promoting health and well-being at various conferences for lawyers, law professors and health care professionals. She has been appointed to the advisory board of the National Mindfulness in Law Society and serves as faculty advisor to its Student Division. She co-organized the poverty simulation at the annual Health Law Professors Conference.

**Jonathan Todres**

Todres published an article, “The Trump Effect, Children, and the Value of Human Rights Education” in *Family Court Review*, and coauthored the article “Child Trafficking: Issues for Policy and Practice” in *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*. He gave multiple lectures on human rights in children’s literature and other children’s rights topics at University College Cork in Ireland, Queen’s University Belfast in Northern Ireland, and Leiden University Law School in the Netherlands. He also delivered the keynote address at a conference on human rights education in early childhood in Dublin, Ireland.

**Patricia J. Zettler**

Zettler published articles on the First Amendment and FDA regulation in *The Ohio State Law Journal* and on patient access to experiment drugs in *Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics*. She presented at the Banbury Center, Stanford Law School, MacDill Air Force Base, the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, and a College of Law From the Towers to the Trenches event. She was quoted in numerous media stories, including in *Politico*, *BuzzFeed*, *LongReads*, *The Nation*, and *Gizmodo*, and was interviewed on *The Guardian’s* “Science Weekly” Podcast.

**James E. Mitchell**

Mitchell presented “With a Little Help from My Friends: Managing Stress in a Hostile Political Environment with Assistance from Non-Lawyers,” at the AALS’s 41st Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Chicago. Alongside both preeminent legal clinicians and experts in the field of social work, Mitchell’s presentation discussed interdisciplinary tools for teaching law students how to navigate their professional and ethical obligations while still preserving their mental and physical health.

**Lauren MacIvor Thompson**

Thompson received a substantial grant from the American Philosophical Society to complete research for her book *Battle for Birth Control: Mary Dennett, Margaret Sanger, and the Rivalry That Shaped A Movement* (under contract with Rutgers University Press). She and Paul Lombardo also presented their work on eugenics law and alcoholism at the American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in early May.

**Leslie E. Wolf**

Wolf has been named a Distinguished University Professor. She is serving on expert working groups for two NIH-funded grants and on the Data Safety & Monitoring Board for a NIH-funded clinical trials network. She presented on human subjects research in a NIH-funded training program supporting transdisciplinary child maltreatment research and at the Health Law Professors Conference.

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