

Faculty Achievements: Winter 2016¹

Our colleagues have been incredibly active during the last few months, engaging in cutting-edge legal scholarship, utilizing and exploring effective teaching methods, and performing important public service to the broader community. A number of our colleagues also continue to lead important projects and collaborations with UAlbany as we further explore the great potential of our affiliation, while the majority of our faculty serves as Admissions ambassadors to a variety of colleges and universities. We have a lot on our plate, but continue to demonstrate a steadfast commitment to the law school and our profession.

During the last few months alone, our small faculty has published four (4) books, published fourteen (14) law review or journal articles, published an astounding thirty (30) other legal writings, delivered sixty-seven (67!) presentations on law, published four national and local Op-Eds, published dozens of Blog posts on legal matters, and granted nine (9) interviews to news media.

Alicia Ouellette. Dean Ouellette has published an important empirical article in the journal *Academic Medicine*, entitled “*U.S. Medical School’s Compliance With the Americans with Disabilities Act: Findings From a National Study*” (co-authors Philip Zazove, MD; Benjamin Case, BA; Christopher Moreland, MD; Melissa Plegue, MA; Anne Hoekstra, MD; Ananda Sen, PhD; and Michael Fетters, MD, MPH, MA) (January 2016).

Dean Ouellette has also recently published a book chapter titled “*Disability and Human Rights*,” in the book *DISABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH* (ed. John Steward Gordan).

Pam Armstrong. Professor Armstrong will be co-presenting (along with Prof. Brescia) a Gathii Faculty Workshop on “*Learning to Use Panopto*” on February 17, 2016.

¹ This edition features faculty achievements taking place between September 10, 2015 and February 9, 2016, and references upcoming achievements taking place before May 11, 2016 (when the next edition of “Faculty Achievements” will issue).

Ira Bloom. Professor Bloom's co-authored report on a new trust code for New York State was recently submitted to the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of NYSBA ("EC"). The Final Report, which exceeds 300 pages, can be found at www.nysba.org/FinalReport2016.

Professor Bloom has also be asked by the EC to prepare a Report to the Legislature which will recommend legislation to enact a new trust code for New York, specifically new Article 7-A of the EPTL.

Professor Bloom is also in the process of preparing 2016 Supplements for his two national co-authored casebooks: FUNDAMENTALS OF TRUSTS AND ESTATES and FEDERAL TAXATION OF ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND GIFTS. As to the former, Professor Bloom has undertaken the sole responsibility to prepare the 5th edition of Fundamentals of Trusts and Estates.

Vincent Bonventre. Professor Bonventre has authored a number of writings and commentaries on his New York Court Watcher blog (<http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com>):

- FEBRUARY 8, 2016, Michael Garcia: the Court of Appeals Nominee and the Confirmation, <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/02/michael-garcia-court-of-appeals-nominee.html>;
- FEBRUARY 6, 2016, Janet DiFiore (Part 3--Notes from the Hearing), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/02/janet-difiore-part-3-notes-from-hearing.html>;
- JANUARY 19, 2016, Janet DiFiore (Part 2--The Confirmation Hearing), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/01/janet-difiore-part-2-confirmation.html>;
- JANUARY 18, 2016, Janet DiFiore, New York Chief Judge Nominee, <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/01/janet-difiore-new-york-chief-judge.html>;

- JANUARY 15, 2016, Chief Judge Kaye (Part 2: The Judicial Role in Her Own Words), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/01/chief-judge-kaye-part-2-judicial-role.html>;
- JANUARY 11, 2016, Chief Judge Kaye: Magnificent Jurist, Scholar, Mentor, Human Being (Part 1), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2016/01/chief-judge-kaye-magnificent-jurist.html>;
- DECEMBER 14, 2015, Supremely Awful Arguments: Constitutional Nonsense (Part 4--"Activism"), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2015/12/supremely-awful-arguments.html>;
- DECEMBER 3, 2015, The Supreme Court's Last Term: Review & Implications (PPT), <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2015/12/the-supreme-courts-last-term-review.html>;
- SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, Supremely Awful Arguments: Constitutional Nonsense (Part 3), Textualism, literalism, or that's not exactly what it says, http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2015/09/supremely-awful-arguments_22.html; and
- SEPTEMBER 13, 2015, Supremely Awful Arguments: Constitutional Nonsense (Part 2), It's not mentioned in the Constitution, <http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com/2015/09/supremely-awful-arguments.html>.

Professor Bonventre also provided an Editor's Foreword, entitled "*Introduction to the Ninth Annual Chief Judge Cooke Symposium*," for a special annual issue of the Albany Law Review dedicated to the interdisciplinary examination of state constitutional law and state high courts nationwide; *State Constitutional Commentary*, 78 Alb. L. Rev. 4 (2015).

Professor Bonventre has regularly given interview or provided commentary on the NYS Court of Appeals, the US Supreme Court, the Corruption Trials and other issues, in a variety of print and online media (*see* "Professor Bonventre Commands attention on Air and Online," at www.albanylaw.edu/faculty/infocus/Pages/Professor-Bonventre-Commands-Attention-on-Air-and-Online.aspx). These activities include the following:

- His blog, [New York Court Watcher](http://www.newyorkcourtwatcher.com) recently had over 10,500 page views in a month;

- He was last interviewed Sept. 16 on Fred Dicker's radio show on Talk 1300 to talk about what is and isn't in the U.S. Constitution;
- Professor Vin Bonventre appeared on "The Capitol Pressroom" (Jan. 25) to analyze the impact of the Supreme Court case *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* (CTA) on unions across the United States. He also discussed the confirmation of New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and the nomination of Albany Law alumnus Michael Garcia to the state's Court of Appeals;
- Professor Vin Bonventre was a guest on Fred Dicker's Talk 1300 radio show (Jan. 22) to discuss the confirmation of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and the nomination of Michael Garcia to the New York State Court of Appeals.
- Professor Vin Bonventre was quoted in the article "Cuomo Nominates Garcia for Seat on Court of Appeals" in the New York Law Journal on January 21, 2016;
- Professor Vin Bonventre spoke with Gannett newspapers, including The Journal News (Jan. 19), about the State Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing for Janet DiFiore, who was picked by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to serve as New York's next chief judge. He also discussed the topic with N.Y. public radio correspondent Karen DeWitt on January 20, 2016.
- Professor Vin Bonventre was quoted in Newsday, the Buffalo News and the Times Union after the passing of former Chief Judge Judith Kaye on January 7, 2016. He was quoted as stating "This was a public official of extraordinary dignity and extraordinary ethical backbone" in each news article.

Finally, Professor Bonventre has delivered a number of presentations during the last few months:

- 2015 Annual Legislative Continuing Legal Education Program, *SUPREME COURT, The 2014-15 Term, Review & Implications*, December 3, 2015, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9bK33-JGByyYXp5MHBMUUFfWm8/view>;
- Appellate Division, Third Department, Continuing Legal Education Program, *SUPREME COURT, The 2014-15 Term Roundup*, September 29, 2015;
- Albany Law Review Symposium, Moderator: *My Religion, My Rules: Examining the Impact of RFRA Laws on Individual Rights*, October 22, 2016;

- Constitution Day 2015—organized and hosted the school’s celebration, with student, staff, and faculty involvement, September 17, 2015.

Melissa Breger. Professor Breger was invited to join the Editorial Advisory Board for a new journal being launched through ADDLETON ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS (NY)- entitled '*Sociology and Social Work*.”

Professor Breger was also invited to review and critique a manuscript for inclusion in an international open access journal entitled LAWS- published quarterly by MDPI out of Basel, Switzerland. The article she is reviewing is entitled “*Feminist Jurisprudence, The Australian Legal System and Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Fiction over Fact*.”

Professor Breger’s article is in the process of sub-editing with the West Virginia Law Review and will be published in May 2016: *Healing Trafficked Children: A Domestic Family Law Approach to an International Epidemic*.

Professor Breger has been asked to write a chapter in a book entitled HUMAN TRAFFICKING (eds. Kimberly Ellis and Nora Cronin), which will be published by Lawyers & Judges Publishing later this year.

A 2015-16 Cumulative Supplement of Professor Breger’s co-authored book (NEW YORK LAW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) was just published in December 2015 by Thomson-West-Reuters.

Professor Breger presented a CLE for the New York – Appellate Division, Third Department – Office of Attorneys for Children in September 2015.

This October, Professor Breger organized an interdisciplinary conference and presented a paper entitled “*How the Legal System Has the Potential to Change a Culture of Domestic Violence*.”

Professor Breger’s work has also been recently cited in a 6th Circuit criminal procedure and evidence case called *U.S. v. Ray*, as well as in eight (8) statutes both New York and Michigan.

Ray Brescia. Professor Brescia is in the process of publishing three law review articles! The first, *Regulating the Sharing Economy: New and Old Insights into an Oversight Regime for the Peer-to-Peer Economy*, is forthcoming in the Nebraska Law Review:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2728900

Professor Brescia is also weighing offers from flagship law reviews for two other articles: *Uber for Lawyers: The Transformative Potential of a Sharing Economy Approach to the Delivery of Legal Services* and *What We Know and Need to Know About Disruptive Innovation*.

He will be presenting his ideas on *Uber for Lawyers* at a Gathii Faculty Workshop taking place on March 2nd.

Professor Brescia will be co-presenting (along with Prof. Armstrong) a Gathii Faculty Workshop on “*Learning to Use Panopto*” on February 17, 2016.

Professor Brescia was the co-recipient of a recent UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund project, entitled “*The Capital Region Urban Blight Experiential Learning Project: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Tackling Problem Properties in Albany and Schenectady*”:

<http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany-and-Albany-Law-School-Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx>.

Stephen Clark. Professor Clark’s law review article, *Conflicts Originalism: The “Original Content” of the Full Faith and Credit Clause and the Compulsory Choice of Marriage Law*, was published this month in the West Virginia Law Review (118 W. Va. L. Rev. 547 (2016)).

Professor Clark will be presenting his ideas on *Conflicts Originalism* during a presentation at Suffolk Law School as a visiting scholar this March.

Professor Clark published a compelling blog post on February 9th on the Albany Law Faculty Blog, entitled “*Ted Cruz is Eligible to Be President*”: <http://albanylawfacultyblog.com/>.

Pat Connors. Professor Connors has returned to Albany Law School following his Fall semester visit to Touro Law Center.

Professor Connors recently published the 2016 Supplement to Siegel's New York Practice and the 2015 Practice Commentaries to: *CPLR Article 22, Stay, Motions, Orders and Mandates*; *CPLR Article 23, Subpoenas, CPLR Oaths and Affirmations*; *CPLR Article 30, Remedies and Pleadings* and *CPLR Article 31: Disclosure*.

On January 19, Professor Connors published "*Turn and Face the Changes: E-filing Among 2015 Amendments to the CPLR*," in the New York Law Journal.

Professor Connors has also made seven presentations to the bench and bar:

- New York Civil Practice Update at the Annual Oswego/Onondaga County Bar Association Meeting in Oswego, NY on October 2;
- New York Practice Update to the Suffolk County Bar Association in Hauppauge, NY on October 13;
- Touro Lunchtime CLE: New York Practice Update, at Rivkin Radler, LLP. in Uniondale, NY on October 20;
- Ethics Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Northern District of New York in Cooperstown, NY on October 24;
- Touro Lunchtime CLE: New York Practice Update, at Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles, LLP in Islandia, NY on October 27;
- New York Civil Practice Update to the New York City Managing Attorneys' and Clerks' Association at the law offices of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in New York City on October 30, 2015;
- New York Practice Presentation to Appellate Division and Supreme Court Justices at the Institute on Complex Commercial Litigation, which was held at the The Judicial Institute, White Plains, NY on Friday, November 20, 2015; and
- Chaminade High School Alumni Lawyers Association – Presented a program on recent developments in New York Ethics, in Mineola, NY on February 4, 2016.

Professor Connor's hornbook, Siegel and Connors, NEW YORK PRACTICE, has been cited six (6) times since September 2016.

Professor Connor's CPLR MCKINNEY'S PRACTICE COMMENTARIES have been cited four (4) times during 2016 alone.

On the horizon, Professor Connors is scheduled to publish an article regarding the recent changes to the New York Bar Exam and New York's rules on multijurisdictional practice, and the effect they will have on the practice of law in New York. The article will appear in the New York Law Journal on February 23, the last day the New York Bar Exam will be administered.

Danshera Cords. Professor Cords is still visiting at the University of Pittsburg, School of Law as part of a two-year visitorship. She is publishing an article entitled "*Surviving Poverty in a Post-Welfare Reform America*" in the ABA Tax Times this month.

Stephen Gottlieb. After recently publishing two books this academic year, Professor Gottlieb's third book – UNFIT FOR DEMOCRACY: THE ROBERTS COURT AND THE BREAKDOWN OF AMERICAN POLITICS—was officially published this year by the NYU Press.

Professor Gottlieb was interviewed concerning UNFIT FOR DEMOCRACY by WAMC's Alan Chartock during a special event at the law school on January 26th. The interview will be aired on WAMC on February 11th.

Professor Gottlieb was also interviewed on January 25th by Joe Donahue on WAMC's *The Roundtable* program.

On January 7th, Professor Gottlieb discussed his UNFIT FOR DEMOCRACY book and American exceptionalism, at Eye on the World event, held at the Albany Jewish Community Center.

Professor Gottlieb was a co-recipient (along with David Pratt) of one of the recent UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund projects this Fall:

<http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany-and-Albany-Law-School->

[Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx](#). Their project will focus on the ways in which history and law interact, and will explore a variety of legal history issues.

Antony Haynes. Dean Haynes was recently appointed as Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Information Systems: <http://www.albanylaw.edu/faculty/pages/faculty-listing.aspx?ind=Haynes, Antony>. Welcome aboard Antony!

Dean Haynes was interviewed for the Business Review article "[Albany Law developing academic programs to attract non-JD students](#)." On December 17, 2015. He was also featured in the Business Review's "On the Move" section, both [online](#) and in print (below).

Peter Halewood. Professor Halewood was a co-recipient (along with Professor Rogerson and UAlbany faculty) of a recent UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund project. Their project is entitled "*Activating our Partnership, Harnessing our Strengths: Collaborative Research Agenda Setting and Funder Engagement*," and seeks to develop a robust human rights research agenda: <http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany-and-Albany-Law-School-Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx/>

Professor Halewood was the primary author and organizer of an additional Collaborative Venture Fund project that was recently awarded funding: "*The Politics of Difference and the Threshold of Law: A Collaborative Conference in Law and the Humanities*." (Id.) This project seeks to examine how violence and injustice are negotiated within and outside of legal institutions. While Professor Sundquist was listed as a co-recipient of the grant, he assures you that his involvement was fairly minimal!

Professor Halewood is currently organizing the "*The Politics of Difference*" conference with his Ualbany counterpart, and the conference is scheduled to take place on April 8th and 9th at the law school.

Professor Halewood served as the faculty advisor to the Phillip Jessup International Moot Court Competition team this year.

Professor Halewood was voted Treasurer of the American Association of Law Schools Section on International Human Rights at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York on January 8, 2016.

Professor Halewood served as a member of the program committee which selected papers for the AALS Section on International Human Rights' annual panel, "*Human Rights and Families*," presented at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York, January 7, 2016.

Professor Halewood served as the lead at Albany Law School on the \$1.6M USAID grant recently obtained by the UAlbany Global Institute of Health and Human Rights to provide human rights training in the Middle East.

Relatedly, Professor Halewood is currently working with UAlbany's Global Institute for Health and Human Rights to implement the USAID grant providing human rights education in the Middle East.

Professor Halewood served as a Facilitator for an alumni workshop on assessment, "Innovation and Entrepreneurship," held at the law school on January 29th.

Professor Halewood was a Guest Lecturer on "*The Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health*" University at Albany on December 2nd.

Professor Halewood was critical in launching a new LL.M. in Health and Human Rights (jointly with UAlbany) this past October.

Professor Halewood presented a paper on "*The New Lochnerism*" at the 2015 LatCrit Conference on "Critical Constitutionalism" in Anaheim, CA on October 2, 2015 (sponsored by UC-Irvine School of Law).

Professor Halewood will present on *The Politics of Difference*, at the annual Conference in law and the Humanities to be held at the University at Albany and Albany Law School on April 8, 2016.

Robert Heverly. Professor Heverly finished his term as Chair of the American Association for Law School's *Internet and Computer Law* Section this January.

During the AALS' annual meeting in January, Professor Heverly convened a panel of scholars and government officials that examined the law of data breaches. The panel was entitled "*Once More Unto the Breach: The Law and Policy of Data Breaches.*"

Professor Heverly testified at the invitation of the NYS Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and the NYS Assembly Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry at a hearing focused on "*Providing Affordable and High Quality Cable, Broadband, and Telephone Service*" on January 20th.

Professor Heverly will be presenting his scholarship as a visiting scholar with the Touro College of Law this Spring, delivering a talk entitled "*We, Cyborg: Law, Policy and Human Augmentation.*"

Professor Heverly will be presenting the same talk on March 24th at an "Ideas Lunch" at Yale Law School's Information Society Project.

Keith Hirokawa. Professor Hirokawa will be publishing a paperback edition of his book, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CONTRASTING IDEAS OF NATURE.

A chapter from Professor Hirokawa's *other* book, RETHINKING SUSTAINABILITY, will be published in the February 2016 issue of the Environmental law Reporter.

On September 22nd, Professor Hirokawa (and his co-author) participated in a well-attended discussion and book-signing of his RETHINKING SUSTAINABILITY book at the law school.

Michael Hutter. Professor Hutter has an article forthcoming in the Winter 2015 issue of the Government Law & Policy Journal entitled "*Executive Branch - Need to Ensure Stability and Legitimacy In Issues of Succession.*"

Professor Hutter has published three recent columns in the New York Law Journal:

- "Impeachment of Trial Witnesses and Out-of-Court Declarants," NYLJ, Oct. 1, 2015, p. 3, col.3;
- "Impeachment of Trial Witnesses and Collateral Evidence Rule," NYLJ, Dec. 3, 2015, p.3 col. 3; and

- "New York's Fiduciary Exception to the Attorney-Client Privilege, " NYLJ, Feb. 3, 2015, p. 3, col. 3

Professor Hutter published a chapter, entitled *Evidence for the Trial Lawyer*, in the New York Civil Litigation Handbook (NYSBA) (to be released in mid-February).

Professor Hutter has also provided presentations and updates on the law at a variety of venues since the fall:

- NY Civil Evidence Update, presented to NY Attorney General's Office, Oct. 23, 2015;
- NY Civil Practice Update, presented to NY Attorney General's Office, Oct. 30, 2015;
- Insurance Law Update, Nassau County Bar Assoc., Nov. 2, 2015;
- New Directions for the Court of Appeals?, Alliance for Justice, Nov. 12, 2015;
- Insurance Law Update, Suffolk County Bar Assoc., Nov. 19, 2015;
- NY Tort Law - New Developments, DRI of Northeast NY, Dec. 9, 2015;
- Trying the Serious Injury Claim, New Judges' Program (OCA), Jan. 7, 2016;
- Social Media and Internet Evidence, Support Magistrates' Program (OCA), Jan. 20, 2016;
and
- CPLR 2016, Academy of Trial Lawyers, Feb. 3, 2016

Professor Hutter served as a Member of the Consultative Group for the ALI Restatement (Third) Torts: Liability for Economic Harm. He subsequently submitted written comments on a draft for discussion at Oct. 16th meeting of the group.

Professor Hutter actively serves as a Member of the Commission on Judicial Nomination- which is involved in the selection of nominees for the position of Chief Judge and Associate Judge, NY

Court of Appeals. Our alum Michael Garcia ('89) was recently confirmed as an Associate Judge on the Court of Appeals.

Professor Hutter is serving as a member of Governor Cuomo's Third Department Judicial Screening Committee, which is actively involved in the selection of candidates for the Appellate Division.

Professor Hutter is a member of the NYSBA CPLR Committee, which is actively involved in the review of proposed legislation and preparing written comments.

Mary Lynch. Professor Lynch (and Dean Queenan) presented a talk entitled "*Inclusive Strategic Planning and Faculty Adoption of Learning Outcomes*," on October 12th at the 4th Annual *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Conference, Building on the Foundations for Practice*. Professor Lynch and Dean Queenan presented on successful strategic planning and how it is integrated into assessment and outcome development. Their IGNITE presentation can be found here:
<http://iaals.du.edu/educating-tomorrows-lawyers/projects/resources/mary-lynch-rosemary-queenan-inclusive-strategic>.

Professor Lynch presented "*Mythbusting, Domestic Violence Law and Intimate Partner Violence*," during a panel with Dr. Maureen Hannah at Sienna College, on October 27th.

Professor Lynch's blog, "[Best Practices for Legal Education](#)," has again earned a spot in the [ABA Journal's Blawg 100](#), an annual list of the top blogs for a legal audience.

Professor Lynch analyzed the NYS Court of Appeals' proposed experiential learning bar licensing requirements in a blog post on 11/20/15:
<http://bestpracticeslegaled.albanylawblogs.org/2015/11/20/new-york-proposes-experiential-learning-requirements-as-condition-of-licensure-clea-and-nys-bar-committee-respond/>

Professor Lynch finished her term as Co-President of the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York City in January 2016. She will continue to serve on the Executive Committee of CLEA. At the same time, she also finished her year of service as

co-chair of the AALS Clinical Section Awards Committee. Along with Dean Mayer, she represented Albany law School at the AALS House of Delegates meeting

On February 5th, Professor Lynch taught a mock class to prospective students on the history of and current jurisdiction in NYS Courts of family violence issues.

Professor Lynch's co-authored article, "*Incentivizing and Assessing Faculty Committee Work: Why Now?*" was recently submitted to the Journal of Legal Education for publication.

Nancy Maurer. Professor Maurer, along with Deans Mayer and Queenan, presented at a Gathii Faculty Workshop on February 3rd on issues of formative assessment and student learning.

On January 6th, Professor Maurer led alumni focus groups on various opportunity pathways, including Civil advocacy, Criminal Advocacy, Public Interest, and Health Law.

On January 29th, Professor Maurer led an alumni focus group on Health law at the law school.

Professor Maurer's third edition of her co-edited book, LEARNING FROM PRACTICE: A TEXT FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEGAL EDUCATION, will officially be published in a few weeks.

David Pratt. Professor Pratt, along with Stephen Gottlieb, was a co-recipient of a UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund grant for their project on legal history:

<http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany-and-Albany-Law-School-Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx>. This project will develop an event series in legal history, and also market the newly formed JD-MA in History degree program.

Professor Pratt has published a book update to FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF RETIREMENT PLANS (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender)

Professor Pratt delivered remarks on *The Future of Work* as an invited panelist at the U.S. Department of Labor Symposium in Washington DC this December. Video of his panel can be found here: <http://www.albanylaw.edu/faculty/infocus/Pages/Professor-Pratt-Addresses-the-Future-of-Work->

at-U-S-Department-of-Labor-Symposium.aspx.

Professor Pratt published the 6th Edition of his book, SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE ANSWER BOOK, (Wolters Kluwer) late last year.

Professor Pratt published an article entitled “*Telehealth and Telemedicine in 2015*,” 25 Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology 495 in 2015:

[https://a.next.westlaw.com/Document/I64dbc90abf4d11e598dc8b09b4f043e0/View/FullText.html?transitionType=UniqueDocItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)&userEnteredCitation=25+Albany+Law+Journal+of+Science+%26+Technology+495](https://a.next.westlaw.com/Document/I64dbc90abf4d11e598dc8b09b4f043e0/View/FullText.html?transitionType=UniqueDocItem&contextData=(sc.Default)&userEnteredCitation=25+Albany+Law+Journal+of+Science+%26+Technology+495).

Professor Pratt published an article entitled “*Focus On... Defined Contribution Plan Governance*” for the Journal of Pension Benefits 22:4, 2015.

Professor Pratt published a work on *Private Pension Reform*, for the NYU Review of Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (2015).

Professor Pratt published a 2016 update on *Governmental Plans*, in the Taxation of Qualified Plan Distributions.

Professor Pratt published Selected Sections in the Pension and Employee Benefit Statutes and Regulations (2015 Edition, Foundation Press).

Professor Pratt published “*Focus on... Pesky Pension Problems?*” in the Journal of Pension Benefits 23:2, 2015.

Professor Pratt published “*Focus on... The Supreme Court Upholding Another Key Provision of the Affordable Care Act,*” in the Journal of Pension Benefits 23:1, 2015.

Professor Pratt will publish “*Focus On... Department of Labor Guidance for States Seeking to Expand Retirement Plan Coverage,*” in the Journal of Pension Benefits (forthcoming Spring 2016, Issue 23.3).

Rosemary Queenan.

In October 2015, Dean Queenan (along with Professor Lynch) presented *How an Inclusive Strategic Planning Process Leads to Faculty Adoption of Institutional Student Learning Outcomes* at the 4th Annual Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Conference, Building on the Foundations for Practice.

Dean Queenan was selected to serve as a member of the AALS Student Services Executive Committee for a two-year term.

Sarah Rogerson. Professor Rogerson was appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Marks to a statewide Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Court. Congratulations!

Professor Rogerson published an Op-Ed entitled, "*What is a Border to a Child?*" in the Times Union on Jan. 8th. Her Op-ed was posted to several media outlets, including the Immigration Law Professors Blog: <http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-opinion/article/Consider-children-when-designing-immigration-6741313.php>.

Professor Rogerson organized, taught and involved students in a documentary viewing, panel discussion and CLE program entitled, "*Immigrant Children & Family Courts in New York State: Challenges and Avenues for Relief*" at the law school on Jan. 20th. Her program was later featured on the CBS local evening news.

Professor Rogerson taught a CLE to the court attorneys and staff of the Third Appellate Division entitled, "*Emerging Appellate Issues Regarding Special Immigrant Juveniles*" on Feb. 4th.

Professor Rogerson will be presenting her Work-in-Progress titled, "*The Politics of Fear: Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and the Case of the Southern Border*" on Feb. 11, 2016 as a visiting scholar at Hofstra Law School.

Professor Rogerson was a co-recipient (along with Professor Halewood) of a recent UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund project. Their project is entitled "*Activating our Partnership, Harnessing our Strengths: Collaborative Research Agenda Setting and Funder Engagement*," and seeks to develop a robust human rights research agenda: <http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany->

[and-Albany-Law-School-Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx/](#)

Christian Sundquist. Professor Sundquist published an Op-Ed, entitled “*Despite Dark History of Exclusion, Laws Demand US Accept Refugees*,” in the National Law Journal on November 30, 2015. His op-ed was shared on a variety of media, and can be found here:

<http://www.nationallawjournal.com/id=1202743430576/OpEd-Despite-Dark-History-of-Exclusion-Laws-Demand-US-Accepts-Refugees?slreturn=20160110174323#ixzz3tB4z7Lgz>.

Professor Sundquist assisted Professor Halewood and others in obtaining a UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture Fund grant, for a project titled “*The Politics of Difference and the Threshold of Law: A Collaborative Conference in Law and the Humanities*.” The conference will examine how violence and injustice are negotiated both outside and within legal institutions:

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Professor Sundquist served as the Moderator for an event sponsored by the Government Law Center entitled *Bridging the Gap: Police and Community Relations*, at the law school on September 16, 2015.

Professor Sundquist co-organized and participated in a panel titled “*The New Lochnerism*,” at the annual LatCrit conference, hosted by the University of California-Irvine, School of Law, on October 2, 2015.

Professor Sundquist was appointed as a Member of the Diversity Committee for the Law and Society Association.

Professor Sundquist will participate with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, as a contributing scholar on issues of law, technology and race (including big data and bio-technology).

Professor Sundquist co-organized a collaborative “*Grant Writing Workshop*” with representatives from UAlbany’s Research Foundation, which will take place on February 16th.

Professor Sundquist will serve as the Moderator for *The New Affirmative Action*, an event that will take place at the law school on February 25th.

Professor Sundquist will present on *The Politics of Difference*, at the annual Conference in law and the Humanities to be held at the University at Albany and Albany Law School on April 8, 2016.

Professor Sundquist will deliver a lecture on *Implicit Bias and Race*, as part of the New York State Bar Association's annual conference, to be held on on April 11, 2016.

Evelyn Tenenbaum. Professor Tenenbaum's article, "*Bartering for a Compatible Kidney Using Your Incompatible, Live Kidney Donor: Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Kidney Chains*," will be published in the American Journal of Law and Medicine. The Journal is published jointly by the Boston University School of Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME) and is the nation's leading health law journal. Congrats!

Professor Tenenbaum presented her research on nursing home residents with dementia, including those in the LGBT community, at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on October 6, 2015, during the College's LGBTQ week. She discussed the residents' needs for intimacy, the factors that can prevent residents from having those needs met, and possible solutions.

On October 6, 2015, Professor Tenenbaum presented *A Discussion about Objective Causation* at SUNY Albany School of Public Health for a New York State Department of Health CLE program.

Professor Tenenbaum presented *The Ethics of Paired Kidney Donation and Kidney Chains* at the annual conference of the American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities (ASBH) in Houston on October 24, 2015.

Professor Tenenbaum worked with the Government Law Center to help organize a *Clinical Ethics Conference on Medical Marijuana*. The six hour conference held on November 20, 2015 was novel in that three cooperating institutions - - Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science, and Albany Medical College - - worked together to craft the agenda, identify and secure speakers, and provide continuing education credits.

Professor Tenenbaum presented “*Sex in Nursing Homes*” at a CLE for the New York State Legislature on December 2, 2015.

Professor Tenenbaum presented “*Medicine and the Law*” at Albany Medical College on December 3, 2015.

Professor Tenenbaum participated in lobbying regarding *Aid in Dying Legislation* at the New York State Legislature on January 26th.

Donna Young. Professor Young was the co-recipient of a UAlbany-ALS Collaborative Venture fund grant for her project “*From the Pipeline to “Clouds” of Opportunity: A Vision to Develop an Institute for Critical Race and Gender Studies.*” This project expands on another project in which Professor Young co-organize with UAlbany- the 2015-16 series on “*Racial Justice: A Transformative Conversation Series.*” The series began in September, 2015 and continues until April, 2016. The goal of the project is to develop an Institute for Critical Race and Gender Studies, which bridges interdisciplinary interests in race and gender issues between the UAlbany and Albany Law School:

<http://www.albanylaw.edu/about/news/current/Pages/UAlbany-and-Albany-Law-School-Announce-Research-Projects-Tackling-Law-Urban-Blight-Politics-and-Race-and-Gender-Relation.aspx>.

Professor Young was appointed to the American Association of University Professors’ Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure. The Committee promotes principles of academic freedom, tenure, and due process in higher education.

Professor Young was recently selected to be Guest Editor of the November–December 2016 issue of *Academe*, which will focus on issues of race in higher education.

On September 16, 2015, Professor Young was a panelist during a BLSA/LALSA sponsored event at the Law School titled “*Bridging the Gap: Police and Community Relations.*”

Professor Young participated on a panel, *The New Lochnerism*, at the LatCrit 2015 Twentieth Anniversary Conference: Critical Constitutionalism, sponsored by UC-Irvine School of Law, on October 2, 2015.

On behalf of the Albany Law Chapter of the AAUP, Professor Young hosted the New York State AAUP Annual Fall meeting at the law school on October 23 and 24, 2015.

Professor Young was the facilitator for an alumni workshop on assessment, “*Civil Advocacy Focus Group*,” at Albany Law School on January 29th.

On February 13th, Professor Young will join New York State Senators Stewart-Cousins, Gianaris and Squadron, Chidinma Ume, Associate Counsel at the NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and Lisa Schreibersdorf, Executive Director, Brooklyn Defender Services, on a panel titled, *Criminal Justice Reform: Making Courts Work for Our Community*, at the 45th Annual Legislative conference, “Restoring Faith and Justice: In Pursuit of Empowering our Communities, sponsored by the NYS Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators.

On February 27, 2016, Professor Young will give a presentation at Misericordia University, titled, *The Impact of Pacific Lutheran on Academic freedom, Tenure, and Governance in Religious Educational Environments* at the conference, “Best Practices in Higher Education: Grounding Priorities in the Common Good” sponsored by the Northeast Pennsylvania UUAP Alliance.

As the faculty advisor, Professor Young will travel with Albany Law students to the John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition at Seton Hall Law School on March 18 and 19, 2016.

On March 25, 2016, Professor Young will participate on a panel sponsored by the U Albany Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility.

Professor Young will present on *The Politics of Difference*, at the annual Conference in law and the Humanities to be held at the University at Albany and Albany Law School on April 8, 2016.

Professor Young will deliver the annual Katherine Katz lecture on April 12, 2016.