



Research Centers Newsletter, Summer 2018



Save the Date: 2018 Mildred Fish Harnack Lecture, September 13



Navanethem Pillay

The 2018 Mildred Fish Harnack Lecture and 70th anniversary celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will take place on **Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm in the Pyle Center**. The lecture will be delivered by Navanethem Pillay, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms. Pillay, a South African national, was the first woman to start a law practice in her home province of Natal in 1967. She also worked as a lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and later was appointed Vice-President of the Council of the University of Durban Westville. In 1995, after the end of apartheid, Ms. Pillay was appointed as acting judge on the South African High Court, and in the same year was elected by the UN General Assembly to be a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, where she served a total of eight years, the last four (1999-2003) as President. She played a critical role in the ICTR's groundbreaking jurisprudence on rape as genocide, as well as on issues of freedom of speech and hate propaganda. In

2003, she was appointed as a judge on the International Criminal Court in the Hague, where she served on the Appeals Chamber until August 2008. She was appointed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2008 and served until 2014.

Faculty Spotlight: Alexandra Huneus

Professor Alexandra Huneus, Director of the Global Legal Studies Center and the Human Rights Program, has been selected to serve as a foreign expert jurist on Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP). After 50 years of civil war, Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) negotiated a peace settlement in 2016 that includes the creation of a very sophisticated transitional justice mechanism for uncovering and processing the crimes that were committed during the conflict. The JEP includes 50 Colombian judges, many of whom are not part of the regular judiciary, and ten foreign jurists who will consult with the JEP as needed. The JEP may last up to 15 years, depending on how long it takes to process all the cases submitted. So far, over 6000 individuals have applied to have their cases considered by the JEP.



[Alexandra Huneus](#)

Professor Huneus' work focuses on the interaction of international law, and international courts in particular, with domestic politics in Latin America. Her most recent project studies the impact of the International Criminal Court and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the Colombian peace process. Her article "The Judicialization of Peace" will be published this summer in the *Harvard International Law Journal*.

Program Spotlight: Law & Society Graduate Fellows Program



[2017-2018 Law & Society Graduate Fellows](#)

graduate fellows meet once a month with their peers and faculty Co-Directors, Professors Mitra Sharafi and Heinz Klug. At these meetings, the fellows are able to present and discuss their research, discuss and receive mentoring on matters of professional interest, and learn from host-invited scholars. Fellows in the program are eligible to apply for a research fund of up to \$1000 for research-related expenses or conference travel and registration fees. The program allows students to connect with peers from other departments, faculty members, and visiting scholars doing research at the Law School.

The Law & Society Graduate Fellows Program is sponsored by the Institute for Legal Studies and co-sponsored by the Global Legal Studies Center. The program supports doctoral students from across campus whose research has a law and society focus. The program strives to enrich students' understanding of important research topics and design issues and to expand their skill set. Additionally, the program aims to further develop students' ability to critically evaluate their own research and that of other researchers and to assist students in preparing for the dissemination of their research. The

Fall 2018 Events

- **September 11, 2018:** Transnational Governance and New Technologies Speaker Professor Rebecca Crootof (GLS)
- **September 12, 2018:** Law & Society Series Speaker Professor Kate Andrias (ILS)
- **September 19, 2018:** Constitution Week Speaker Professor Daryl Levinson (Dean's Office)
- **September 20, 2018:** Constitution Week Speaker Professor Sheila Foster (ILS)
- **October 11, 2018:** South Asia Legal Studies Workshop (GLS)
- **October 26-27, 2018:** Midwest Law & Society Retreat (ILS)
- **November 9, 2018:** John Kidwell Memorial Lecture (ILS)

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit: <http://law.wisc.edu/researchcenters/events.html>

Visiting Scholar Spotlight

Yin Ting, EALSC (September 2017-September 2018)

Yin Ting is a visiting scholar from Peking University Law School in China. Her faculty liaison is Professor John Ohnesorge. Her research investigates the impact of the relationship between central government agencies and local government entities in relation to environment regulation. Her research seeks to challenge the existing narrative that environmental governance of China is an example of authoritarian environmentalism. Her research has revealed a fragmented bureaucratic structure of authority in environment regulation. Although policy making appears highly authoritarian, the situation on the ground is very different.



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Law and Society Graduate Fellow Spotlight



Daanika Gordon

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Daanika Gordon is a Law and Society Graduate Fellow at the Sociology Department working under the supervision of Professor Pamela Oliver.

Daanika's dissertation examines the relationship between racial residential segregation and policing strategies. It draws on the case of a police department's redistricting reform to ask, first, how the police respond to existing inequalities in urban space and, second, how their responses further craft space in ways that mitigate or amplify these inequalities.

Daanika has enjoyed the opportunity to workshop her research in an interdisciplinary setting, and has found the experience to be very useful. The in-depth comments from the other fellows are often the most extensive and constructive feedback that she has received while working on a paper. Daanika used her research funding to

present a paper at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting.

Lauren Suerth

Lauren Suerth is a Law and Society Graduate Fellow at the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture. Her advisor is Professor Alfonso Morales. Lauren's research studies the interaction among people, place, and policy in the areas of land use and food systems. The objective of her dissertation is to develop a pragmatic understanding of how farmers access land by evaluating the meanings and behaviors around three actions associated with 'access' - renting, purchasing/selling, and transferring land. Her findings explain the interactive nature and constant change associated with the various social, political, and financial elements of accessing land. She has organized this information into a theoretical model that illustrates how users interact with the actions and elements.



Lauren Suerth

Lauren has appreciated the interdisciplinary feedback and the opportunities to talk about her research in a supportive, non-competitive environment. She used her research funding to perform observational research at an annual farming conference in February and to present research at the Agriculture and Human Values conference in June.

News and Announcements

- The **2018 Midwest Law & Society Retreat call for proposals** is out. To submit a proposal, please complete the **Midwest Retreat registration form**. For more information, visit the **Midwest Retreat page**. The deadline for proposals has been extended to **July 16, 2018**.