



Research Centers Newsletter, February 2019



Brittingham Distinguished Visitor: Justice Geraldine Hines



Justice Geraldine Hines

Justice Geraldine Hines, former Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, will be giving a public lecture on **Wednesday, February 20th at 4:00pm in Room 2260 of the Law School**. Justice Hines' talk, "**Race, Policing and the Constitution: Do Black Lives Matter?**," will consider the epidemic of racialized policing in the United States and the failure of the Supreme Court's Fourth Amendment jurisprudence to offer meaningful options for remedies. In addition to the public lecture, justice Hines will give the keynote address at the Pre-Law Diversity Day on February 22nd and teach in several undergraduate and law classes.

Justice Hines is visiting campus as part of the Brittingham Distinguished Visiting Scholar program. The program aims to introduce advanced students to those working "in the field" who can help them increase their awareness of the kinds of expertise and accomplishments they will need after they graduate. The program seeks out visitors who can help students make linkages between their academic study and the world they will enter upon graduation. The Brittingham

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Event Spotlight: New Technologies and International Governance Series Speaker Jennifer Merchant

Jennifer Merchant, a Professor at the Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, will be speaking as a part of GLS' New Technologies and International Governance Series on **Monday, February 11th at 12:00pm in Lubar Commons**. Professor Merchant's talk is titled "**Transnational Legal Recognition of New Family Configurations: The Case of the French Resistance.**" Her talk will focus on France's fourth revision of its bioethics' laws, first passed in 1994. Several bioethical issues are contained within these laws. Professor Merchant will focus specifically on the matter of access to New Reproductive Technologies (NRT). Her talk will revolve around three main topics: Who has access to NRT and who doesn't (legal and social aspects); Why is access limited?; A socio-legal analysis of the specific cases of lesbian couples, single men and women, and surrogacy. She will demonstrate that France, contrary to what is generally presumed, remains very conservative in its approach to NRT access and is not likely to significantly change its laws with the 2019 revision.



Dr. Jennifer Merchant

Dr. Merchant teaches legal English and English applied to Political and Administrative Sciences. Her research interests include comparative public policies, procreation, bioethics, civil society, and science and state relations. She was a member of the Study Committee on CRISPR / Cas09 – Human Genome Intervention, US National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, 2015-2017 and of the Organizing Committee of the Second International Summit on the Modification of the Human Genome, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine of the United States, Hong Kong, 2018-2019. She is being hosted by Professor Alta Charo.

Upcoming Events

- **February 11, 2019:** New Technologies and International Governance Speaker Jennifer Merchant (GLS)
- **February 20, 2019:** Brittingham Distinguished Visitor Justice Geraldine Hines (Dean's Office)
- **February 21, 2019:** New Technologies and International Governance Speaker William Burns (GLS)
- **February 26, 2019:** James B. MacDonald Visiting Professor Junji Nakagawa (EALSC)
- **February 27, 2019:** Law and Society Speaker Rohit De (ILS)
- **March 1, 2019:** EALSC Speaker Par Cassel (EALSC)

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

Visiting Scholar Spotlight

Juliana Horowitz

Juliana Horowitz is a Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She is a Master's student at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. Her faculty advisor is Professor Heinz Klug. Her research is a comparative study of incarcerated women in Brazil and in the United States. Specifically, she examines the imprisonment of mothers and pregnant women through multiple lenses, including comparative law, criminology, and human rights.

Juliana chose UW Law School for her research because of the professors who are experts on the core subjects she works with. In addition, it was important to her to pick a school that was oriented to global and international studies and that provided the resources she needed to do her research.



Juliana Horowitz

Student Spotlight

Ryan Williams, 2L

Ryan Williams studied abroad at the University of Groningen in Groningen, the Netherlands. While abroad, Ryan had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, visiting Berlin, Amsterdam, Rome, Athens, Barcelona and Paris. He appreciated that he had a chance to visit historic landmarks throughout Europe and that he had the opportunity to witness the Paris gas protests in person.

Ryan describes his study abroad experience as challenging, fun, and life changing. He was able to witness the vast influence the United States has on countries in Europe, and he got a better sense of how the economy is globally interconnected.



Ryan Williams

News and Announcements

- Save the date for "**Law in Action Innovation in Wisconsin Law School Courses, 1950-1970,**" on **March 8, 2019** in Lubar Commons.
- Save the date for the annual **Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) Symposium** entitled "Lawyers and Lawyering in China and Russia: Common Challenges," on **April 5, 2019**. Details TBA.
- The annual **Soffa Lecture** will be delivered by Dr. Brigitte Baptiste on **April 11, 2019** at the Pyle Center.



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