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8:00 - 8:30 AM
Registration and Light Breakfast (First Floor Lobby, Earle Mack School of Law)

8:30 - 8:45 AM Introductions and Setting the Stage

- Roger Dennis, Founding Dean and Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel
- Anil Kalhan, Associate Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

8:45 - 10:30 AM Models of Internationalization

Moderator: Pammela Quinn Saunders, Assistant Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

- **Beyond Colonization: Programs of U.S. Legal Education Abroad by Indigenous Institutions**
  Larry Catá Backer, W. Richard and Mary Eshelman Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law and International Affairs, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law
- **Renewing Latin American Legal Studies**
  Jorge Luis Esquirol, Professor of Law, Florida International University College of Law
- **Global Legal Education: An Agenda for Research**
  Vasuki Nesiah, Associate Professor of Practice, New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Study
- **Has the Wind Changed Again? The Demise of U.S. Legal Consciousness in Global Legal Thought**
  Fernanda Nicola, Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law

10:30 - 10:45 AM - Break

10:45 AM –12:00 PM Globalizing Experiential Education

Moderator: Richard Frankel, Associate Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

- **Finding the Pearls When the World Is Your Oyster: Choices to Make in Designing a Clinical Program**
  Sarah Paoletti, Practice Associate Professor of Law and Director, Transnational Legal Clinic, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- **Promoting Human Rights in China: The Challenges and Opportunities of Employing Clinical Legal Projects**
  Elisabeth Wickeri, Executive Director, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham University School of Law
- **Clinical Legal Education in Latin America**
  Richard Wilson, Professor of Law, Director of the Human Rights Law Clinic, American University Washington College of Law

12:00 - 12:15 PM - Break

12:15 - 1:30 PM Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Martin Flaherty, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham University School of Law

"But for Wuhan?": Do Foreign Law Schools That Operate in Authoritarian Regimes Have Human Rights Obligations?

1:30 - 1:45 PM - Break

1:45 - 3:30 PM Learning and Working Across Legal Systems

Alex Geisinger, Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

- **A Reflection on the Meaning of Cross-Cultural Legal Competence and Its Implications for Teaching Methodologies**
  Raquel Aldana, Professor of Law and Founder and Director, Inter-American Program, Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- **Internationalizing Procedure: Accusatorial, Inquisitorial, Managerial, Mixed & Evolving**
  Kerstin Carlson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, The American University of Paris
- **Transsystemic Legal Education at McGill and Beyond**
  Alana Klein, Assistant Professor of Law, McGill University
- **Teaching Law & Sexuality, Valuing Transnational Perspectives**
  Holning S. Lau, Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law

3:30 - 3:45 PM - Break

3:45 - 5:00 PM Global Professionalism

Alex Geisinger, Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

- **A Global Approach to Legal Writing and Legal Research: An Evolutionary Process**
  Diane Penneys Edelman, Professor of Legal Writing and Director of International Programs, Villanova University School of Law
- **Building Global Professionalism: Emerging Trends in International and Transnational Legal Education**
  Katherine Hall, Senior Lecturer in Law, Australian National University College of Law
- **Building Global Professionalism Through International Legal Education Programs**
  Leighanne Yuh, Executive Director, Korea Summer Program, Fordham University School of Law

5:00 - 5:15 pm Closing Discussion

- Anil Kalhan, Associate Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University
- Pammela Quinn Saunders, Assistant Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

5:15 - 6:30 pm Reception (Third Floor Gallery, Earle Mack School of Law)

PRESENTER BIOS

Raquel Aldana

Professor of Law and Founder and Director, Inter-American Program, Pacific McGeorge School of Law (@PacificMcGeorge)



Professor Aldana is a prolific legal scholar who joined the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 2009 after previously serving as a tenured professor at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the founder and director of the Pacific McGeorge Inter-American Program, an innovative project committed to educating bilingual and bicultural lawyers who wish to pursue a transnational career with a focus on U.S-Latin America relations. She has served on the Board of the Society of American Law Teachers since 2008 and was Co-President of the organization from 2010-2012. She also currently serves on the AALS Curriculum Committee and is the Chair of the Presidential Program on Globalizing the Curriculum for the AALS 2013 Annual meeting. Professor Aldana has written extensively on immigration issues and on the rights of victims of state-sponsored crimes and domestic violence in the Americas. She began her legal career as an associate at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue of Washington, D.C., later working at the Center for Justice and International Law in the nation's capital where she litigated cases before the Inter-American Commission and the Inter-American Court on Human Rights. In 2006-07, Professor Aldana was a Fulbright Scholar at the Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where she taught several courses in the school's human rights L.L.M. program and conducted research on femicide.

Larry Catá Backer

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Professor Backer researches globalization, especially as it relates to the emergence of ways of understanding constitutional and enterprise law. His most recent work touches on the regulation of multinational corporations, sovereign wealth funds, transnational constitutionalism, and the convergence of public and private law. He is currently researching issues of governments as private actors in global markets, the development of law and social norm systems to regulate business and human rights.

Professor Backer splits his teaching between the Penn State Law and the School of International Affairs, teaching classes in constitutional, corporate, and transnational law and policy. Professor Backer is a member of the American Law Institute and the European Corporate Governance Institute. He will serve as chair of the Penn State University Faculty Senate for 2012-2013.

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Kerstin Carlson's work addresses law and society issues in the development of human rights and international law. She is the recipient of two Fulbright grants, the first to Croatia and the second to UNESCO. A member of the New York Bar, she has practiced international arbitration in Paris. Kerstin received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkley and is currently pursuing her PhD from the University of California, Berkley in Jurisprudence and Social Policy.

Roger J. Dennis

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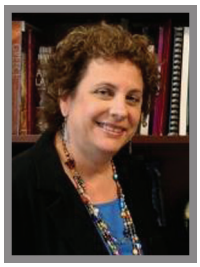
Roger Dennis' scholarship applies modern financial theory to corporate law and strategic corporate behavior. His work has been cited by numerous courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. He became founding dean of the law school after serving as provost, the head of campus, at Rutgers-Camden and dean of the Rutgers-Camden School of Law.

Dean Dennis has held an elected seat on the American Law Institute for nearly two decades and chaired numerous committees of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education as well as the Association of American Law Schools. He serves on the board of the United Way Board of Camden County, is a former vice chair of the Camden County Regional Legal Services Board and a current trustee of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Dean Dennis practiced with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom after serving as a trial attorney and special assistant to the assistant attorney general in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to those appointments, he clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Richard McLaren, in Chicago. Earning his J.D. at Northwestern University School of Law, he was senior editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology and served on the National Moot Court Team, winning first place in the Miner Moot Court Competition. He was a member of Order of the Coif.

Diane Penneys Edelman

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Diane Penneys Edelman is Professor of Legal Writing and Director of International Programs at Villanova University School of Law, where she has taught since 1993. She teaches Legal Analysis, Writing and Oral Advocacy I and II, and has previously taught Advanced Appellate Advocacy and Legal Analysis & Writing for Undergraduates. At Villanova, she created and has taught in a unique International Advocacy course for first-year law students, in which more than 600 students have participated to date. She has written and spoken regionally and nationally about legal writing, the connection between international law and legal writing, and teaching legal writing to students whose first language is not English. Professor Edelman also served on the Editorial Board of Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, and on the Board and Executive Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, and is President of the Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation (www.culturalheritagelaw.org). She is a former member of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), and an active member of the Legal Writing Institute, and the American Society of International Law. She also served as Chair of the Citation Manual Advisory Committee of ALWD, and as Chair of the International Legal Exchange Section of the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Edelman served as Co-Director and then Assistant Dean for Legal Writing from 2000 through 2008.

As Director of International Programs, Professor Edelman designed and taught in Villanova's summer program in Montréal in 2004 and 2005. She also designed the Villanova – University of St. Thomas summer program in Rome, which she directs and in which she has taught International Art and Cultural Heritage Law since 2007. Professor Edelman has also developed Villanova's new JD/LLM dual degree programs in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh, the University of Leiden, Birkbeck College of the University of London, the National University of Singapore, and the City University of Hong Kong. Professor Edelman has been active in developing legal skills training programs for foreign lawyers and law professors. She is a graduate of Princeton University and Brooklyn Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law. She clerked for the Honorable I. Leo Glasser of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and practiced law at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan in New York and at Hoyle, Morris & Kerr in Philadelphia prior to entering law teaching.

Jorge Luis Esquirol

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Jorge Luis Esquirol, S.J.D., is Professor of Law at the College of Law at Florida International University. Before joining the College of Law at Florida International University, Professor Esquirol was a professor of law at the Northeastern University School of Law from 1997-2002 and Director of Academic Affairs at the Harvard Law School Graduate Program from 1992-1997. He has been a resident scholar at the Université de Paris X (Nanterre), France, a visiting professor at the University of Miami School of Law, and a visiting researcher at the Constitutional Court of Colombia. As Director of Academic Affairs, he had administrative responsibility for the Harvard Law Graduate Programs; taught LL.M. students; administered the International Legal Studies Program and related conferences, lectures and workshops; and planned several international law conferences. Professor Esquirol earned his B.A. in Finance summa cum laude from Georgetown University. After earning his J.D. degree at Harvard, he clerked on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and was an associate attorney at the Wall Street firm of Shearman and Sterling. He has a doctoral degree in law (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School, focusing on Latin American legal systems. Professor Esquirol is fluent in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. He teaches international law, comparative law and commercial law at FIU.

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Martin S. Flaherty is Leitner Family Professor of Law and Co-Founding Director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where he was Fellow in the Program in Law and Public Affairs and a Visiting Professor at the New School in New York. Professor Flaherty has taught at China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, and has recently founded the Rule of Law in Asia Program at the Leitner Center as well as co-founded the Committee to Support Chinese Lawyers. He has also taught at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Queen's University Belfast, Cardozo School of Law, and the New School. Previously, Professor Flaherty served as a law clerk for Justice Byron R. White of the U.S. Supreme Court and Chief Judge John Gibbons of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Flaherty holds a B.A. summa cum laude from Princeton, an M.A. and M.Phil. from Yale (in history) and a J.D. from the Columbia Law School, where he was Book Reviews and Articles Editor of the Columbia Law Review. Formerly chair of the New York City Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee, he has led or participated in human rights missions to Northern Ireland, Turkey, Hong Kong, Mexico, Malaysia, Kenya, and Romania. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Flaherty's publications focus upon constitutional law and history, foreign affairs, and international human rights.

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Richard Frankel studies the intersection of civil rights, civil procedure and federal courts. He is the founder of the law school's Appellate Litigation Clinic. Professor Frankel previously served as a teaching fellow and supervising attorney for the Georgetown University Law Center's Appellate Litigation Program. While there, he supervised students litigating before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the Fourth Circuit and the Ninth Circuit as well as the Board of Immigration Appeals. His clinical interests include consumer law, appellate advocacy, landlord-tenant law, immigration law, public benefits, civil rights and prisoners' rights.

Previously, he was the Goldberg-Deitzler Fellow for Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in Washington, D.C., where he litigated class-action consumer protection and civil rights cases. A graduate of Yale Law School, he was senior editor of the Yale Law Journal, articles editor of Yale Law & Policy Review and student director of the Community Legal Services Clinic. He clerked for Judge William C. Canby Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and for Judge Henry H. Kennedy Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

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Alex Geisinger concentrates on the role of legal theory -- including law and economics, behavioralism and expressivism -- in the development of international law, environmental law and criminal law.

Before coming to the law school, he served as associate dean and professor of law at Valparaiso University School of Law. He was a visiting professor at William and Mary Law School and Northwestern University School of Law. Prior to teaching, he practiced with Day, Berry & Howard in Hartford, Conn.

Professor Geisinger was elected to the American Law Institute in 2010. Before receiving his L.L.M. from Harvard Law School, he earned his J.D. with high honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law. There, Professor Geisinger earned numerous honors, including the Connecticut Bar Association Award for Scholarship in Real Property and Environmental Law and the Milton Hurwitz Award and American Jurisprudence Awards for achievement in property and in torts.

Professor Geisinger's scholarship covers theories of social norms and the law and topics in environmental law and regulation. A co-founder and former chair of the New Law Professors Section of the Association of American Law Schools, he has also served as an advisor to the Uniform Environmental Covenant Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He served on the board of the Indiana Bar Foundation and also on the Curriculum Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education.

Katherine Hall

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Katherine Hall joined the College of Law in January 2008 after living and working in Indonesia for the previous three years. She is an experienced legal academic and has worked in Universities in Australia and overseas. Her main areas of interest and publications are corporate governance, the psychology of legal and commercial decision-making, legal professional responsibility and law student wellbeing. Kath is close to completing her doctorate on Psychosocial Jurisprudence and the Professional Regulation of Large-Firm Lawyers Behavior at the Australian National University. Kath has also lived and worked in London, Hong Kong, Mongolia and Indonesia.

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Anil Kalhan is an Associate Professor of Law at Drexel University. Before coming to Drexel, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Fordham University and an Associate in Law at Columbia University. He previously worked as a litigation associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where he also served as co-coordinator of the firm's immigration and international human rights pro bono practice group. He also has previously worked for the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project in New York and served as law clerk to the Hon. Chester J. Straub (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit) and the Hon. Gerard E. Lynch (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). He is an affiliated faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania South Asia Center and a faculty advisory board member for the Drexel University Center for Mobilities Research and Policy, and is a founding co-convener of the Drexel Summer Theory Institute. He is a member of the International Human Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and has also been a member of its International Law Committee and Immigration and Nationality Law Committee. He currently serves on the national council of advisors for South Asian Americans Leading Together, and previously served on the board of directors of the South Asian Bar Association of New York. He has been a contributing writer for Dorf on Law, AsiaMedia, and SAJAforum, and was the recipient of a 2008 SAJA Journalism Award and a finalist for a 2011 SAJA Journalism Award from the South Asian Journalists Association. Before attending law school, he worked for Cable News Network, the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, and the New York City Department of Transportation.

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Professor Kirkland teaches a variety of courses including Civil Procedure, Employment Law, Ethics, Morals and the Law and Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession. Before coming to the University of New Hampshire School of Law, Professor Kirkland spent ten years litigating civil disputes including: employment, commercial and professional liability cases. She also counseled corporate clients on employment issues. She practiced at Goulston & Storrs in Boston and Upton, Sanders & Smith in New Hampshire. The primary focus of Professor Kirkland's research is the legal profession lawyers' ethics in practice.

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Alana Klein teaches and researches in health law, criminal law, and human rights. The position of marginalized groups and individuals in decentralized and privatized systems and the role of accountability requirements in governance and decision-making are primary preoccupations in her research.

Prior to joining the Faculty, she was a senior policy analyst with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, where she worked on HIV/AIDS and immigration, legal and other barriers to harm-reduction programs for people who use illegal drugs, and law reform to promote the rights of women and girls in the context of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. She has taught at Columbia Law School and Columbia University and has interned with the International Refugee Program at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First) and with the Palestinian Ministry of Economy and Trade. In 2002-2003, she was a law clerk to former Supreme Court of Canada justice Louise Arbour and she was appointed to the Ontario Human Rights Commission in 2006.

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Professor Lau teaches Family Law, Children & the Law, Law & Sexuality, and other related seminars at UNC. His current research focuses on the law's treatment of non-traditional families, the law's construction and regulation of identity, and international and comparative approaches to equality rights. In addition to teaching at UNC, Professor Lau currently serves on the board of directors for the ACLU of North Carolina, the board of advisors for the University of Hong Kong's Centre for Comparative and Public Law, and the advisory board for Diversity Factor, a consultancy based in Hong Kong. In 2011, Professor Lau was named Professor of the Year by the law school's Pro Bono Program.

Professor Lau joined the UNC faculty in 2009, after spending two years as an Associate Professor of Law at Hofstra Law School, where he also co-directed Hofstra's LGBT Rights Fellowship Program. Prior to joining the Hofstra faculty, Professor Lau worked at UCLA School of Law's Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law & Public Policy. At the Williams Institute, he served as a Public Policy Fellow and then as the Harvey S. Shipley Miller Teaching Fellow. He also served as a visiting fellow at the University of Hong Kong's Centre for Comparative and Public Law. Outside of academia, Professor Lau has worked for the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, Children Rights, and the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton in New York. Professor Lau received his J.D. from the University of Chicago, where he served as the Executive Topics & Comments Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review and served on the staff of the Chicago Journal of International Law. At the University of Chicago, Professor Lau was named a Stonewall Scholar for excellence in his work related to sexual orientation rights and was awarded the Ignacio Martín-Baró Award for the best human rights paper by a professional or master's degree student. Professor Lau completed his B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude.

Vasuki Nesiah

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Vasuki Nesiah is a legal scholar with a focus on public international law. Currently her main areas of research include the law and politics of international human rights and humanitarianism, with a particular focus on transitional justice. Her past publications have engaged with different dimensions of public international law, including human rights and humanitarian law, the international legal history of colonialism and international feminisms. She has also written on the politics of memory and comparative constitutionalism, with a particular focus on law and politics in South Asia. Prior to joining Gallatin, she taught in the International Relations and Gender Studies concentrations at Brown University where she also served as Director of International Affairs. She has taught at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and continues as core faculty in the summer workshop of the Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) at Harvard Law School. Before entering the academy full time, Nesiah spent several years in practice at the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), where she worked on law and policy issues in the field of post-conflict human rights. She serves on the international editorial committees of the journals Feminist Legal Studies and (the newly inaugurated) London Review of International Law. She also serves on the International Advisory Board of the Institute of International Law and the Humanities at the University of Melbourne, and is an Associate Fellow with the Asia Society. Originally from Sri Lanka, she earned her B.A. in Philosophy and Government at Cornell University (1990), was a Visiting Student in the PPE program at Oxford University (1988-89), and earned her J.D. (1993) and S.J.D. (2000) at Harvard Law School; she received a post-doctoral fellowship in human rights at Columbia Law School (2000-2001). She teaches human rights, law and social theory and international legal studies at NYU.

Fernanda Nicola

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Fernanda Giorgia Nicola joined the WCL faculty in Fall of 2006. She is an expert in European and Comparative Law, the law of the European Union, Contracts and Tort Law. Prior to teaching at the WCL, Fernanda was an Adjunct Professor of Law at the New England School of Law. She has also taught at Harvard Law School and the University of Turin Law School at the ILO Training Center of Turin. She has been a summer associate and law clerk at Goodwin Procter, LLP in Boston, a research assistant at Harvard Law School, and a trainee attorney at Studio Legale Ferreri in Turin, Italy. In 1995, she was an intern at the European Parliament in the Civil Rights, Civil Liberties Committee; and in 1996, at the Council of Europe, Political Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Professor Nicola holds an SJD from Harvard Law school and a Ph.D. in Comparative Law from Trento University, Italy. She received her Laurea in Legge (J.D. Equivalent) from the University of Turin Law School in Italy; A Postgraduate in International Trade Law, European University Institute of Turin; Laurea in Scienze Politiche (B.A. in Political Sciences) from the University of Turin and a Certificat d'Etudes Politiques in International Relations, from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Sciences Politiques, Strasbourg (France).

Sarah Paoletti

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Sarah Paoletti directs the Transnational Legal Clinic, the law school's international human rights and immigration clinic. Students enrolled in the clinic represent individual and organizational clients in a myriad of cases and projects that require them to grapple with international and comparative legal norms in settings that cut across borders, legal systems, cultures, and languages. Paoletti's research focuses on the intersection of human rights, migration, and labor law, and she has presented on this theme before the United Nations and the Organization of American States. She also works closely with advocates seeking application of international human rights norms in the United States. Paoletti earned her J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law, graduating summa cum laude and her B.A. in political science from Yale University.

Pammela Quinn Saunders

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Pammela Quinn Saunders' scholarly interests are focused on the ways that complex interactions among institutions and actors affect one another and contribute to the enforcement of legal rules and norms. She is particularly interested in the enforcement of international legal norms through overlapping and integrated actions undertaken at both the international and domestic levels.

Before joining the faculty, Professor Saunders was an attorney-adviser in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, where she received a Meritorious Honor Award. At the State Department, she represented the United States in commercial arbitrations, real property transactions and diplomatic property disputes around the globe. Previously, she was counsel at O'Melveny & Meyers LLP in Washington, where she was a member of the appellate and Supreme Court practice group. In this capacity, she drafted dozens of briefs on diverse topics, including international, foreign relations, education and intellectual property law.

She received her J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where she was executive editor of the Duke Law Journal and a member of the Moot Court Board. At graduation, Professor Saunders received the Willis Smith Award for having earned the highest academic average in her class and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.
After clerking for Judge Paul V. Niemeyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, she was a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Elisabeth Wickeri is the Executive Director of Fordham Law School's Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, where she is also an Adjunct Professor of Law. At the Leitner Center, Elisabeth oversees the Crowley Program in International Human Rights and the Asia Law and Justice Program, teaches classes in public international law, and carries out fieldwork, research, and writing in human rights law with a focus on Asia. She also serves as a law lecturer and course director with the Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation. Prior to joining the Leitner Center, Elisabeth worked for Human Rights in China as Law Program Director where she focused on international advocacy relating to human rights defenders, freedom of expression, and the State security and State secrets framework in China. She is currently chair of the International Human Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and previously served as a member of its Council on International Affairs. She is the Executive Director of the Committee to Support Chinese Lawyers. Elisabeth received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was an Executive Editor for the Review of Law & Social Change. She received her B.A. in History, cum laude, from Smith College, and also studied at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China.

Richard Wilson

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Richard J. Wilson is Professor of Law and founding director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at American University's Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C, where he has taught since 1989. Professor Wilson was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Panama from 1966-1968, and a 1972 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. He began his legal career as a public defender in Illinois, and was director of the Defender Division at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in Washington from 1980-85. He taught at CUNY Law School in New York City from 1985-1989.

Professor Wilson has taught in the law school's summer Human Rights Academy and in the Oxford International Human Rights Law Program. He was the director of the law school's summer study program in Chile in 1995 and 1996, and director of the law school's clinics from 1999-2003. He has been a Visiting Lecturer in law at Daito Bunka University in Tokyo, Japan, and at the Catholic University in Lima, Peru. He was a Fulbright Scholar in the Republic of Colombia in 1987, and served as Legal Advisor to the Consulate of the Republic of Colombia in Washington during 1998.

He has lived or consulted in several Latin American countries and has lectured or consulted in the United States, Eastern and Western Europe, and Asia. Professor Wilson has presented three cases at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica and authored the friend-of-court briefs for the European Union in the United States Supreme Court successfully arguing that international law prohibits capital punishment for juveniles and for persons with mental retardation. Prof. Wilson serves as President of the Board of Directors of the World Organization for Human Rights, U.S.A., and on the Board of Ensaaf, a human rights NGO with focus on impunity in India, particularly in Punjab. His scholarly interests include the globalization of public interest law, the death penalty and international law, the role of the defense in international war crimes trials, and clinical legal education in developing or transitional countries.

Leighanne Yuh

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Leighanne Yuh received her Ph.D. from the University of California in Los Angeles after completing her dissertation titled, "Education and the Struggle for Power in Korea, 1876-1910." Before moving to New York, she spent two years in Seoul, Korea (the second year on a Fulbright scholarship) conducting dissertation research and taking classes on Korean intellectual history. While in Korea, she taught at Korea University as well as at private academies and participated in panel discussions related to Korean history and diplomatic policy.

During her first four years at UCLA, Dr. Yuh was not only a teaching assistant for Korean history and language courses, but she spearheaded the Korean programs at Los Angeles City College and the Korean Cultural Center. Apart from her specialization on Korea, Dr. Yuh took and passed a Ph.D. qualifying exam in Chinese history and majored in Japanese history as an undergraduate. Dr. Yuh received a B.A. in Japanese History and Economics from Wellesley College, an M.A. from Columbia University in Korean History, and received her Ph.D. in 2008 from UCLA (East Asian Studies, concentration in Korean history).

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