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JTF MEDIA: 2070
DAY 1

10:30 - 10:45 AM ET
Welcome
Robin A. Lenhardt, Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center
William M. Treanor, Executive Vice President; Dean of the Law Center; Paul Regis Dean Leadership Chair and Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center
Leonard M. Baynes, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center

10:45 - 11:15 AM ET
Free Press: Media 2070
Alicia Bell, Co-Founder Media 2070, Director of the Racial Equity in Journalism Fund Borealis Philanthropy
Trevor Smith, Director of Narrative Change Liberation Ventures
Joe Torres, Senior Director of Strategy and Engagement, Free Press

11:30AM - 12:30 PM ET
Historical and Current Perspectives on Race, Racism and American Media
Moderator: Robin A. Lenhardt, Professor Georgetown Law Center
Panelists:
Mark Lloyd, Clinical Professor of Communication, U.S.C. Annenberg School of Communications and Journalism
Catherine J.K. Sandoval, Associate Professor, Santa Clara University School of Law
Paul Starr, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, and Stuart Professor of Communications and Public Affairs, Princeton University

12:45 - 1:30PM ET
Moderator: Leonard M. Baynes, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center
Colloquy
Black Media Pioneer: Cathy Hughes, Founder and Chairperson of Urban One, Inc. (formerly known as Radio One, Inc. the largest African American-owned and operated, media company in the nation)
1:45 - 3 PM ET
*Regulatory Responses and Challenges*

**Moderator:** Anthony E. Varona
Dean-Designate, Seattle University School of Law; Dean Emeritus and Massey Chair, University of Miami School of Law

**Panelists:**
Mignon Clyburn, Former FCC Commissioner and now President of MLC Strategies, LLC
RonNell Andersen Jones, Lee E. Teitelbaum Professor of Law, The University of Utah College of Law and Affiliated Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project
David Honig, former President of the Multicultural Media Telecom Internet Council
Antoine Haywood, Ph.D. Candidate and Penn Presidential Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication
LaVonda Reed, Dean and Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law

3:15 - 4:30 PM ET
*Corporate, Business, and Economic Responses and Challenges*

**Moderator:** Nora Benavidez (she/her)
Senior Counsel and Director, Digital Justice & Civil Rights, Free Press & Free Press Action Fund

**Panelists:**
James D. Nelson, Vinson & Elkins Professor and Associate Professor of Law and Business, University of Houston Law Center
Howard Shelanski, Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center
Cheryl L. Wade, Dean Harold F. McNiece Professor of Law, St. John's University School of Law
Joel Waldfogel, Associate Dean of MBA Programs and Frederick R. Kappel Chair in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management

4:45 - 6PM ET
*Reparations and Other Corrective Actions*

**Moderator:** Anupam Chander, Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law and Technology, Georgetown Law Center

**Panelists:**
Malkia Devich-Cyril, Senior Fellow and Founding Director MediaJustice
William A. Darity, Jr., Samuel DuBois Cook Professor of Public Policy, African and African American Studies, and Economics and the director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University
A. Kirsten Mullen, Folklorist and the founder of Artefactual, an arts-consulting practice, and Carolina Circuit Writers, a literary consortium that brings expressive writers of color to the Carolinas

Eric Miller, Professor of Law and Leo O’Brien Fellow, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Safiya U. Noble, Associate Professor of Gender Studies and African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles. Co-Founder and Co-Director of the UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry (C2i2).

6:15-6:30PM ET
Closing Speaker:
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. Member of Congress

DAY 2

10:50AM ET
Brief introductory remarks

Panel 1: 11AM ET
Moderator: Dave Fagundes, Baker Botts LLP Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center

Authors:
Tiffany Penner, J.D. Candidate 2022, University of Houston Law Center, Advertising Equity

Cathy Sandoval, Associate Professor of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, Carolyn Byerly, Professor and Chair Communication Culture, Howard University and Katherine McGraw Poor FCC Research Methodology Undermines Media Ownership Diversity

Christopher Terry, Assistant Professor of Media Law, University of Minnesota’s Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication, New Data Tells the Same Old Story: Minority Ownership and Underrepresentation

Panel 2: 12PM ET
Moderator: Erin Carroll, Professor of Law, Legal Practice, Georgetown Law Center

Authors:
Cara Berg-Powers, Visiting Lecturer, Clark University, Media’s Impact on Perception of Criminality in White Teachers of Their Students of Color

Reginald Oh, Professor of Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Spatial Erasure and Media Narratives about Race
Dré Cummings, Charles Baum Distinguished Professor of Law, William H. Bowen School Of Law and Caleb Conrad, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 11th-West District of Arkansas, CNN for Black People

**Panel 3: 2PM ET**

**Moderator:** Anupam Chander, Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law and Technology, Georgetown Law Center

**Authors:**
John Tehrani, Paul W. Wildman Chair and Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School, *The Phantom MENAce*

Anjali Vats, Associate Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, *On the Ontological Antiblackness of “Copying” and “Fairness” Doctrine*

Christian Sundquist, Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh, School of Law, *Covid-19 Media Coverage and the Rise of Racial Genetic Determinism*

**Panel 4: 3PM ET**

**Moderator:** Robin Lenhardt, Professor, Georgetown Law Center

**Authors:**
Susan Hanley Duncan, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Mississippi School of Law and Emelia O’Neil, Banking and Finance Major Class of 2023, University of Mississippi, *Media Ownership Then and Now*

Itay Ravid, Assistant Professor of Law, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, *Covering Homicide Victims and the Double-Edged Sword of Colorblindness*

Jennifer Safstrom, Counsel, Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University Law Center, *Time to SLAPP Back*

**Panel 5: 4PM ET**

**Moderator:** Christina Koningisor, Associate Professor, The University of Utah College of Law

**Authors:**
Peter Huang, Professor and DeMuth Chair, University of Colorado Law School, *How American Corporate Media Can Help to Challenge AAPI Hate*

Erin Carroll, Professor of Law, Legal Practice, Georgetown Law, *Obstruction of Journalism*

John Browning, Partner, Spencer Fane LLP, *Martyr on the Altar of Truth*

**5pm ET**

Brief concluding remarks
Leonard M. Baynes
Dean and Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center

As the ninth dean of the University of Houston Law Center, Leonard M. Baynes brings a national reputation as a communications law scholar with specializations in business, media, and diversity issues. He manages more than 60 full-time faculty and oversees 15 centers and institutes, including the No. 5 ranked Health Law & Policy Institute and the No. 8 ranked Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law as well as the No. 11 ranked Part-Time Program.

Baynes initiated an award winning Pre-Law Pipeline Program designed to create more opportunities for first-generation, economically challenged, and under-represented college students who are considering law school. He instituted a voluntary “Community Service Day” during which incoming first-year students, faculty, and staff fan out across the city to work on public service projects. He also has increased the number of scholarships and opportunities for students to serve in school-funded, public service internships at home and abroad.

Baynes was inducted into the Minority Media & Telecommunications Council Hall of Fame, where former FCC Commissioner and MMTC Chair Henry Rivera described him as “a champion for diversity.” Baynes previously served as the inaugural director of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development at St. John’s University School of Law.

In 2010, Baynes received the Diversity Trailblazer Award from the New York State Bar Association, and in 2019 he accepted the American Bar Association Alexander Award on behalf of the Pre-Law Pipeline Program.

In 2019, Baynes was the recipient of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc.’s Edge Award, the John Mercer Legal Education Leadership Award from the National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair, and was named a Diversity Champion by the National Diversity Council. In 2020, Baynes was named to the Lawyers of Color Power List by the Lawyers of Color Foundation.

During his deanship, he was named one of the nation’s top 100 most influential lawyers of color, and he was awarded The Houston Lawyer Association’s Robert L. King Excellence in Education Award, the AALS Clyde Fergeson Award and the Columbia Law School Black Law Students Paul Robeson Award.

Baynes is the co-author of Communications Law in the Public Interest (Wolters Kluwer 2020) (with Hammond & Sandoval) and has written more than 35 law review articles on corporate law, communications law, and diversity.
WILLIAM M. TREANOR
Executive Vice President and Dean; Paul Regis Dean Leadership Chair and Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center

William M. Treanor is the Dean and Executive Vice President of Georgetown University Law Center, and he holds the Law Center’s Paul Regis Dean Leadership Professorship. Dean Treanor joined Georgetown in 2010 and was reappointed to serve a third term beginning July 1, 2020.

Under Treanor’s leadership, Georgetown Law has hired 51 new faculty members; tripled the number of experiential offerings for students in its clinical, externship, and practicum programs; and experienced its most successful era of fundraising, culminating in over $56 million in annual giving in 2021.

As dean, Treanor has worked to advance Georgetown Law’s commitment to affordability and access. During his tenure, Georgetown has more than doubled financial aid; raised nearly $20 million dollars for the Law Center’s scholarship program for exceptional students with significant financial need; and launched the RISE program, which provides academic support for students from historically underrepresented groups. The Law Center also created the Early Outreach Initiative which brings the Law Center’s dean of admissions, current law students, and alumni into urban high schools across the country to encourage student interest in pursuing careers as lawyers.

Georgetown Law’s motto is “Law is but the means; justice is the end,” and Treanor has focused on increasing opportunities for students to pursue careers in public interest law. The newly-established Blume Public Interest Leaders program provides full tuition scholarships, mentors, and specialized programs to a select group of students who wish to pursue careers in the public interest area. The Law Center has also initiated a program of post-graduate fellowships that have enabled more than 100 graduates to work in public interest jobs, and, in combination with the law firms Arent Fox and DLA Piper, it has launched the DC Affordable Law Firm, a “low bono” law firm where recent Georgetown Law graduates provide legal representation to people of limited means.

Dean Treanor has worked to develop Georgetown Law’s world-class program in law and technology. Currently, the Law Center has 15 faculty experts in law and technology and offers 85 courses in this area. During the dean’s tenure, the Law Center has established the Institute for Technology Law & Policy; the Center on Privacy & Technology; the Technology Scholars Program; and the Georgetown Law Technology Review.

In 2012, Dean Treanor was recognized by the National Law Journal as a “Champion” because of his work to “uphold the profession’s core values.” In the same year, he received the 2012 David Stoner Uncommon Counselor Award from the David Nee Foundation for his efforts to raise mental health awareness among law students. National Jurist magazine has named him one of the most influential people in legal education four times. He is a member of the Morristown (N.J.) High School Hall of Fame. Most recently, in 2020 he was elected into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences for law and education.

Before coming to Georgetown, Treanor was Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, where he began teaching in 1991. He also has served in a variety of positions in the government, including Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice; Associate Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel during the Iran/Contra investigation; Speechwriter to the United States Secretary of Education; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia United States Attorney’s Office; and Special Assistant to the Chair of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity. He was law clerk to the Honorable James L. Oakes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Treanor has a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and a B.A. from Yale College (summa cum laude).
ALICIA BELL

Co-Founder Media 2070, Director of the Racial Equity in Journalism Fund Borealis Philanthropy

Alicia Bell, the Co-Founder of Media 2070, is currently the Director of Racial Equity in Journalism Fund at Borealis Philanthropy. When Alicia Bell took leadership of the Racial Equity in Journalism Fund at Borealis Philanthropy last month, she regarded this new assignment as a birthing process. Citing her family lineage of birth workers and land stewards, she compared working to bring true and widespread racial equity to the landscape of media to the labor of her ancestors. Her job is to distribute resources, to lead with compassion, and to help build a fairer media industry that serves audiences made up of people of color.

Before entering this role, Bell worked at the intersection of media and organizing at Free Press for 5 years. She started there as an organizing manager and then founded Media 2070, an initiative to open up access to capital for media makers of color to tell their own stories. In this Q+A, we dig into how her previous work ties into the mission of the REJ Fund and talk about her visions and hopes for the fund.

NORA BENAVIDEZ

Senior Counsel and Director, Digital Justice & Civil Rights, Free Press & Free Press Action Fund

Nora Benavidez is Senior Counsel and Director, Digital Justice and Civil Rights for Free Press and Free Press Action Fund. Nora manages the organization’s efforts around platform and media accountability to defend against digital threats to democracy. She previously served as the director of PEN America’s U.S. Free Expression Programs, where she guided the organization’s national advocacy agenda on First Amendment and free-expression issues, including press freedom, disinformation defense and protest rights. Nora launched and led PEN America’s media-literacy and disinformation-defense program. She also led the organization’s groundbreaking First Amendment lawsuit, PEN America v. Donald Trump, to hold the former president accountable for his retaliation against and censorship of journalists he disliked. She has also authored policy reports on legislative attacks on fundamental rights. Nora is a civil-rights and constitutional lawyer who previously worked in private practice and at the ACLU of Georgia, litigating significant cases representing victims of voting-rights violations, unconstitutional police practices, First Amendment infringements and more. In all aspects of her work, she seeks to defend the human dignity of all and overcome structural barriers to equity and justice. Nora graduated from Emory University School of Law and received her B.A. from New York University’s Gallatin School.
ANUPAM CHANDER
Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law and Technology, Georgetown Law Center

Professor Chander is an expert on the global regulation of new technologies. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, he clerked for Chief Judge Jon O. Newman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge William A. Norris of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He practiced law in New York and Hong Kong with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. He has been a visiting law professor at Yale, the University of Chicago, Stanford, Cornell, and Tsinghua. He previously served as the Director of the California International Law Center and Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law at UC Davis. A member of the American Law Institute, he has also served on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, where he co-founded the International Law and Technology Interest Group. The author of The Electronic Silk Road (Yale University Press), he serves as a judge of the Stanford Junior International Faculty Forum. A recipient of Google Research Awards and an Andrew Mellon grant on the topic of surveillance, he has served on ICTSD/World Economic Forum expert groups on the digital economy. He serves as an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Policy, a faculty advisor to Georgetown’s Institute for Technology Law and Policy, and as a faculty affiliate of Yale’s Information Society Project.

MIGNON CLYBURN
Former FCC Commissioner and now President of MLC Strategies, LLC

The Honorable Mignon Clyburn was sworn in for her first term as commissioner on August 3, 2009; sworn in for a second term on February 19, 2013; and served until June 6, 2018. She also served as Acting FCC Chairwoman from May 20, 2013 through November 4, 2013.

While at the FCC, Commissioner Clyburn was committed to closing the digital divide. Specifically, she was an advocate for Lifeline Modernization, which assists low income consumers defray the cost of broadband service, championed diversity in media ownership, initiated Inmate Calling Services reforms, emphasized diversity and inclusion in STEM opportunities, and fought to preserve a free and open internet.

Prior to the FCC, she spent 11 years as a member of the sixth district on the Public Service Commission (PSC) of South Carolina. Prior to the PSC, Clyburn was the publisher and general manager of her family-founded newspaper for 14 years, the Coastal Times, a Charleston-based weekly newspaper that focused primarily on issues affecting the African American community.
WILLIAM A. DARITY JR.

Samuel DuBois Cook Professor of Public Policy, African and African American Studies, and Economics and the director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University

William A. ("Sandy") Darity Jr. is the Samuel DuBois Cook Professor of Public Policy, African and African American Studies, and Economics and the director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University. He has served as chair of the Department of African and African American Studies and was the founding director of the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke. Previously he served as director of the Institute of African American Research, director of the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, director of the Undergraduate Honors Program in economics, and director of Graduate Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Darity’s research focuses on inequality by race, class and ethnicity, stratification economics, schooling and the racial achievement gap, North-South theories of trade and development, skin shade and labor market outcomes, the economics of reparations, the Atlantic slave trade and the Industrial Revolution, the history of economics, and the social psychological effects of exposure to unemployment.

He was a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation (2015-2016), a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (2011-2012) at Stanford, a fellow at the National Humanities Center (1989-90) and a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors (1984). He received the Samuel Z. Westerfield Award in 2012 from the National Economic Association, the organization’s highest honor, Politico 50 recognition in 2017, and an award from Global Policy Solutions in 2017. He is a past president of the National Economic Association and the Southern Economic Association. He also has taught at Grinnell College, the University of Maryland at College Park, the University of Texas at Austin, Simmons College and Claremont-McKenna College.


Darity lives with his family in Durham, N.C. where he plays blues harmonica, occasionally coaches youth sports, and especially enjoys reading science fiction and speculative fiction.
MALKIA DEVICH-CYRIL
Senior Fellow and Founding Director, MediaJustice

Malkia Devich-Cyril is an activist, writer and public speaker on issues of digital rights, narrative power, Black liberation and collective grief. Devich-Cyril is also the founding and former Executive Director of MediaJustice — a national hub boldly advancing racial justice, rights and dignity in a digital age. After more than 10 years of organizational leadership, Devich-Cyril now serves as a Senior Fellow at Media Justice and is a contributing writer to various publications including The Atlantic, Wired Magazine, TechCrunch, The Washington Post, Truthout and We Will Not Cancel Us — a book by adrienne maree brown, among others.

In 2002, Malkia Devich Cyril helped coin the term "Media Justice", and in 2019 declared that one significant goal of the Media Justice movement was to “fight for a future where we are all connected, represented and free.”

For more than 20 years, Devich-Cyril has championed the media and technology rights of communities of color and other under-represented groups to demand and win equity in a digital age. Devich-Cyril remains a veteran leader in the movement for digital rights and freedom, and in the movement for Black lives.

Devich-Cyril is regularly a featured speaker on issues of media, technology, and race, and has appeared in publications like Politico, Motherboard, Essence Magazine, and three documentary films including the Oscar nominated 13TH, directed by Ava DuVernay. Devich-Cyril is a recipient of the 2012 Donald H. McGannon Award for work to advance the roles of women and people of color in the media reform movement, a 2013 Prime Movers fellow, winner of the 2015 Hugh Hefner 1st Amendment Award for framing net neutrality as a civil rights issue, winner of the 2016 Electronic Frontier Pioneer award, a YBCA 100 honoree, a 2017 Root 100 honoree, and a 2020 Good Morning America Black Inspiration honoree.

As the newly widowed spouse of comedian and editor Alana Devich-Cyril, who died following an intense two year battle with advanced cancer, Malkia Devich-Cyril now works to transform the public narrative on grief and equity in America.

ANTOINE HAYWOOD
Ph.D. Candidate and Penn Presidential Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication

Antoine Haywood’s immediate research focuses on understanding the contemporary relevance of public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access media. His ethnographic, practitioner-centered methodology employs community media as a case study to understand the virtuous effects of commons-based media making, nonprofit media services, and localized public communication ecosystems. Before his time at Annenberg, Haywood worked as a community engagement director at People TV, Atlanta, GA (2005-2010), and Philadelphia Community Access Media (PhillyCAM), Philadelphia, PA (2010-2018). He has served on boards of community media organizations, including Radio Free Georgia and the Alliance for Community Media. In addition to his community media interests, he collects vinyl records, edits video, and occasionally performs as a local musician. He holds a B.A. in English from Morehouse College and an M.A. in Media Studies from The New School. He is a proud native of West Palm Beach, Florida.
DAVID HONIG

*Former President of the Multicultural Media Telecom Council*

David Honig has practiced communications and civil rights law since 1983, specializing in electronic redlining and race discrimination cases, and defining the legal space at the intersection of civil rights and telecommunications law.

As co-founder of MMTC, its leader for 28 years, and its President Emeritus for ten more years, he has represented over 80 national minority, civil rights, and religious organizations before the FCC. The National Law Journal has named him one of the 30 most influential communications lawyers. He has trained over 100 minority lawyers in FCC rulemaking practice. As President of MMTC Media and Telecom Brokers, he has participated in broadcast and wireless transactions valued at nearly $2 billion.

Honig lives in Vero Beach, Florida, where he serves pro bono as Chief Counsel and Chair of the Legal Redress Committee for the Florida State Conference of the NAACP. In that capacity he is an external preceptor for Florida NAACP Fellows at seven law schools. Honig supervises the volunteer services of 60 Florida NAACP Participating Attorneys and serves as the principal legal redress trainer for the National NAACP’s Field Department.

CATHY HUGHES

*Founder and Chairperson of Urban One, Inc. (formerly known as Radio One, Inc. the largest African American-owned and operated, media company in the nation)*

Cathy Hughes is a dynamic, media pioneer who demonstrates the power of one – one woman, one vision, one company – Urban One, formerly known as Radio One. As Founder and Chairperson of Urban One, Inc., the largest African-American owned and operated, broadcast company in the nation, Hughes’ unprecedented career has spawned a multi-media conglomerate that generates original content across the spectrum of radio, television and digital media. Her humble beginnings in Omaha, Nebraska, were not a deterrent to her success but rather part of the catalyst that fueled her ambition to empower African Americans with information and to tell stories from their perspective.

Hughes began her radio career in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, at KOWH (AM), a station owned by a group of African-American professionals. In 1971, she moved to Washington, D.C., and became a lecturer in the newly established School of Communications at Howard University. During her tenure, she served as General Sales Manager at WHUR, Howard University Radio, increasing the station’s revenue from $250,000 to $3 million in her first year. She also became the first woman Vice President and General Manager of a station in the nation’s capital and created the format known as the “Quiet Storm,” which revolutionized urban radio and was aired on over 480 stations nationwide. In 1980, Hughes purchased her flagship station WOL-AM, in Washington D.C., and pioneered yet another innovative format – “24-Hour Talk from a Black Perspective.” With the theme, “Information is Power,” she served as the station’s morning show host for 11 years.
In 1999, Cathy Hughes became the first African-American woman to chair a publicly held corporation, following the sale of more than seven million shares of common stock to the public. Along with her son and business partner Alfred Liggins, III, she grew what was then Radio One into a multi-media company that became an urban radio market leader with more than 60 stations across the country comprised of hip hop, R&B, gospel and talk radio formats. It became the first African-American company in radio history to dominate several major markets simultaneously, and Hughes became the first woman to own a radio station that was ranked number one in a major market. Radio One also diversified and launched the television network TV One in 2004 and entered the digital space with Interactive One, now iOne Digital, in 2007.

As a result of her success, Hughes has earned hundreds of prestigious awards and recognitions. They include: the naming of Cathy Hughes Boulevard in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska; the 2018 Lowry Mays Excellence in Broadcasting Award; the naming of the Cathy Hughes School of Communications at Howard University in 2016; the ADColor Lifetime Achievement Award; the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Chair’s Phoenix Award; the NAACP Chairman’s Award; the Giant of Broadcasting Award; the Uncommon Height of Excellence Award; the Essence Women Shaping the World Award; the Idabelle Wells Living Legacy Award; and induction into the American Advertising Federation Hall of Fame.

In May 2017, Radio One’s name was changed to Urban One, to reflect the market it serves. Urban One, Inc. is now the parent corporation of several subsidiaries: TV One, the largest African-American owned, cable television network in the country and current home of the hit shows UnSung and Uncensored; Reach Media, which presents syndicated radio programs like the Rickey Smiley Morning Show and the Tom Joyner Morning Show; iOne Digital, home of several popular websites including Hello Beautiful and Cassius; and One Solution, a marketing firm that allows advertisers to take advantage of all of the assets under the Urban One brand.

Cathy Hughes’ philanthropic work is on par with her success in the business arena as well. Her passion for education is evident in her efforts to continue her family’s work and legacy at The Piney Woods School in Piney Woods, Mississippi. She is a staunch supporter of the school, which was established by her grandfather in 1909 and is the largest of only four African-American boarding schools in the country. In addition, she is a champion for the hungry and homeless, a mentor to countless women, and an advocate dedicated to empowering minority communities.

RONNELL ANDERSEN JONES
Lee E. Teitelbaum Professor of Law, The University of Utah College of Law and Affiliated Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project

Professor RonNell Andersen Jones is an Affiliated Fellow at Yale Law School’s Information Society Project and the Lee E. Teitelbaum Endowed Chair and Professor of Law at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law.

A former newspaper reporter and editor, Professor Jones is a First Amendment scholar who teaches, researches and writes on legal issues affecting the press and on the intersection between media and the courts, with a particular emphasis on the United States Supreme Court. Her scholarship addresses issues of press access and transparency and the role of the press as a check on government. She is also a widely cited national expert on reporter’s privilege and newsgathering rights and a regular speaker on emerging areas of social media law. Her scholarly work has appeared in numerous books and journals, including Northwestern Law Review, Michigan Law Review, UCLA Law Review, Minnesota Law Review, and the Harvard Law Review Forum. She is also a regular public commentator on press freedom issues. Her op-eds have been published in several major news outlets, including CNN and The New York Times, and her research has been quoted in Newsweek, the Washington Post, the New York Times and other national publications.

Professor Jones graduated first in her law school class and clerked for the Honorable William A. Fletcher on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor on the United States Supreme Court. Prior to entering...
academia, she was an attorney in the Issues & Appeals section of Jones Day, where her work focused on Supreme Court litigation and included major constitutional cases.

An award-winning teacher, Professor Jones has been recognized for her classroom innovations and personal mentoring. Before joining the faculty at the University of Utah, Professor Jones was Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Research at Brigham Young University, where she was twice named Professor of the Year. Before that, she was a Distinguished Faculty Fellow at the University of Arizona, where she team-taught an annual course about the United States Supreme Court with Justice O’Connor.

SHEILA JACKSON LEE
U.S. Member of Congress for 18th District of Texas

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is an influential and forceful voice in Washington. She is serving her thirteenth term as a member of the United States House of Representatives. She represents the 18th Congressional District of Texas, centered in Houston, which is the energy capital of the world. Considered by many as the “Voice of Reason”, she is dedicated to upholding the Constitutional rights of all people.

She sits on three Congressional Committees — a senior member of the House Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security and appointed by the leadership as a Member of the crucial Budget Committee.

In the 116th Congress she authored, introduced and saw passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, the Law Enforcement and Integrity Act which was included in the George Floyd Police Reform Act of 2020 and was renamed upon her recommendation, the Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act and H.R 40 the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act. Additionally, she has introduced several bills including the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act, H.R. 71, the Federal Prison Bureau Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2015, and H.R. 4660, an Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015 affirming the authority of the Attorney General to reduce prison overcrowding by developing and implementing lawful policies relating to requests for executive clemency from deserving petitioners.

She is the past Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee for Maritime and Border Security wherein she co-authored HR 1417, a bipartisan bill which has been touted as the best vehicle for accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Jackson Lee is also the past Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection which under her leadership passed the Transportation Security Act of 2007 which increased the funding for America’s transportation security. As Chairwoman, Congresswoman Jackson Lee supported enhanced technology, better intelligence, increased airplane cargo inspections, increased security for railroads, and implementation of the 9/11 Commission report.

She was named by ‘Congressional Quarterly’ as one of the 50 most effective Members of Congress and the ‘U.S. News and World Report’ named her as one of the 10 most influential legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives. Also, the Center for Effective Lawmaking, a joint initiative between the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University named her the 2nd most effective Democrat in Congress during the 114th Congress, the 15th most effective Democrat in Congress during the 115th Congress, and the most effective Democrat in the Texas delegation during the 115th Congress. She is a founder, member, and co-chair of the Congressional Children’s Caucus and authored and introduced H.R. 83, the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2013. She is past chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Energy Braintrust, co-chair of the Justice Reform Task Force, and a leadership appointed member of the International Helsinki Commission. She serves as Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Caucus, past Chairperson of the Texas Congressional Democratic Delegation for
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee earned a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University with honors in the first graduating class including females, followed by a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School. She is married to Dr. Elwyn Lee who is also a Yale Graduate and an Administrator at the University of Houston. She has two children Jason Lee a graduate of Harvard University and Erica Lee a graduate of Duke University who is also a Member of the Harris County School Board in Houston, Texas. She is also the proud grandmother of two grandkids (twins), granddaughter Ellison Bennett Carter and grandson Roy Lee Carter, III.

ROBIN A. LENHARDT
Professor, Georgetown Law Center

Robin A. Lenhardt was formerly a Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Center on Race, Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. Professor Lenhardt specializes in matters pertaining to race, family, and citizenship. In addition to Fordham, she has held teaching positions at Columbia Law School, the Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of Chicago Law School. Before entering legal academia, Professor Lenhardt held a number of positions in the private and non-profit sectors. A law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer and Judge Hugh Bownes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Professor Lenhardt was formerly a Counsel in the Washington, D.C. office of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, where she was a member of the litigation team that defended the University of Michigan in the Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger affirmative action lawsuits. Professor Lenhardt received a Skadden Foundation Fellowship to work as a staff attorney for the National Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and was employed as an attorney advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel. She later returned to DOJ to review civil rights issues as part of President Barack Obama’s transition team. Professor Lenhardt’s scholarship has appeared in numerous books and journals, including the California Law Review, the New York University Law Review, and the UCLA Law Review. Professor Lenhardt is currently co-editor of a book entitled Critical Race Judgements: U.S. Opinions on Race and Law that will be published by Cambridge University Press. She holds an A.B. degree in English from Brown University; a JD from Harvard Law School; an MPA from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government; and an LLM from the Georgetown University Law Center.

MARK LLOYD
Clinical Professor of Communication, U.S.C. Annenberg School of Communications and Journalism

Mark Lloyd is a clinical professor of communication, teaching in both the Communication School and the Journalism School. He also manages the Consortium on Media Policy Studies summer fellowship program in Washington, D.C. Lloyd is a lawyer, a public policy advocate and an Emmy Award-winning journalist.
From 2009 to 2012, he served as the associate general counsel and chief diversity officer at the Federal Communications Commission, advising the Commission on how to promote diverse participation in the communications field. Prior to joining the FCC, Lloyd was the vice president for strategic initiatives at the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights/Education Fund, where, among other duties, he led a national campaign to assist the most vulnerable communities make the successful transition to digital television service.

Previously, Lloyd has been the general counsel of the Benton Foundation, and an attorney at the D.C. law firm Dow, Lohnes and Albertson. Before becoming a communications lawyer, Lloyd was a broadcast journalist, working for public and commercial radio and television, including work at NBC and CNN.

Lloyd's academic career includes two years as a visiting scholar at MIT, and several years as an adjunct professor of public policy at the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute. The author of numerous popular and academic articles and essays, his book Prologue to a Farce, Communication and Democracy in America was published by the University of Illinois Press in 2007. Lloyd graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a double major in journalism and political science, and from the Georgetown University Law Center.

**ERIC MILLER**

*Professor of Law and Leo O'Brien Fellow, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School Los Angeles*

After receiving his bachelor of laws in 1991 from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, Eric Miller received his LLM from Harvard Law School in 1993. He later returned to Harvard as a Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow, going on to become a joint fellow at the Harvard Criminal Justice Institute and the Harvard Civil Rights Project. He clerked for Judge Myron Thompson, U.S. District Court, Middle Court, Alabama from 1998-1999. Miller is no stranger to Los Angeles; he clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2000-2001, and was an associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP for two years.

Prior to joining the Loyola Law School faculty, Miller taught at Saint Louis University School of Law from 2005 to 2012. His work pays particular attention to the study of policing, race and problem-solving courts. Miller’s scholarship focuses the intersection of criminal justice with sociology and criminology, the study of problem-solving courts and legal theory.

**KIRSTEN MULLEN**

*Folklorist and the founder of Artefactual, an arts-consulting practice, and Carolina Circuit Writers, a literary consortium that brings expressive writers of color to the Carolinas*

Kirsten Mullen is a folklorist and the founder of Artefactual, an arts-consulting practice, and Carolina Circuit Writers, a literary consortium that brings expressive writers of color to the Carolinas. She was a member of the Freelon Adjaye Bond concept development team that was awarded the Smithsonian Institution’s commission to design the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Under the auspices of the North Carolina Arts Council she worked to expand the Coastal Folklife Survey. As a faculty member with the Community Folklife Documentation Institute, she trained students to research and document the state’s African American music heritage. Kirsten was a consultant on the North
Carolina Museum of History’s “North Carolina Legends” and “Civil Rights” exhibition projects. Her writing can be found in museum catalogs and journals, and in commercial media—and includes “Black Culture and History Matter” (The American Prospect), which examines the politics of funding black cultural institutions. She is co-author with William Darity of the forthcoming book, From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-first Century (University of North Carolina Press).

JAMES D. NELSON

Vinson & Elkins Professor and Associate Professor of Law and Business, University of Houston Law Center

James Nelson is Associate Professor of Law and Business at the University of Houston Law Center. He also holds an appointment at the C. T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. His recent work on corporate law, governance, and rights has been published in the Columbia Law Review, the Virginia Law Review, the Vanderbilt Law Review, and the Harvard Business Law Review.

Prior to joining the Law Center, Professor Nelson was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Corporate Governance at Columbia Law School. He has also been a Fellow at the Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership, Research Director of the Project on Corporate Political Spending at Harvard Law School, Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School, and Editor-at-Large of Columbia Law School’s Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets.

Professor Nelson graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Law Review. In law school, he received the Roger & Madeleine Traynor Prize for the best paper by a graduating student and the Robert E. Goldsten Award for distinction in the classroom.

SAFIYA U. NOBLE

Professor of Gender Studies and African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles. Co-Founder and Co-Director of the UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry (C2i2).

Dr. Safiya U. Noble is an internet studies scholar and Professor of Gender Studies and African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where she serves as the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry (C2i2). She holds affiliations in the School of Education & Information Studies, and is a Research Associate at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford where she is a Commissioner on the Oxford Commission on AI & Good Governance (OxCAIGG). In 2021, she was recognized as a MacArthur Foundation Fellow (also known as the “Genius Award”) for her ground-breaking work on algorithmic discrimination, which prompted her founding of a non-profit, Equity Engine, to accelerate investment in companies, education, and networks driven by women of color. She is the author of a best-selling book on racist and sexist algorithmic bias in commercial search engines, entitled Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism (NYU Press), which has been widely-reviewed in scholarly and popular publications.
Dr. Noble is the recipient of a Hellman Fellowship and the UCLA Early Career Award. Her academic research focuses on the design of digital media platforms on the internet and their impact on society. Her work is both sociological and interdisciplinary, marking the ways that digital media impacts and intersects with issues of race, gender, culture, and technology. She is regularly quoted for her expertise on issues of algorithmic discrimination and technology bias by national and international press including The Guardian, the BBC, CNN International, USA Today, Wired, Time, Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, The New York Times, and a host of local news and podcasts. Her popular writing includes critiques on the loss of public goods to Big Tech companies, as featured in Noema magazine.

Safiya is the co-editor of two edited volumes: The Intersectional Internet: Race, Sex, Culture and Class Online and Emotions, Technology & Design. She currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Critical Library and Information Studies, and is the co-editor of the Commentary & Criticism section of the Journal of Feminist Media Studies. She is a member of several academic journal and advisory boards, and holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Library & Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. in Sociology from California State University, Fresno where she was recently awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2018. Recently, she was named in the “Top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers of 2019” by Government Technology magazine.

Dr. Noble is a board member of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, serving those vulnerable to online harassment. She was recently appointed as a board member for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, America's Black think tank. In 2020, she was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from the iSchool Alumni Association (ISAA), and is also the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Award winner from the Illinois Alumni Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

LaVonda N. Reed, J.D., was appointed as the seventh dean of the Georgia State College of Law effective July 1, 2021.

Prior to her appointment at Georgia State, Dean Reed served as Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs at Syracuse University from 2015 to 2021. In this position, she was responsible for supporting more than 1,700 faculty members. She had oversight of research and administrative leaves, promotion and tenure review, policy development and enforcement, and awards, among other duties. She was also responsible for the stewardship and oversight of the Lender Center for Social Justice, as well as the stewardship of a multimillion-dollar endowment to support teaching excellence across the university.

At Syracuse, Dean Reed led initiatives to recruit and retain diverse faculty and created the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence and the Center for Faculty Leadership and Professional Development, which helped further the work of Syracuse’s National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant designed to support women and underrepresented minority scholars in STEM disciplines. Dean Reed first joined the faculty at Syracuse University College of Law in 2006. Her research and teaching are in the areas of wills and trusts, property, and communications regulatory law and policy.

Prior to her appointment at Syracuse University, she was on the faculty of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. She also was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Donald W. VanArtsdalen of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and practiced communications and corporate law with the international firm of Paul Hastings LLP.

Dean Reed earned her Juris doctor degree from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law and a bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Virginia.
CATHY SANDOVAL  
*Associate Professor of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law*

Professor Sandoval is well known in the world of academia for her research on telecommunications, antitrust, energy, and contract issues. She is a tenured member of the Santa Clara University School of Law faculty which she joined in 2004. She has had extensive experience as a leader in numerous government organizations, as well as in the private sector. In January 2011 Governor Brown appointed Professor Sandoval to serve as a Commissioner at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which regulates energy, water, telecommunications, and rail services in California. The California State Senate unanimously confirmed her to serve in that post. During her term as a CPUC Commissioner, she was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services. She served as Co-Vice Chair of the Telecommunications Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Prior to joining the academy, Governor Davis appointed her to serve as Undersecretary and previously as Staff Director of California’s Business Transportation and Housing Agency from 2001 to 2003. In that post she oversaw a wide variety of legal and policy matters affecting California’s infrastructure and economy, and advised the Secretary on energy, communications, and housing policy.

She has written numerous articles on Communications Law, Antitrust Law, Energy Law, and Contracts issues. In 2010 she won the SCU Public Interest and Social Justice Achievement Award in recognition of her legal scholarship.

HOWARD SHELANSKI  
*Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center*

Howard Shelanski earned his B.A. from Haverford College and received his J.D. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley. After graduating from law school he clerked for Judge Stephen F. Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Judge Louis H. Pollak of the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, and Justice Antonin Scalia of the United States Supreme Court. After practicing law in Washington, D.C., Professor Shelanski joined the Berkeley faculty in 1997, where he remained until coming to Georgetown in 2011.

Professor Shelanski has held several positions in the federal government. From 2013 to 2017, he served as Administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). Before President Obama nominated him to OIRA, Professor Shelanski was Director of the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission from 2012 to 2013, where he had previously been Deputy Director from 2009 to 2011. Earlier in his career, he was Chief Economist of the Federal Communications Commission (1999-2000) and a Senior Economist for the President’s Council of Economic Advisers at the White House (1998-1999).

In addition to being a member of the Georgetown Law faculty, Professor Shelanski practices antitrust law and is a member of the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.

Professor Shelanski’s teaching and research focus on antitrust and regulation. In addition to numerous articles, he has co-authored leading casebooks, treatises and edited volumes in both antitrust and telecommunications law. A selection of Professor Shelanski’s scholarship can be found by clicking the scholarship and publications link on this page.
TREVOR SMITH
Director of Narrative Change Liberation Ventures

Trevor Smith is a narrative and cultural strategist who writes and researches on topics such as racial inequality, the wealth gap, and reparations. He is currently the Director of Narrative Change at Liberation Ventures, where he is building the first narrative lab dedicated to building narrative power behind reparations. He has previously worked in program and communication roles at the Surdna Foundation, ACLU, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

PAUL STARR
Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, and Stuart Professor of Communications and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Paul Starr is professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University and Stuart Professor of communications and public affairs at Princeton’s School of Public and International Affairs. He also serves as founding co-editor of The American Prospect, a liberal magazine that he co-founded in 1990 with Robert Kuttner and Robert Reich.

Professor Starr’s work addresses a wide range of questions in politics, public policy, and social theory. Within sociology, his current interests include institutional analysis, political sociology, and the sociology of knowledge, technology, and information, especially as they bear on democracy, equality, and freedom. During 1993 he served as a senior health policy advisor at the White House.

Professor Starr has written three books about health care institutions and policies. The Social Transformation of American Medicine (1983) won the Bancroft Prize (American History), C. Wright Mills Award (Sociology), and Pulitzer Prize (General Nonfiction). The Logic of Health Care Reform (1992) laid out the case for a system of universal health insurance provided through a choice of private plans in what are now called insurance exchanges. His most recent book on health-care history and politics is Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar American Struggle over Health-Care Reform (2011, revised ed. 2013).

Professor Starr has also written extensively on media, the public, and liberalism. His 2004 book The Creation of the Media: Political Origins of Modern Communications received the Goldsmith Book Prize. Freedom’s Power (2007) is an account of both the philosophical and institutional development of liberalism from its classical to modern phases. His most recent book, Entrenchment, is about the entrenchment of of wealth and power, and of constitutional limits on concentrated power and privilege.

Sandra Starr, Paul Starr’s first wife, died in 1998. Now married to Ann Baynes Coiro, he has four children and three step-children.
JOSEPH TORRES
Senior Director of Strategy and Engagement, Free Press

Joseph Torres is the Senior Director of Strategy and Engagement for Free Press. Joseph advocates in Washington to ensure that our nation’s media policies serve the public interest and builds coalitions to broaden the movement's base. Joseph writes frequently on media and internet issues and is the co-author of the New York Times bestseller News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media. He is the 2015 recipient of the Everett C. Parker Award, which recognizes an individual whose work embodies the principles and values of the public interest. Before joining Free Press, Joseph worked as deputy director of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and was a journalist for several years.

ANTHONY E. VARONA
Dean-Designate, Seattle University School of Law; Dean Emeritus and Massey Chair, University of Miami School of Law

Between 2019 and 2021, Professor Varona served as Dean of the law school. He led the Miami Law community in recruiting the strongest entering classes in at least 30 years and achieving the best student selectivity rate in Miami Law history, elevating the law school’s national profile and reputation ratings – including a new Top 25 rank for Clinical Education and Top 30 rank for International Law (among increased ranks for 9 specialty areas), and greatly improving resources and focus towards bar success, resulting in a 10% summer bar exam pass rate increase. Professor Varona created a new Intellectual Life Program to incentivize and showcase the achievements of Miami Law faculty and attract top scholars and opinion leaders to the law school. He recruited and retained top nationally prominent faculty and senior staff colleagues, and arranged the conferral of three endowed chairs/professorships.

Professor Varona led a successful fundraising effort yielding millions of dollars of new commitments, and steered the law school through the first 17 months of the COVID pandemic, navigating the emergency migration to online learning and work, and attending to the emergent needs of law school community members – including special fundraising and services to address the needs of financially insecure students.

He launched new programs in Environmental Law, Transactional Skills, Human Rights, and Health Disparities, spearheaded the creation of a new SJD Program, launched new high-profile international partnerships and significant new diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, and led the law school’s prominent response to the national racial justice reckoning. He helped launch both the ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium as well as the Florida Law Schools’ Consortium for Racial Justice.

Before becoming Dean at Miami Law, Professor Varona was Vice Dean, Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, and Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL). Before his 14 years at AUWCL, Professor Varona was an associate professor at Pace University School of Law in New York and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He has taught courses in Contracts, Administrative and Public Law, Media Law, Sexuality and Gender Law, Intellectual Property, and Criminal Law.
Professor Varona has written extensively in the areas of media and sexuality law, and has published solo and co-authored pieces with notable law reviews/journals, including those associated with American, Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Seattle, and Stanford Universities, NYU, the College of William & Mary, and the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota. He is a co-author of the second, third, and fourth editions of the casebook Administrative Law: A Contemporary Approach, published by West, has served as a Huffington Post contributor, and has appeared in national and regional media outlets as a commentator.

Professor Varona is a former co-editor of the AALS Journal of Legal Education, a member of the AALS Membership Review Committee, a member of the Executive Board of the AALS Section on Teaching Methods, and has served on the AALS Associate Deans Section’s Planning and Nominations Committee. In addition, he has served on the national board of directors for Stonewall National Museum and Archives (SNMA), for which he co-founded and for its first year co-chaired the SNMA National Advisory Council. He has served on the national boards of GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), and the Alliance for Justice, and has been a member of the District of Columbia Bar’s Global Legal Practice Task Force. Before entering full-time teaching, Professor Varona was General Counsel and Legal Director of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation’s largest LGBTQ civil rights organization. In 2001-02, Professor Varona served as a Harvard Law School Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow. Earlier in his career, Professor Varona was an associate at Skadden Arps and Mintz Levin and an honors program enforcement attorney at the Federal Communications Commission.

A celebrated scholar and teacher, Professor Varona shared the 2018 Egon Guttman Casebook Award, an AUWCL Faculty Scholarship Award that “recognizes outstanding scholarship in the form of casebooks and treatises,” with Professors Andrew Popper and Mark Niles. He won the 2014 American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Tenure-line Appointment and in 2011 shared an AUWCL Teaching Award for Innovation in Pedagogy. In 2007-2008, Professor Varona was named AUWCL Teacher of the Year. And in 2009, he was presented with the Hugh A. Johnson, Jr., Memorial Award by the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, an honor recognizing “unwavering commitment and achievement [in] public service and dedication to the principles of equality, cultural respect, and social justice.”

Lawyers of Color Magazine named Professor Varona to its 2020 Power List, and in 2014 the magazine named him to its “50 Under 50 List.” In 2018-2019 Professor Varona chaired the Host/Planning Committee for the Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, thought to be the largest gathering of legal scholars of color in history. He delivered the Jerome McCristal Culp, Jr., Memorial Lecture at the 2021 LatCrit Scholarship Conference.

CHERYL L. WADE

Dean Harold F. McNiece Professor of Law, St. John’s University School of Law

Cheryl L. Wade is the “Dean Harold F. McNiece” Professor of Law at St. John’s University School of Law. She teaches Issues of Race, Gender and Law, Business Organizations, Corporate Governance and Accountability, and Race and Business. Her book, “Predatory Lending and The Destruction of the African American Dream” was published by Cambridge University Press in July 2020 and was coauthored with Dr. Janis Sarra, Professor of Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia. Professor Wade is a member of the American Law Institute, a national organization of prominent judges, lawyers and academics who work to clarify, modernize and reform the law.

Professor Wade has written book chapters and law review articles on securities, education law and the intersection of race and business. She has been invited to present at and write for many symposia including articles published by Boston University Law Review, Tulane Law Review, The Maryland Law Review, The Washington & Lee Law Review, and The Iowa Journal of Gender, Race & Justice. Her articles have been cited in several leading law reviews. One of her articles on education law, When Judges Are Gatekeepers: Democracy, Morality, Status and Empathy in Duty Decisions (Help From
Ordinary Citizens) was listed in The National Law Journal’s Worth Reading Column. Another article, Corporate Governance as Corporate Social Responsibility: Empathy and Race Discrimination, was excerpted in a text entitled “Corporate Governance: Law, Theory and Policy. Her article, Transforming Discriminatory Corporate Cultures: This is Not Just Women’s Work was listed on the Social Science Research Network’s Top Ten Download List for Diversity Studies.

Professor Wade has been invited to present at many university conferences and workshops on issues of corporate and civil rights law including the UCLA School of Law Critical Race Theory Workshop, the Theory and Practice of Business Decision Making At Boston College School of Law, Boston University’s conference on “The Role of Fiduciary Law and Trust in the Twenty-First Century” and the Western New England School of Law Clason Speaker Series. Professor Wade was chosen among several applicants to participate in the “Corporate Citizens in Corporate Cultures: Restructuring and Reform” workshop sponsored by the Feminism and Legal Theory Project at Cornell Law School. She delivered the keynote address at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law Symposium on Shareholder Activism.

Professor Wade is a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences organized by the Society of American Law Teachers, The American Association of Law Schools, The National Bar Association, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The Law and Society Association, and The Association of University Women. She was invited to appear on the opening plenary session for the 2009 American Association of Law Schools Midyear Conference on Business Associations. In 2008, her paper was selected to be presented at the American Association of Law Schools’ Section on Securities Regulation. The paper was presented at the AALS Annual Meeting and published with the other panelists’ papers in the Brooklyn Journal of Corporate and Financial Regulation. Professor Wade has appeared on radio and cable television programs discussing issues relating to corporate and civil rights.

Professor Wade organized a symposium, “People of Color, Women and the Public Corporation: Conference on Racial and Gender Equity in the Business Setting”, sponsored by St. John’s University School of Law. This symposium brought together leading scholars in the areas of corporate governance, critical race theory, employment discrimination and feminist legal theory. The papers from this symposium were published in the St. John’s Law Review. Professor Wade is a regular contributor to a blog on issues about social justice and corporate governance at http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com/

Professor Wade was a Visiting Professor of Law at Washington and Lee School of Law in the fall, 2003. In 2001, she taught Law and Race in Sydney, Australia at the University of New South Wales.

Professor Wade has received two teaching awards from St. John’s University School of Law’s Deans. Prior to joining the faculty at St. John’s Law School, Professor Wade served on the faculty at Hofstra Law School. While at Hofstra, Professor Wade was chosen to serve as an associate for The Merrill Lynch Center for the Study of International Financial Services and Markets. Professor Wade received the Outstanding Faculty Member and Outstanding Alumna Award from The Hofstra Black Law Students Association in 1996, and received faculty recognition awards from the group in 1993, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. Before joining the Hofstra faculty, Professor Wade was an associate in the corporate department of the New York City law firm, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. For several years, Professor Wade served on the Board of Directors of the Women’s Action Alliance, a not-for-profit corporation devoted to the study and analysis of issues related to the sociological development and empowerment of women and girls. She served as the chair of the Task Force on Diversity in Law Faculty Hiring, which was part of the Committee on Law Student Perspectives of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Professor Wade served on the 2009 Scholarly Papers Review Committee of the American Association of Law Schools.

Before attending law school, Professor Wade was a teacher of Spanish and bilingual education for the Board of Education of the City of New York. She received a Masters’ degree in Spanish from St. John’s University where she was installed in Sigma Delta Pi, an honor society for the study of foreign languages.

Professor Wade was awarded a Juris Doctorate with distinction from the Hofstra University School of Law where she was a member of the Law Review. She graduated in the top 2% of her law school class. While a student at Hofstra Law School, Professor Wade received the Law School’s Citation of Excellence for Corporation Law Courses and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association’s Thurgood Marshall Award.
JOEL WALDFOGEL

Associate Dean of MBA Programs and Frederick R. Kappel Chair in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management

Joel Waldfogel was previously the Ehrenkranz Family Professor of Business and Public Policy at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, where he had served as department chair and associate vice dean. Prior to Wharton, Waldfogel was an associate professor of economics at Yale University.

His main research interests are industrial organization and law and economics, and he has conducted empirical studies of price advertising, media markets, the operation of differentiated product markets, and issues related to digital products, including piracy, pricing, and revenue sharing. He has published more than 50 articles in scholarly outlets, including the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and the RAND Journal of Economics. He also has published several books, including Digital Renaissance (Princeton University Press, 2018), The Tyranny of the Market: Why You Can’t Always Get What You Want (Harvard University Press, 2007) and Scroogenomics: Why You Shouldn’t Buy Presents for the Holidays (Princeton University Press, 2009). He has also written for Slate.

Waldfogel received a BA in economics from Brandeis University and a PhD in economics from Stanford University. He grew up in South Minneapolis, graduating from Washburn High School.

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CARA BERG-POWERS

Visiting Lecturer, Clark University

Cara has been working for over 15 years in education, arts and culture to help people reimagine and reshape the world, most recently as Executive Director of Transformative Culture Project, where she served for 12 years. She is currently a Visiting Lecturer in the Education department at her alma mater, Clark University. Cara has also taught courses in education, sociology and media at Worcester State University, UMASS Boston and Wheelock College, as well as guest lecturing at a number of colleges and universities. She has produced content for MTV and NBC, and has presented at national conferences on issues of media, culture and equity. Cara has provided training for non-profit leaders like Oxfam America and Facing History and Ourselves. Her work has been published by Harvard University in partnership with Lady Gaga’s Born this Way Foundation, as well as through several feminist publications. She was featured in Gloria Feldt’s No Excuses: Nine Ways Women Can Change How We Think about Power and gave the keynote for the inaugural symposium for the UpTake’s groundbreaking Conflict Sensitive Journalism fellowship. Cara’s research interests are at the intersection of media, education and sociology with a lens of critical race theory and critical pedagogy.
JOHN G. BROWNING
Partner, Spencer Fane LLP

John G. Browning is a partner in the Plano, Texas office of national law firm Spencer Fane LLP, where his practice is focused on civil litigation and appeals in state and federal courts. Prior to returning to private practice, he served as a Justice on Texas’ largest appellate court, the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas. Justice Browning also serves as Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. He received his undergraduate degrees with honors from Rutgers University and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. Justice Browning is the author of five law books, a contributing author to 10 more, as well as the author of more than 40 law review articles. His work has been cited as authority by courts all over the country. An award winning legal historian, Justice Browning serves as editor-in-chief of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society Journal. His work on African American legal history has appeared in numerous scholarly journals, including the Howard Law Journal and the Berkeley Journal of African American Law and Policy. Justice Browning has received the Texas bar’s highest awards for achievement in legal writing, legal ethics, and contributions to legal education, along with the Oklahoma bar’s highest award for legal writing. A four-time recipient of the Burton Award for Distinguished Achievement in Legal Writing, Justice Browning serves as Vice President of Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers. As a former journalist and board member of the Press Club of Dallas, Justice Browning brings unique insights into the intersection of media and the law.

CAROLYN M. BYERLY
Professor and Chair Communication Culture, Howard University

Carolyn M. Byerly, Ph.D. is professor emerita and former chair of the Department of Communication, Culture and Media Studies, Howard University. She received her MA and PhD in communication from the University of Washington, Seattle. Her research examines the political economy of media industries, the status of women and racial minorities in media ownership and employment, and communication policy with respect to race and gender. She is the editor of The Palgrave Handbook of Women and Journalism, the author of the Global Report on the Status of Women in News Media, and the co-author of Women and Media: A Critical Introduction, as well as more than 50 journal articles and book chapters. She lives near Washington, DC.
ERIN CARROLL

Professor of Law, Legal Practice, Georgetown Law

Erin Carroll is a Professor of Law, Legal Practice at Georgetown Law. She teaches courses on technology and the free press, narrative, and legal writing and analysis. Her scholarship focuses on how law can support a free press, especially in an era of rapid technological change. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in the Georgetown Law Journal, Maryland Law Review, Utah Law Review, and the Columbia Journalism Review. Prior to coming to Georgetown, she was a litigator in California for nearly eight years. Before becoming a lawyer, she was a journalist at several newspapers, including The Philadelphia Inquirer. She has a J.D. from Berkeley Law and a B.A. from Yale University.

ANUPAM CHANDER

Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law and Technology, Georgetown Law Center

Professor Chander is an expert on the global regulation of new technologies. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, he clerked for Chief Judge Jon O. Newman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge William A. Norris of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He practiced law in New York and Hong Kong with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. He has been a visiting law professor at Yale, the University of Chicago, Stanford, Cornell, and Tsinghua. He previously served as the Director of the California International Law Center and Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law at UC Davis. A member of the American Law Institute, he has also served on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, where he co-founded the International Law and Technology Interest Group. The author of The Electronic Silk Road (Yale University Press), he serves as a judge of the Stanford Junior International Faculty Forum. A recipient of Google Research Awards and an Andrew Mellon grant on the topic of surveillance, he has served on ICTSD/World Economic Forum expert groups on the digital economy. He serves as an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Policy, a faculty advisor to Georgetown’s Institute for Technology Law and Policy, and as a faculty affiliate of Yale’s Information Society Project.
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Caleb G. Conrad is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arkansas where his work centers on 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights litigation. Prior to his joining the Attorney General’s office, Conrad served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the 11th West Judicial District of Arkansas, encompassing Jefferson and Lincoln counties. Conrad has written several articles on topics like the relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the criminal justice system, progressive prosecution reform efforts, and racial and social justice, publishing in the Washburn Law Journal, St. Thomas Law Review, University of Cincinnati Law Review, and the Case Western Reserve Law Review. In September 2021, Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. appointed Conrad to a three-year term to serve on the city’s Commission on Children, Youth, and Families, where he works to provide policy leadership and advocacy that improves the health, safety, education, and quality of life of children and their families in Arkansas’s capital city. Outside of his legal work, Conrad is involved in the community in personal ways. He is serving his first term as the First Vice Chair of the state’s largest Democratic Party county committee, and has been the Director of Praise and Worship at his church, Asbury United Methodist, since 2018. Conrad currently lives in Little Rock with his wife, Ashley, and their wonderful pup, Tinley.

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SUSAN HANLEY DUNCAN
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She has written numerous articles on Communications Law, Antitrust Law, Energy Law, and Contracts issues. In 2010 she won the SCU Public Interest and Social Justice Achievement Award in recognition of her legal scholarship.

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