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Georgia State law hosts Health Law Professors Conference

More than 230 health law professors, government and private sector attorneys, researchers and other professionals from over 30 states and five countries attended the 40th Annual American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference hosted by the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State University College of Law. Health equity was a recurring theme throughout the conference, including Camara Jones’s keynote address, plenary sessions on the future of Medicaid and health reform, a preview of the “Health is a Human Right Race and Place in America” exhibit and a reception at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

With more than 30 concurrent sessions, the conference afforded an opportunity to engage on critical issues, including health care reform, the opioid epidemic, vaccines, new human subjects regulations and teaching.

“The Health Law Professors Conference has exceptional substance and collegiality,” said Leslie Wolf, professor of law and center director. “It was a privilege to host it and to welcome our colleagues to Atlanta and our new building.”
Read more about the conference in our special section at pages 10-15.
The health law program at Georgia State Law is ranked in the top 10 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for the 11th consecutive year.
Wolf Lectures on HIV Exposure Statutes at Johns Hopkins University

Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society and professor of law presented, “Reconciling Criminal HIV Exposure Statutes and Public Health,” as part of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics Seminar Series. The presentation was based on Wolf’s research and teaching on this topic, including her chapter in the book, Criminalizing Contagion: Legal and Ethical Challenges of Disease Transmission and Criminal Law, published by Cambridge University Press in 2016.

States began adopting laws that criminalized exposure to HIV in 1986, after the HIV test became available, Wolf said. The laws typically require only that a person intend to engage in the activity that risks transmission of HIV, rather than an intention to harm or actual transmission. “They also typically do not account for measures that reduce transmission risk,” Wolf said. “Accordingly, they often criminalize no or low risk behavior. This can reinforce misunderstandings and fears about HIV when prosecutions are reported in the media.”

Although HIV exposure statutes have been criticized, politicians and the public continue to support them. Wolf suggested that a 2014 Iowa case and the revised statute Iowa adopted in its wake demonstrates a way forward. “While it falls short of what HIV and public health advocates wanted, the Iowa statute takes into account current prevention science, which is a significant improvement.”

Wolf was a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy at Hopkins from 1996-1998 and earned her master’s in public health in 1997.

Professor Appointed to the National Academies’ Board on Children, Youth, and Families

Jonathan Todres, professor of law, has been appointed to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Board on Children, Youth, and Families of the National Academies. The board convenes leading experts across disciplines to analyze the best available evidence on critical issues facing children, youth, and families. “It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the board and to contribute to its mission,” Todres said.

The board’s work addresses a range of issues, including reducing child poverty; promoting mental, emotional and behavioral health; and financing early care and education with a highly qualified workforce. Board members serve for three years and provide strategic leadership, assist with the identification and development of program priorities, and support the board’s various programs and projects.

“In an era of limited resources, it is essential to have access to evidence-based research from which we can develop innovative solutions to the challenges that children and families face,” Todres said. “The board plays a critical role in pulling together the evidence for policy makers and other professionals who seek to advance family and child well-being.”

Todres has served previously on three committees of the National Academies, including: the Committee on the Biological and Psychosocial Effects of Peer Victimization: Lessons for Bullying Prevention (2014-2015); the Planning Committee on Increasing Capacity for Reducing Bullying and Its Impact on the Lifecourse of Youth Involved (2014); and the Committee on Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States (2012-2013).

Center Director Appointed to Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

Professor Leslie Wolf was appointed to the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP) in December.

The committee provides expert advice and recommendations to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on issues pertaining to the protection of human subjects in research. Wolf will be one of 11 voting public members. SACHRP members are appointed to four-year terms.

“Having spent almost two decades working to protect human subjects while conducting vital research, I am honored to serve as a SACHRP member and have the opportunity to inform federal policy on human subjects protections,” Wolf said.

Wolf has focused on ethical issues in her research. Before joining the Georgia State Law faculty in 2007, she was on faculty at the University of California San Francisco. As a member of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies Policy and Ethics Core, she provided advice to prevention scientists on how to protect human subjects while conducting cutting-edge HIV/AIDS research, often among vulnerable populations.

“Ethical treatment of participants is essential to maintaining trust in research.”

— Leslie Wolf, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Law, Health & Society

Wolf served on the UCSF institutional review board, which reviews research involving human subjects before it begins to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects. She also served on the UCSF embryonic stem cell review committee.

Wolf’s research has tackled a number of human research issues. Her research on Certificates of Confidentiality, a legal tool that facilitates the conduct of important, but sensitive research, has established her as the leading expert on them. She presented her research team’s findings on certificates to SACHRP which later released recommendations on improving confidentiality protections.

Wolf also presented her research findings on IRB conflicts of interest to SACHRP. She is widely known for her work on research involving stored biological specimens. Since coming to Georgia State, Wolf has regularly taught a course on human subjects research. She also serves as an education liaison for the Georgia State Human Research Protections Program.
Erin Fuse Brown was awarded tenure, promoted

Erin Fuse Brown received the 2017 Patricia T. Morgan Award for Outstanding Scholarship, which recognizes faculty members who have compiled a substantial and continuing record of outstanding research and scholarly activity within the previous two calendar years.

“Erin has become one of the leading voices on numerous health care issues that are critical to health policy and people’s lives. She is a truly worthy recipient of the Morgan award,” said Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health and Society and professor of law. “Her ability to convey complex legal and policy issues to legal and non-legal audiences is simply extraordinary.”

“My scholarly efforts have been dedicated to shoring up the Foundation’s core missions confronting rising health care costs that have massive implications for the national economy and personal financial well-being,” Fuse Brown said. “In doing, I hope to not only engage the legal academic community but also move the policy needle to implement better legal protections for health care consumers.”

Since 2015, Fuse Brown has published three law review articles and three peer-reviewed articles, including “Resurrecting Health Care Rate Regulation” in the Hastings Law Journal, “The Double-Edged Sword of Health Integration” in the Indiana Law Journal with co-author Jamie S. King, and “The Blind Spot in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s Cost-Control Policies” in the Annals of Internal Medicine. She also has engaged with the public in numerous shorter pieces in national and international blogs, op-eds, and online publications.

In addition to this work, Fuse Brown is also a co-investigator on a National Human Genome Research Institute grant to study legal protections for participants in genomics research.

Fuse Brown will continue research on the consumer impacts of medical bills, countering anticompetitive health care consolidation, and reducing legal barriers to state health reform efforts.

“I will also be watching what Congress does to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in the coming months and evaluating how it affects ordinary individuals and the health care industry,” Fuse Brown said. “There is no shortage of work to be done in health law and policy research.”

Lombardo Serves on Prenatal Genetic Testing Workgroup

With easier access to and declining costs of next-generation prenatal genetic testing, more expectant parents are able to learn about potential medical conditions and characteristics about their fetuses, raising ethical questions.

In February, the Hastings Center convened an international, interdisciplinary workgroup “Goals and Practices for Next-Generation Prenatal Testing” at the Open Society Foundation in New York. Paul Lombardo, Georgia State Law Regents Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, attended, along with other clinical researchers, philosophers, social scientists and patient representatives.

Lombardo was a member of a grant from the National Institutes of Health, the workgroup discussed what the ethical use of the prenatal tests might be, what research is still needed, and what policies the workgroup might recommend be adopted or altered to support ethical use of these tests.

Within the next year, the work group is expected to issue a report that provides a normative analysis of next generation prenatal tests and makes recommendations about test use.

“As with all technological advances, our hope for medical progress to improve the human condition must be tempered by our memories of past abuses clothed in the language of science,” said Lombardo, an expert on the history of genetics and eugenics.

Hughes Recognized for Volunteering

The Legal Services Corp. recognized former Center for Law, Health & Society faculty fellow Randy Hughes for his many years of volunteer efforts with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Hughes started volunteering with Atlanta Legal Aid’s Saturday Attorney program in 1968 and never stopped despite fifty years of active private practice in firms that later became Bryan Cave LLP before retiring in 2008.

Hughes’s connection with Georgia State Law and the center began in 1999 and included teaching and student mentorship until his retirement in 2016. Despite retiring, Hughes continues to volunteer three days a week with Atlanta Legal Aid, including with the Health Law Partnership (HELP), Georgia Senior Legal Hotline and Health Law Unit.

Kershner Appointed to Faculty

Stacie Kershner (J.D. ’08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society since 2012, recently became a faculty member at the College of Law. This change came as part of larger reclassification of associate and assistant directors of Georgia State Law centers from staff positions to non-tenure-track faculty positions.

This change reflects their professional credentials and the academic nature of their responsibilities.

“Our associate and assistant directors have substantial responsibilities within their centers that draw on their professional training and background,” said Steven J. Kaminshine, who recently stepped down as dean. “I am glad we were able to make a change that is professional training and background,” said Steven J. Kaminshine, who recently stepped down as dean. "I am glad we were able to make a change that is am glad we were able to make a change that is...
HeLP Clinic Student Successes

This spring, two pairs of law students in the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic successfully secured Social Security disability benefits on behalf of their clients after hearings before an administrative law judge. Although the cases differ factually, they provided the students some common lessons.

Paul Blackstock (J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. ’18) and Blake Kilday (J.D. ’17) represented an older child with cognitive and intellectual disabilities whose disability benefits had been terminated. They argued for reinstatement of the child’s benefits.

Shelby McKenzie (J.D. ’18) and Terretta Jones (J.D. ’17) represented a toddler with lifelong neurological issues, arguing to overturn an initial denial of benefits.

The students’ reflections on the experience of stepping into the attorney role and representing their clients’ interests for the first time were consistent, describing it as “major,” “incredibly enlightening,” “most fulfilling,” and “most gratifying.” Through this experience, the students came to appreciate the value of the attorney-client relationship.

“Getting to know my clients on a personal level and understanding more about their lives helped me become a better advocate on their behalf,” Blackstock said.

“The hearing brought home that, it is the client’s day in court,” Kilday said.

Representing their clients in the hearings reinforced the value of the interprofessional partnerships that are built into HeLP. To obtain Social Security disability benefits, the students need to demonstrate that their clients fit within listed criteria.

One pair of students worked with medical students to translate the information in the medical record into the legal categories. The other had a physician working in the clinic attend the hearing with them. HeLP’s interprofessional relationships helped provide the expert support needed to document their clients’ disability.

Finally, the students learned the importance of preparation. In one hearing, the administrative law judge’s questioning was confusing, but the students felt well prepared to respond with the crucial facts. In the other hearing, the students found that neither the medical expert nor the judge had read the nearly three years of new medical records they had submitted.

“I knew that we had to show that medical expert’s opinion that our client was not disabled was based on incomplete information,” said McKenzie. “Knowing the contents of the record helped us do that.”

“The students worked extremely hard in preparing for these hearings,” said James Mitchell, HeLP Legal Services Clinic supervising attorney. “I am proud of their representation of their clients and of their growth as professionals.”

HeLP Honors Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta’s Chief Medical Officer

On April 20, as part of its annual fundraising event, Shake It Up for HeLP, the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) honored Dr. Dan Salinas, chief medical officer with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, one of the three HeLP partners along with Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Georgia State Law.

According to HeLP director Sylvia Caley, the partnership “wouldn’t be here, but for Salinas.” Shortly after Salinas joined Children’s, Dale Hetzer, an attorney and the original HeLP collaborator at Children’s, left for another health system in Tennessee. This change could have threatened the partnership, but Salinas understood the benefit to Children’s patients and their families of adding lawyers to the healthcare team.

Caley credits Salinas’s support with improving the lives of low-income children and their families, lowering stress among members of the healthcare team, creating cost avoidance for Children’s, and creating constructive public policy change in Georgia. It also helped develop cement HeLP’s international reputation and earn academic promotions for three.

Playing off the famous Star Trek line, Dr. Robert Pettignano, HeLP’s medical champion since 2008, highlighted Salinas’s willingness to boldly go where other organizations are reluctant to go.” According to Pettignano, Salinas is an “unflinching advocate” for HeLP with his “special insight” as to the beneficial impact that the collaboration would have on the care of the children at Children’s.

In his remarks, Salinas recognized Children’s and HeLP’s shared commitment to improving the lives of children. He also reflected on HeLP’s achievements during the last 13 years, from the direct legal services provided to children and their families, to the positive financial impact on Children’s through its investment in HeLP, to the educational experiences of diverse professional students, and to the clinical and legal research HeLP has conducted. He also noted that HeLP’s success has changed how people perceive the idea of lawyers and doctors working together to improve the health of children.

“I will forever be proud of my association with the Health Law Partnership and thank you again for recognizing me for the small part that I have had the honor of playing in your evolution,” said Salinas.
Keynote Examines Impact of Racism on Health

Health disparities in the United States exist because of a history of systemic racism that is perpetuated by present-day structures, said Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., keynote speaker for the Health Law Professors Conference at Georgia State Law. With a focus on health equity, the Center for Law, Health & Society hosted the conference, which is the premier meeting for academics in health law or bioethics in schools of law, medicine, public health or business.

To develop effective policies to achieve health equity, she said, we need to ask “how is racism operating here?” A senior fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Cardiovascular Research Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, Jones is the immediate past president of the American Public Health Association.

Reflecting the well-documented disparities in access to health care and quality of care experienced by racial and ethnic minorities, Jones noted, “It doesn’t just so happen that people of color in this country are over-represented in poverty while white people are over-represented in wealth.” Rather, she explained, racism that is foundational in our nation’s history continues to have profound impacts on the health and well-being of its people.

Health disparities are not simply a function of poverty, Jones said. “Even if I eliminated income inequality today, if I did not address institutionalized racism, in 20 years we would start to see a stratification by race again in terms of income.”

Institutional racism is a system of identifiable mechanisms and structures, policies, practices or values which are different elements of decision making, Jones said. The system determines “who’s at the table and who’s not, what’s on the agenda and what’s not.”

It takes the form of disparities in housing, employment, income, and access to medical facilities, Jones said. It’s not just things that are being done to people of color, but also things that are not being done.

“Achieving health equity requires valuing all of the individuals in a population equally, recognizing and rectifying historical injustices and providing resources not equally but according to need,” Jones said. “Health disparities will be eliminated if health equity is achieved.”

“Dr. Jones is a leading voice on health equity. She challenges each of us to think critically about laws, policies and practices that keep some in our society from reaching their full potential and how we might become agents of change,” said Center for Law, Health & Society director and professor Leslie Wolf.
Welcome Reception
Henson Atrium at Georgia State Law.

Attendees connect at the welcome to Georgia State Law’s “safety-net” hospitals in the United States.

Pre-Conference Tours
The Health Law Professors Conference began with the annual Jay Healey Teaching Workshop, where participants engaged in facilitated discussions on the intersection of teaching and learning in health law. The event provided a platform for educators to share best practices and strategies for enhancing students’ engagement in the classroom.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Cuit Health System offered an exclusive tour of the national public health agency and one of the largest health law teaching programs in the United States.

Attendees got a sneak peek of the Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America exhibit, which explored the legacy of slavery and its influence on contemporary health disparities.

The theme of wellness was woven through the conference. Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law, organized a series of wellness activities, including a mid-afternoon stretch session on mindfulness for reducing stress and anxiety, led by a certified yoga instructor. Charity Scott, professor of law, led the annual Saturday morning fun run around Centennial Park.

Struggle for the Soul of Medicaid
The opening plenary on June 9 focused on the State of Medicaid. A panel of experts discussed the policy implications of Medicaid reform and the role of health law in shaping future reforms. The panelists highlighted the critical role of Medicaid in providing healthcare to vulnerable populations and the potential impact of proposed changes on the healthcare system.

ACA Repeat & Replace: Implications and Issues to Watch
South on Saturday featured a panel discussion on the movement to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The panelists explored the politics and policy implications of ACA repeal and replacement, as well as the potential impacts on healthcare access and affordability for millions of Americans.

ACA Core Session: The Medicaid Implications
The annual Jay Healey Teaching Workshop on ACA Core Session: The Medicaid Implications focused on the future of Medicaid and its role in the healthcare system. The panelists discussed the potential impacts of Medicaid reform on access to care, affordability, and the overall health of vulnerable populations.

The Health Law Professors Conference, held in Atlanta, Georgia, is a premier gathering for law professors and health law scholars. The conference is known for its interdisciplinary approach, bringing together legal scholars, health policymakers, and practitioners from around the world. It offers a unique platform for discussions on the latest developments in health law, public health policy, and health disparities.

Passing of the Torch for 2018
As tradition, an undergraduate student of the Health Law Professors Conference was selected to pass the torch to a professor at the 2018 conference. This year, the torch was passed by Law Student Nick Carse (J.D. ’08) of the University of California, Berkeley, who provided a sweet treat to the conference attendees.

The Health Law Professors Conference is a testament to the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing the complex issues facing the healthcare sector. It provides a unique opportunity for professionals to engage in meaningful discussions and share insights on the latest developments in health law and public health policy.
Spending part of spring break learning about the lives, challenges and hopes of people in immigrant squatter communities in San Jose, Costa Rica, prompted Jobena Hill (J.D./M.B.A. ’19) to reflect on what true success means. “As law students, we are conditioned to focus on our grades, awards, rankings and titles,” she said. “This experience puts the pressures of law school and life in perspective and reminds me to measure my success not by my accomplishments but in the lives I can touch.”

Hill and eight other Georgia State Law students—Karina Deochand (J.D. ’18), Jarvarus Gresham (J.D. ’18), Chae Mims (J.D. ’17), Paul Panusky (J.D. ’19), Christina Scott (J.D. ’18), Daniela Villamizar (J.D., ’17), Kristen Wilson (J.D. ’17), Diego Zorrilla (J.D. ’19)—spent nine days in the Central American country exploring children’s rights issues, including child migration, education and how children’s rights law is implemented in practice.

Jonathan Todres, professor of law, led the study abroad program, sponsored by the Center for Law, Health & Society, in partnership with the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) and its Centre for Executive Education. The program included a mixture of classroom time and site visits.

“The agenda fully encompassed the entire children’s rights framework, from children in their home and school environments, to the largest NGOs working in the region and around the world, to the Costa Rican government,” Diego Zorrilla (J.D. ’19) said. “We were able to interact with the issues, learn about the practices and programs in place, and innovate new methods to improve and expand child services.”

Lecturers in the classroom included UPEACE faculty members Olivia Sylvester, whose work focuses on cultural rights that arise in the context of food and food procurement among indigenous populations, and Miriam Estrada-Castillo, who spoke about human rights law and the Costa Rican experience, as well as Lindsay Ferret, a journalist who has covered migration issues in Costa Rica and the region. Students were introduced to how social innovation can be applied to humanitarian challenges that are the focus of human rights law, Todres said. “This course introduced perspectives that will not only help us approach legal issues differently but will assist in the development of solutions with an eye for innovation and efficiency in systems in which we aspire to work,” said Jarvarus Gresham (J.D.’18). “I never considered before how the conventional environmental conservation worldview could have negative human rights implications on a population,” said Chae Mims (J.D. ’17). “The lectures demonstrated to me the power of understanding another’s perspective, and reminded me of what UPEACE taught us — social innovation is creative. Creativity requires the humility to consider another perspective or even to change our own.”

Through the site visits, students met with representatives from government agencies, international organizations—including UNICEF and the International Organization for Migration—and local nongovernmental organizations working to advance children’s rights and well-being. They also visited the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Tecnológico de Costa Rica, a major university which has a program aimed at increasing access to higher education for indigenous students in Costa Rica.

“The site visits gave us opportunities to think about how the law and lawyers might be able to support marginalized communities and help foster positive outcomes for children and their families,” Todres said. Todres said it was gratifying to see how the students challenged and supported each other on the trip. “Their commitment to the program and long-term to using their legal training to make the world a better place inspires me both in my teaching and in my own work.”

“Viewing the experience of children through a children’s rights lens as one walks through a community or sits next to children who are affected by the law we study is a powerful experience which can shape how we approach the practice of law.”

— Jonathan Todres, Professor of Law
Charles Leads National Mindfulness Society’s Student Division

Austin Charles (J.D. ’18), chair of the Mindfulness Society, said the organization’s mission is to provide students an opportunity for more stress reduction. “I would say the key to all our success is that the idea to find out what other schools were doing and learn from their programs,” said Charles, who also leads a weekly yoga class for students, faculty and staff. “As it turned out, we discovered that our program was one of the more active ones, so we decided to start connecting and networking these student groups so that we could help support one another and exchange ideas.”

“When Charles is not consulting with other law students about their interest levels and assessing their needs to build or build upon a program, he’s traveling to other schools or presenting at national conferences,” said Lynnette Rhodes, associate chief of the Fraud and Abuse Control and Prevention Program of the American Public Health Law Program.

The national Mindfulness in Law Society (MILS), the brainchild of Missouri Law Professor Richard Reuben (J.D. ’86), serves students, lawyers, law faculty members and judges. It aims to improve the mental well-being of legal professionals across the nation through mindfulness practices.

“As I went up to Columbia Law this fall and taught a mindfulness workshop for their students and, in turn, we’re having the student director of its program come visit at one of our retreats,” said Charles.

The network of law schools we are creating is a tremendous resource for law students who are interested in creating mindfulness programs,” Charles said. “We all benefit from the experiences of each other.”

Assar Named Best Overall Oralist at National Health Law Moot Court Competition

Three Georgia State Law students, Yasmin Assar (J.D. ’18), Nathan Chong (J.D./M.S.H.A. ’18) and Matt Sessions (J.D./’17) advanced to the octo-final round in the National Health Law Moot Court Competition Nov. 4-5 in Carbondale, Illinois. Assar beat out members of 29 other teams to win awards for Best Preliminary Oralist and Best Overall Oralist.

“I was completely shocked when my name was called as winning best oralist,” Assar said. “When I heard my name I think my jaw literally dropped to the floor.”

The competition problem dealt with a constitutional rights violation in the criminal context. Assar said the team submitted a brief at the end of September and then attended the competition for oral arguments. Teams had to argue for both the petitioner and respondent during the preliminary round.

To prepare for the competition, members of the team co-wrote the brief and spent around a month preparing for the oral argument portion.

After advancing to the octo-final round, the team was knocked out by the number one seeded team at the competition. The Barkdalse Warriors.

A Day in the Life of a Health Law Professor

To provide students a glimpse into “A Day in the Life of a Health Law Attorney,” the State Bar of Georgia’s Health Law Section hosted a panel discussion for Georgia State Law students in March. Panelists included Keith Mauriello, assistant general counsel with WellStar Health System, Brian McGrey (J.D. ’17), a shareholder with Polsinelli LLP, Lynnette Rhodes, associate chief of Medicaid operations at the Georgia Department of Community Health, and Jennifer Whittington (J.D. ’12), a health care associate with Baker Hostetler LLP.

The panelists gave insights into how the typical work day in a private firm, as in-house counsel, or in a government agency are similar and how they differ. They discussed their career trajectories, from their first jobs after law school to their current positions. They also talked about the dynamic nature of health law which both presents opportunities and challenges.

“The panel gave us all a good look into what’s it like to be a health care attorney in different settings,” said Kirstin Rodrigues (J.D. ’17). “We appreciated learning about current issues in health law and hearing about health law from practicing professionals.”

The Student Health Law Association is an organization for law students interested in health-related legal disciplines. The following students were elected 2017-18 officers of SHLA:

3L President - Caitlin Fox (J.D. ’18)
2L President - Patricia Broylo (J.D. ’19)
Vice President of Community Outreach - Andrew Brown (J.D. ’19)
Vice President of Programming - Adam Harper (J.D. ’19)
Vice President of Student Outreach - Sophia Horn (J.D. ’18)
Vice President of Membership - Brandon Reed (J.D. ’18)

First-year students may apply for the positions of treasurer or secretary at the beginning of the academic year.
BIOETHICS at the Movies

The Student Health Law Association and the Center for Law, Health & Society sponsored the 11th Annual Bioethics at the Movies this spring. This popular series explores health-related themes in film and television through lively discussion among faculty and students.

Wildly Human: Politics, Stereotypes and Bioethics in Zootopia
Moderator: Leslie Wolf, professor of law and director of the Center for Law, Health & Society

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From the Tower to the Trenches

The Future of the Affordable Care Act

The Center for Law, Health & Society co-sponsored two of the spring sessions in Georgia State Law’s From the Tower to the Trenches continuing legal education series. The series brings together faculty members and graduates or other legal experts to discuss current legal topics.

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Anderson has been invited to present at The Ohio State Law Journal Symposium on Re-Thinking State Relevance in October 2017. She recently gave presentations to federal public defenders and John Lewis Fellows on housing and gentrification, and worked with the Atlanta Betteine on tax exemption solutions to create and maintain affordable housing inventory in Atlanta.

Lisa R. Bliss
Bliss was elected 2017 Chair of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education. She also co-wrote “Measuring the Impact of Social Justice Teaching Research Design and Oversight,” published in the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education with professors Sylvia Caley and Leslie Wolf. In July, Bliss was the keynote speaker at the Conference of the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education at Northumbria University in the United Kingdom.

Jessica Gabel Cino
Cino continued her work on the improvement of forensic science. She is working with the Department of Defense Forensic Science Center on various research initiatives and the legal implications of them. Her most recent article, “Lay Understanding of Identification: How Jurors Interpret Forensic Identification Testimony,” of which she is a co-author, is being published by the Journal of Forensic Identification.

Yaniv Heled
Heled presented his work at Bio Lawlapalooza at Stanford University, the Governance of Emerging Technologies Conference, and the Health Law Professors Conference. He also participated in the 2nd biop Faculty Workshop at Loyola University Chicago. He is working on two projects: one exploring requiring health-care corporations to incorporate as public benefit corporations and another proposing a new statute to address the nonconsensual acquisition and analysis of genetic material and information from public figures.

Stacie P. Kershner (J.D. ’08)
Kershner was appointed to the faculty as an academic professional. She coordinated the onsite logistics for the Health Law Professors Conference with colleagues from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, including communications, scheduling tours and catering. She collaborated with the School of Public Health and University Library to bring the “Health is a Human Right” exhibit to the College of Law and worked closely with the curator on installation of the exhibit in the center space.

Timothy D. Lytton

Charity Scott
Scott published articles on patient-physician collaboration in the American Journal of Bioethics and on promoting health equity in the Indiana Health Law Journal. She gave trainings on conflict resolution in health care at Grady Hospital in Atlanta and for the Center for Conflict Resolution in Health Care in Memphis. She continued as co-coordinator of the Jay Healey Teaching Plenary at the Health Law Professors Conference.

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Center Highlights

Courtney L. Anderson
Anderson has been invited to present at The Ohio State Law Journal Symposium on Re-Thinking State Relevance in October 2017. She recently gave presentations to federal public defenders and John Lewis Fellows on housing and gentrification, and worked with the Atlanta Betteine on tax exemption solutions to create and maintain affordable housing inventory in Atlanta.

Lisa R. Bliss
Bliss was elected 2017 Chair of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education. She also co-wrote “Measuring the Impact of Social Justice Teaching Research Design and Oversight,” published in the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education with professors Sylvia Caley and Leslie Wolf. In July, Bliss was the keynote speaker at the Conference of the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education at Northumbria University in the United Kingdom.

Jessica Gabel Cino
Cino continued her work on the improvement of forensic science. She is working with the Department of Defense Forensic Science Center on various research initiatives and the legal implications of them. Her most recent article, “Lay Understanding of Identification: How Jurors Interpret Forensic Identification Testimony,” of which she is a co-author, is being published by the Journal of Forensic Identification.

Yaniv Heled
Heled presented his work at Bio Lawlapalooza at Stanford University, the Governance of Emerging Technologies Conference, and the Health Law Professors Conference. He also participated in the 2nd biop Faculty Workshop at Loyola University Chicago. He is working on two projects: one exploring requiring health-care corporations to incorporate as public benefit corporations and another proposing a new statute to address the nonconsensual acquisition and analysis of genetic material and information from public figures.

Stacie P. Kershner (J.D. ’08)
Kershner was appointed to the faculty as an academic professional. She coordinated the onsite logistics for the Health Law Professors Conference with colleagues from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, including communications, scheduling tours and catering. She collaborated with the School of Public Health and University Library to bring the “Health is a Human Right” exhibit to the College of Law and worked closely with the curator on installation of the exhibit in the center space.

Timothy D. Lytton

Charity Scott
Scott published articles on patient-physician collaboration in the American Journal of Bioethics and on promoting health equity in the Indiana Health Law Journal. She gave trainings on conflict resolution in health care at Grady Hospital in Atlanta and for the Center for Conflict Resolution in Health Care in Memphis. She continued as co-coordinator of the Jay Healey Teaching Plenary at the Health Law Professors Conference.

Leslie E. Wolf
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Robert M. Berry
Berry continues to serve as director of the Georgia Institute of Technology’s Honors Program while an Honors Program Living Learning Community: Why and How” at the Honors Education in Research Universities conference. Berry also completed training in the first cohort of the Georgia Tech Provost’s Emerging Leaders Program.

Sylvia B. Caley (M.B.A ‘86; J.D. ’89)
Caley consulted with programs working to establish medical-legal partnerships in their communities, including representatives from medical schools, health systems, private physician practices, law schools, civil legal services providers, and national law firms in Ohio, South Carolina and Texas. She presented at the Annual MLP Summit about the utility of developing interprofessional care teams to address the social determinants of health and at the Health Law Professors Conference on end-of-life challenges.

Erin C. Fuse Brown
Fuse Brown received the Patricia T. Morgan Award for faculty scholarship and published “The Double-Edged Sword of Healthcare Integration” in Indiana Law Journal with James S. King and “The Challenge of Paying for Cost-Effective Cures” in American Journal of Managed Care with professor Patti Zettler. Fuse Brown presented her work at Harvard Law School, NYU Wagner School of Public Service, the ELSI Congress, Health Law Professors Conference, and was a guest on The Week in Health Law podcast.

Wendy F. Hensel

Paul A. Lombardo
Lombardo presented the Joan Echtenkamp Klein Memorial Lecture in the History of the Health Sciences at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, gave the Bill and Sue Gross Stem Cell Research Center Spring Seminar at the University of California, Irvine, and spoke on “Advertising Eugenics Selling America on Health, Heredity and Happy Babies” at the American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

James E. Mitchell
As clinical supervising attorney in the HeLP Clinic, Mitchell collaborated with clinic students on two hearings before federal administrative law judges in the spring semester. In the lead-up to the hearings, he closely supervised the students as they interviewed clients and medical providers, participated in mock hearings, and prepared opening statements and questions for direct- and cross-examinations.

Jonathan Todres

Patricia J. Zettler
Zettler published in the American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience and co-wrote an article on drug pricing, with professor Erin Fuse Brown, in the American Journal of Managed Care. She presented at the Drug Information Association Medical Affairs and Scientific Communication Annual Forum, Stanford, Michigan and Tennessee’s law schools, and the Health Law Professors Conference. She continues to serve as a consultant to a National Academies of Sciences committee on regulatory strategies to address opioid abuse.