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August 30, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

It is a tradition for me to welcome you all to the new academic year, but this year is markedly different given our long separation and the fact that we're still navigating the difficulties of the pandemic as we return to Sullivan Hall. It's been wonderful to see so many students and colleagues back in the building, and the enthusiasm (and anxiety!) is palpable. I expect it's going to be a bit of a wild ride for the next few months, so thank you in advance for your flexibility and adaptability as we respond to the rapidly evolving situation.

I want to recognize Kristin DiBiase and Tony Vo for their outstanding work in designing and pulling off the 1L Orientation, 2L Re-Orientation, and Welcome Back Barbecue, among other events, and Colin Watrin for the successful launch of the Flex JD program. Thanks also to those who helped out in the background (Rick Bird, Leann Wagele, Arliss Doss, Loren Wells, Bao Campbell, Kyle Mullins, and others) and the many individuals (faculty, staff, students, alumni) who presented, led, and taught various parts of the programs. Kudos, also, to Paul Holland and the Curriculum & Pedagogy Committee for leading a very productive faculty workshop on our new antiracism learning outcome and to Kristin DiBiase and Jay Conrad for the in-service on Disability/Nonbinary and Gender Non-Conforming Students. Whew, it's still August and we've already accomplished a lot!

Best regards,

Annette

Publications

Liz Ford's article, "Wage Recovery Funds," has been accepted for publication by the California Law Review in their Fall 2022 edition.

Presentations

Bob Chang has been Invited to deliver the 26th Annual Derrick Bell

Upcoming Events

[Student Services Open House](#)

September 1st
12p – 1p & 5p – 6p
First Floor

[Labor Day](#)

September 6th
All Day
Offices Closed, No Classes

[Constitution Day Presentation](#)

September 17th
12p – 1:30p PDT
Zoom

Visit the School of Law website for more [upcoming events](#).

Lecture on Race in American Society at NYU Law School in November 2021.

Maggie Chon will be speaking at the Law Librarian of Puget Sound Annual Conference in June 2022.

Sital Kalantry was the Keynote Speaker for an event organized by the Law School Admissions Council on India, and she delivered a talk to Miranda House, a prestigious women's college in the University of Delhi. Additionally, she participated in an exclusive seminar organized by the Harvard-Radcliffe Institute on the Future of Roe v. Wade, as well as another exclusive discussion regarding a decision on leading reproductive rights advocates around the globe, convened by a major donor. Lastly, she was invited to speak on a closing panel on the future of feminist legal theory in a conference organized by Pace Law School.

Other News

Elizabeth Ford was interviewed for [Law306](#), Three Takes on Paying By Piece Rate.

Sital Kalantry was quoted in [Time Magazine](#) in an article talking about surrogacy in India. Also, an [op-ed](#) she wrote was cited in testimony submitted to the Presidential Judicial Commission and received the South Asian Bar Association's Public Interest Award.

Madeline Kass was appointed to another term on the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, & Resources Council and designated a Co-Chair of the Section's new Law School Environmental Law Societies Network task force.

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