Comrades, accomplices, fam -

**How do we sustain ourselves when our communities face seemingly relentless oppression?** How do we fight against continuous systemic violence, without playing the same strategies on repeat or burning out? These questions have haunted the 2018 RebLaw Directors as we developed this conference.

**The past few years have been difficult.** The latest administration has unleashed an aggressive wave of prejudiced politics. Assaults on Black communities and other communities of color are rampant, in part due to the rise of overtly racist “Alt Right” movements. The state continues to attack Muslim and immigrant communities under the guise of security, while concerns regarding the security and safety of Indigenous communities remain an afterthought. These attacks are not new, but are the logical continuation of oppression that has spanned centuries. Bigotry did not begin with the current administration and it will not, unfortunately, end with it either.

So, **how do we continue fighting for our communities** – working class people, folks with disabilities, queer and trans folks? **And how do we heal when times get tough(er)?**

The answers to these questions require more than radical legal theory. To develop a movement that sustains itself **we must breathe life into the law.** We must integrate tools from other disciplines to build change that lasts, without losing ourselves. And this year, **RebLaw is committed to providing space to explore just that – law as praxis, as art, as organizing, as healing - to develop comprehensive strategies for long-term change.** We are excited to present workshops and panels that expand the law’s meaning, envisioning a world liberated within and beyond the black letter.

**It is essential to take risks,** now more than ever. And at the 2018 RebLaw Conference, we hope you find reviving, sustaining tools and connections along the way.

Thank you for joining us in our path toward collective liberation. Let us march on.

In solidarity,

**RebLaw 2018 Directors**

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Rebellious Lawyering Conference 2018

Registration, check-in and t-shirt sales will be on Fri 1:00 - 6:00 & Sat 9:00-2:00 in Room 122.

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5:30-6:30
Dining Hall - Non-alcoholic drinks and light appetizers will be served.

**Opening Keynote**
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**Identity Caucuses**
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5:30-6:30

Kimberlé Crenshaw
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**OPENING KEYNOTE: Friday, Feb. 16, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Auditorium**

**suja hana baliga**

suja hana baliga’s work is characterized by an equal dedication to victims and persons accused of crimes. She speaks publicly and inside prisons about her own experiences as a survivor of child sexual abuse and her path to forgiveness. A former victim advocate and public defender in New York and New Mexico, baliga was awarded a Soros Justice Fellowship in 2008 which she used to launch a pre-charge restorative juvenile diversion program in Alameda County. Through the Restorative Justice Project, suja hana helps communities implement restorative justice alternatives to juvenile detention and zero-tolerance school discipline policies. She is also dedicated to using this approach to end child sexual abuse and intimate partner violence. suja hana is a frequent guest lecturer at universities and conferences; she’s been a guest on NPR and the Today Show; and The New York Times Magazine and The Atlantic have profiled her work.

suja hana earned her A.B. from Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, has held federal district court clerkships with the Hon. William K. Sessions III and the Hon. Martha Vazquez. suja hana has taught a seminar on restorative justice at Berkeley Law School; her personal and research interests include the forgiveness of seemingly unforgivable acts, restorative justice’s potential impact on racial disparities in our justice system, and Buddhist notions of conflict transformation.

suja hana’s faith journey undergirds her justice work. A long-time Buddhist practitioner, she is a lay member of the Gyuto Foundation, a Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in Richmond, CA, where she teaches meditation on Monday nights. She makes her home in Berkeley, CA, with her partner of 20 years, Jason, and their 11-year-old son, Sathy.

**CLOSING KEYNOTE: Saturday, Feb. 17, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Auditorium**

**Kimberlé Crenshaw**

Kimberlé Crenshaw, Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School and Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics 2016-2018, is a leading authority in the area of Civil Rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. Her articles have appeared in the Harvard Law Review, National Black Law Journal, Stanford Law Review, and Southern California Law Review. She is the founding coordinator of the Critical Race Theory Workshop, and the co-editor of the volume, Critical Race Theory: Key Documents That Shaped the Movement. Crenshaw has lectured widely on race matters, addressing audiences across the country as well as in Europe, India, Africa and South America.

Crenshaw has worked extensively on a variety of issues pertaining to gender and race in the domestic arena including violence against women, structural racial inequality, and affirmative action. A specialist on race and gender equality, she has facilitated workshops for human rights activists in Brazil and in India, and for constitutional court judges in South Africa. Her groundbreaking work on “Intersectionality” has traveled globally and was influential in the drafting of the equality clause in the South African Constitution.

In 1996, Crenshaw co-founded the African American Policy Forum, a gender and racial justice legal think tank, which houses a variety of projects designed to deliver research-based strategies to better advance social inclusion. In 2011, Crenshaw founded the Center for Intersectionality & Social Policy Studies at Columbia Law School, which aims to foster critical examination of how social structures and related identity categories such as gender, race, and class interact on multiple levels, resulting in social inequality. She is a leading voice in calling for a gender-inclusive approach to racial justice interventions, having spearheaded the Why We Can’t Wait Campaign and co-authored Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpolicing and Underprotected, and Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women.
Chinyere Ezie

Chinyere Ezie (Cheen-Yer-Ray Ay-Zee-Ay) is a nationally recognized civil rights lawyer and social justice activist who specializes in constitutional litigation and anti-discrimination work. In 2016, Chinyere was named one of the country’s Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

As a Staff Attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center (“SPLC”) LGBT Rights Project, Chinyere served as lead counsel for Ashley Diamond, a transgender woman who sued Georgia for its refusal to provide transgender inmates medical care or protect them from sexual assault. As a result of Chinyere’s sustained advocacy, the U.S. Department of Justice affirmed that transgender prisoners have a constitutional right to gender dysphoria treatment and commenced an investigation into the treatment of LGBT prisoners across the state; Georgia revised its policies on transgender healthcare and safety and committed to retraining its staff; and Georgia released Ms. Diamond from custody eight years early and paid out a significant monetary settlement.

Chinyere has considerable expertise with respect to constitutional litigation and federal civil rights advocacy, including in the areas of education and employment. She has advocated against bills and ordinances that would subject LGBT persons to disparate treatment; served as counsel for LGBT persons discriminated against in the workplace; and assisted with same-sex marriage litigation.

Chinyere clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked as an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton LLP in New York City. Chinyere is a William J. Fulbright Scholar and a graduate of Yale University and Columbia Law School, where she served as President of Columbia Outlaws and Editor in Chief of the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law. In her free time, Chinyere enjoys photography, graphic design, and spending time with her wife and puppy.

in conversation with

Ashley Diamond

Ashley Diamond is a singer, song writer, and world-renowned civil rights activist.

In 2015, Ashley successfully brought suit against the Georgia Department of Corrections (“GDOC”) regarding its failure to provide transgender inmates constitutionally adequate medical care or protection from sexual assault. GDOC implemented significant policy changes and agreed to a historic settlement.

Ashley’s lawsuit also attracted the support of the U.S. Department of Justice, which issued a statement affirming the constitutional rights of transgender persons to access gender dysphoria treatment in prison and commenced an investigation into the treatment of LGBTQ inmates across the state of Georgia.

Ashley’s tireless advocacy for the transgender community has been covered by newspapers and media outlets from across the globe, including the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, MSNBC, and The Guardian.

Ashley remains committed to advancing the rights of LGBTQ persons in the United States and abroad.
Systemic Discrimination Against Indigenous Children: Reflections on Ongoing Issues Within Canada and the United States

The purpose of the session is to draw attention and awareness and failures of governments to treat Indigenous children with the equity they deserve. In both Canada and in the United States (“U.S.”), Indigenous children are disproportionately represented in social welfare systems. The session will demonstrate the multivalent forms of lawyering and advocacy that is required in promoting the respect for children’s rights both in the Canadian and U.S. context. With the knowledge from this session, law students, legal professionals, and community organizations can understand how to mobilize around issues affecting children, what approaches have been successful, and the importance of dealing with them in a timely manner.

Friday, February 16, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Auditorium
[Organized by Katarina Lagassé and Romita Sur]

Angel Smith

Angel Smith is a sixth generation registered tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation, with direct line to the historic removal of her family from Old Cherokee Nation to Delaware and Tahlequah Districts. As a child, Angel Smith spent approximately ten years in the center of two ICWA cases. Angel was the child at the heart of a five-year legal case regarding application of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Her case went on writ to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma (unpublished opinion). As a teenager, she was in a ICWA kinship foster care placement with her grandparents. She was previously an Assistant Attorney General at Cherokee Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and presently serves a Supreme Court Justice for Pawnee Nation. As an adult, she is best known for her dedicated and outspoken professional and personal work to advocate on behalf of Indian children. She is currently in private practice as an attorney focusing on ICWA, and works across the world advocating the rights of Indian and First Nation children. Angel is happily married with children of her own.

Cindy Blackstock

Cindy Blackstock is a member of the Gitksan First Nation with 25 years of social work experience in child protection and indigenous children’s rights. Dr. Blackstock’s research interests are indigenous theory and the identification & remediation of structural inequalities affecting First Nations children, youth & families. Dr. Blackstock has collaborated with other Indigenous leaders to assist the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in the development and adoption of a General Comment on the Rights of Indigenous children. Recently, she also worked with Indigenous young people, UNICEF & the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to produce a youth friendly version of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child. Her promotion of culturally based & evidence informed solutions has been recognized by the Nobel Women’s Initiative, the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, Frontline Defenders and many others.

Matthew L.M. Fletcher

Matthew L.M. Fletcher is Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center. He sits as the Chief Justice of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Supreme Court and also sits as an appellate judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band, located in Peshawbestown, Michigan. He has worked as a staff attorney for four Indian Tribes.
Beyond Impact Litigation: Queer & Trans Liberation Through Direct Service

Typically when discussing legal wins for queer & trans communities, legal professionals focus on big litigation cases. However, there's a lot of work to be done in direct legal services to help queer & trans folks get free. This panel will feature a discussion with attorneys working in direct service with queer & trans clients. Conversation will center the significance of direct service work on the journey to liberation, and how direct service interacts with impact litigation.

Friday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Room 127
[Organized by Molly (MK) Anderson]

Alejandra Caraballo

Alejandra (she/her) is a staff attorney in the LGBTQ Law Project at New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG). In her current role, she handles a variety of civil legal matters such as immigration, family law, name and gender marker changes, and anti-discrimination litigation. Alejandra's primary focus has been on helping the trans-latina community of New York City by regularly giving presentations on immigration and transgender rights in the community. Alejandra attended Brooklyn Law School where she concentrated on intellectual property law. In her spare time, Alejandra enjoys producing electronic music, playing guitar, homebrewing, and cooking.

Andy Izenzon

Andy Izenzon (they/them) is an attorney with Diana Adams Law & Mediation, PLLC, and is a collaborative practitioner, mediator, and passionate advocate, working to reframe conflict through a compassionate and transformative lens. As a member of the National LGBT Bar Association’s Family Law Institute and the National Lawyers Guild NYC Chapter Executive Committee, Andy is tirelessly committed to support for queer community and families as well as to a radical, anti-assimilationist politic. Andy’s day job is in direct legal services in nontraditional family law, prioritizing families who are underserved by or ineligible to the structures of family law. Andy is also an activist and educator on gender, positive consent practices, nontraditional family formation, and community accountability and transformative justice. Andy uses “they/them” pronouns and spends their off time in the streets, making sourdough, chanting, and post-apocalyptic music love poetry or at a showtunes singalong piano bar.

Mik Kinkead

Mik Kinkead is the Director of the Prisoner Justice Project and a staff attorney at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP). Mik provides direct service, policy, and litigation support to incarcerated transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex people in the NYC jails and the NYS prisons. He provides name changes, health care advocacy, safe housing advocacy, and more to clients. He is currently working on campaigns to end solitary confinement in NY (the HALT Solitary bill), increase healthcare access to people in the NYS prisons, and to hold NYS and NYC facilities accountable to PREA. Mik served as SRLP’s counsel on Cruz v. Zucker, a groundbreaking case overturning NYS Medicaid’s complete ban on transition related care.

Molly (M.K.) Anderson

Molly (MK) Anderson is a second-year student at Yale Law School. They are committed to delivering holistic direct legal services, especially centering Black queer and trans communities. MK is co-president of Yale Law’s LGBTQ student group OutLaws and is eager to return to their home, Atlanta, Georgia, after they graduate.
This event provides an opportunity for moderated group discussion on what an ambitious progressive agenda should look like. Since 2016 we’ve learned that even the unthinkable is achievable. While immediate resistance to protect democracy is vital, this event sets its sights on the horizon and challenges participants to visualize what we hope will lie ahead. This conversation will draw inspiration from platforms of past movements and activists, will validate differences in opinion as central to healthy debate, and will center the concerns of members of our broader domestic and international communities who do not have a seat at this table in recognition of our role as “advocates” in the true sense of the word.

**Friday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Main Hallway**  
(Organized by Paola Eisner)

**Saturday, February 17, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, Room 112**

Paola Eisner is a Texan, a 2L at Harvard Law School, and a lecturer at Boston College. Her work centers around domestic and international environmental advocacy. She graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. from Brown University. and holds a B.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design. She worked in international environmental development prior to attending HLS. She is also working on a book called Fierce Femmes (facebook.com/FierceFemmesBook).
[W] Trauma Stewardship for Rebellious Lawyering

Our work often brings us face to face with oppression, suffering, and violence. Join this experiential workshop to gain a broad introduction to trauma, how it can affect rebellious lawyers, and how we can take care of ourselves. We'll use a mix of lecture, conversation, and practical exercises to delve in, and build the beginnings of a trauma stewardship community for rebellious law students across the country.

Friday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Leanne Gale]

Saturday, February 17, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, Room 121

Hope Metcalf

Hope Metcalf is Executive Director of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights and co-teaches the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. As Executive Director of the Schell Center, she works with students and faculty to coordinate human rights events at the Law School, including the annual Bernstein Symposium, as well as the weekly Human Rights Workshop.

Leanne Gale

Leanne Gale is a first-year law student at Yale Law School, where she is an Articles Editor for the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, National Lawyers Guild Chapter Coordinator, and member of the Student-Faculty Working Group on Mental Health. Prior to attending law school, she worked to advance the rights of Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem at Ir Amim (“City of Nations”/“City of Peoples”) and coordinated a national reproductive justice initiative at the National Council of Jewish Women. She holds a B.A. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Pennsylvania.
Rebellious Immigration Lawyering

This panel features immigration advocates who use creative strategies to assist asylum-seekers and other immigrants in combating oppressive government actions. The Trump Administration has embraced a virulently anti-immigrant and racist rhetoric, and has amped up its deportation machinery by eliminating some forms of relief and increasing ICE raids, detention, and deportation of immigrants. Such tactics have heightened a sense of fear among immigrant communities, but they have also inspired a host of innovative approaches in lawyering and community organizing. The panelists will give a general overview of the challenges faced by immigrants, explain the strategies they have utilized inside and outside courtrooms, discuss immigrant community organizing, and provide information on how law students can get involved in rebellious immigration lawyering.

Friday, February 16, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Room 127
[Organized by Joanne Lee]

Michelle Mendez
Michelle N. Mendez has devoted her legal career to serving the immigrant population. She is a managing attorney for the Defending Vulnerable Populations Project at CLINIC. Prior to this role, she oversaw CLINIC’s role in the CARA Pro Bono Project, which offered legal assistance to detained mothers and children. Before CLINIC, Michelle served as a senior managing attorney in the Immigration Legal Services Program at Catholic Charities in DC. From 2013 to 2016, she served as an adjunct professor at Catholic U. Columbus School of Law where she co-taught the Immigration Litigation Clinic. She is currently a Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. She is from Medellín, Colombia.

Liz Willis
Liz Willis is one of the four co-founders of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) and is currently an Equal Justice Works fellow. ASAP’s mission is to prevent the wrongful deportation of refugee families who have come to the United States fleeing unspeakable violence. Liz has worked with asylum seekers in the United States and abroad, with a focus on working with Latin American and Latinx communities. During law school, Liz was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and a Legal Director of the International Refugee Assistance Project chapter at Yale.

Ana Maria Rivera-Forastieri
Ana Maria Rivera-Forastieri is the Co-Director of the Connecticut Bail Fund. She has over six years of experience in organizing, leading policy and legislative campaigns, and advocacy in the area of immigrant and workers rights. Her primary focus has been around detangling state and local enforcement from immigration enforcement, popular education, deportation defense, and most recently building stronger sanctuary cities in Connecticut. She is a Co-Founder and Coordinator with the Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (CIRA) and a board member of the Working Families Party and Planned Parenthood Votes! She holds a B.A. from the Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto de Río Piedras and a Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School.
Girls in the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Conversations about the school-to-prison pipeline tend to focus on the needs of boys. While certainly crucial, these interventions too often ignore the unique obstacles faced by girls. Black girls are more likely to be suspended from school multiple times than any other group of students, and girls currently make up the fast-growing population in the juvenile justice system. Practitioners, organizers, and advocates will discuss what the school-to-prison pipeline looks like for girls, its causes and impacts, and what we can do to keep girls in school.

Friday, February 16, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Dana Bolger]

Brittany Brathwaite
Brittany Brathwaite is a reproductive justice activist, youth worker, and community accountable scholar who has worked to create change in the lives of girls of color through sexual health education, advocacy, curriculum development, and participatory action research. She is the Organizing and Innovation Manager at Girls for Gender Equity, which is an intergenerational, advocacy organization committed to the physical, psychological, social, and economic development of girls and women of color.

Alexandra Brodsky
Alexandra Brodsky is a Skadden Fellow at the National Women’s Law Center, where she represents girls facing sex and race discrimination in schools. Alexandra is a 2016 graduate of Yale Law School and a co-founder of Know Your IX, a national youth-led organization empowering students to end gender violence in schools.

Cara McClellan
Cara McClellan is a Skadden Fellow at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. (LDF). Prior to joining LDF, she clerked for the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the Honorable Andre M. Davis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She is a co-founder of the educational advocacy organization My Sister’s Keeper Collective.

Jacquee Porter
Jacquee Porter began her career working in a variety of capacities at Central Connecticut ARC, Inc. Since then, she earned her licensed practical nursing degree and has made it her mission to validate the identity of other young women and break the cycle of social immobility. In 2013, she founded Save Girls on F.Y.E.R., where she has developed a variety of programs to support the physical, social, spiritual, emotional, and mental health needs of girls throughout the community. Jacquee currently holds the Youth Provider Seat on the Waterbury Bridge to Success Community Council.

Emily Bazelon (Moderator)
Emily Bazelon is a staff writer at the New York Times Magazine and the Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law at Yale Law School. She wrote the national bestseller Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy. Emily was a writer and editor for 9 years at Slate, where she co-founded the women’s section DoubleX. She continues to co-host the Slate Political Gabfest, a weekly podcast.
The Morality of Risk Assessment and Preventative Detention as Means of Bail Reform

When should we lock up a presumptively innocent person, and how should we decide? As money bail faces criticism, courts are turning to pretrial risk assessment tools and ordering the detention of those deemed dangerous. Our wealth-based pretrial system is in urgent need of reform, but these trends deserve scrutiny. How are these tools constructed, and what exactly do they measure? Are the machines racially biased? And do the judges and attorneys applying them really know what they mean? This panel will take a close look at the rapidly approaching future of pretrial detention beyond money bail.

Friday, February 16, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Room 120
[Organized by Salil Dudani]

Vincent Southerland

Vincent M. Southerland is the inaugural Executive Director of NYU Law’s Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law, which launched in February 2017. Before that, he was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of New York. Prior to the Federal Defenders, Vincent spent seven years at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), where, as Senior Counsel, he engaged in civil rights litigation and advocacy at the intersection of race and criminal justice.

Megan Stevenson

Megan Stevenson is an economist and legal scholar who became an Assistant Professor of Law at George Mason University in 2017. Her research uses advanced econometric techniques to evaluate criminal law and policy in areas such as bail, pretrial detention, juvenile justice, and risk assessment. Her research on bail was cited extensively in a landmark federal civil rights decision enjoining the bail system of Harris County, Texas, O’Donnell v. Harris Cty. (2017), and has received widespread media coverage.

David Robinson

David Robinson is a Managing Director and cofounder of Upturn. David works to empower the public, advocates, and policymakers to influence the high tech systems that shape our daily lives, from courtroom algorithms to “predictive policing” systems to gig economy platforms. David has a long-term interest in concrete ways that data-driven systems can support, or frustrate, civic goals of justice, equity and opportunity. He serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches a seminar he proposed and designed on Governing Automated Decisions.

Salil Dudani

Salil Dudani is a second-year student at YLS. He is interested in public defense, civil rights, and the violence and ineffectiveness of incarceration. Before law school, Salil worked at a civil rights group challenging poverty-jailing, including money bail, through impact litigation. During this time, he gave a TED talk titled “How Jails Extort the Poor.”
This panel will consider the legal and organizing response to “Charlottesville” and similar incidents across the South, including in Durham, NC. The aim of this panel is to think productively about the roles and responsibilities of activists, organizers and lawyers in the aftermath of significant moments of public protest, violence and unrest. What is there to gain from a litigation response to events like Charlottesville? What is there to lose? How do politics and public opinion influence organizing and litigation strategy in circumstances like these? The discussion will range from the theoretical to the practical, including getting down to details like briefing strategy, plaintiff selection, filing timeframes

Friday, February 16, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Auditorium
[Organized by Julian R. Murphy]

Mary McCord

Mary McCord serves as Senior Litigator from Practice at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection as well as Visiting Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. McCord was the Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2016 to 2017 and served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division (NSD) from 2014 to 2016. Previously, McCord worked for nearly twenty years at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia.

Seguin L. Strohmeier

Seguin Strohmeier is a lead associate for Kaplan & Co.’s lawsuit against 26 white supremacists who planned and committed violence in Charlottesville in 2017. Prior to joining Kaplan & Co., Seguin worked at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where she advised corporate clients on restructuring issues and worked on a range of pro bono matters. Most notably, after the signing of the travel ban, Seguin secured the release of individuals detained at JFK and the return of a client who was removed pursuant to the order.

Takiyah Thompson

Takiyah Thompson is a Black, queer, 23 year old organizer and member of the Durham Branch of the Workers World Party. Takiyah is best known for their role in the 2017 People’s Removal of the confederate monument in Durham, North Carolina.

Rachel Tuchman

Rachel Tuchman is an Associate at Kaplan & Co., where she specializes in representing clients on significant and sensitive matters pertaining to gender discrimination and harassment in education and workplace settings. Rachel is currently working on the firm’s Charlottesville litigation and as the lead associate on a defamation lawsuit representing a woman sued by Brett Ratner, famed Hollywood producer, for speaking out and sharing her #MeToo story. Before joining Kaplan & Co., Rachel was a legal fellow for the Campaign for Southern Equality, the ACLU and the Information Society Project.

Patricia Okonta

Patricia Okonta is a 3L at Columbia Law School where she currently serves as the Executive Editor of the Human Rights Law Review. She is passionate about public service, civil rights, and social justice issues and has worked on these issues at various public interest organizations, including the Missouri State Public Defender’s Office, the Brennan Center for Justice, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the New York Attorney General’s Civil Rights Office. After graduation, Patricia will work at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund as a Skadden Fellow.
Creative Advocacy for Reproductive Justice

Advocating for reproductive justice—or any progressive cause—can, at times, be difficult and demoralizing. Lawyers and activists often find themselves playing defense against what seems like a never-ending wave of new restrictions. While writing to our representatives, attending protests, and filing lawsuits challenging new laws can all be effective ways of affecting change, our panel will ask: what other techniques can reproductive justice advocates use? Our session is about innovative ways to advocate for reproductive justice and will highlight creative examples of legal writing, protest, and legislation.

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Room 127
[Organized by Julia Coppelman and Yale Law School LSRJ]

Kelly Cassidy

Kelly Cassidy is an Illinois State Representative, from Chicago’s north side. As an organizer, community leader, legislative director and a mom, she has spent the past 20 years living her values. Whether fighting for the rights of women and the LGBT community as an activist, working for a smarter criminal justice system within the state’s attorney’s office, or ensuring that her three boys have safe spaces to play in our community, she has devoted the last two decades to making government more accessible, efficient and effective. Since her appointment to the legislature in 2011, she has passed multiple key criminal justice reform bills, making Illinois’ justice system more equitable and cost-effective.

Alexia D. Korberg

Alexia is an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison where she specializes in complex civil, commercial, and constitutional litigation. Alexia represents clients in state and federal court, at both the trial and appellate levels, and in arbitration and internal investigations. Alexia has an active pro bono practice. She was part of the legal teams that successfully litigated United States v. Windsor. Alexia has also co-authored amicus briefs to the Supreme Court and several Circuit Courts, including in Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt, on behalf of lawyers who have had abortions.

Emily Morgan

In late November 2016, Morgan found herself as the Member Coordinator of Action Together Network and ultimately assumed the role of Executive Director for Action Together New Hampshire. At present, with the help of “The Manmaid” and many volunteers across the nation, Morgan continues her commitment to guiding Handmaid Coalition and ATNH in their fight to ensure equality and equity for all people, regardless of any label society may assign them. When not organizing Morgan enjoys spending time with her daughter Kaitlynn, a senior at Milford High School, and following University of Alabama Athletics.

Amy Kapczynski

Amy Kapczynski is a Professor of Law at Yale Law School, Faculty Co-Director of the Global Health Justice Partnership, and Faculty Co-Director of the Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency. She joined the Yale Law faculty in January 2012. Her areas of research include information policy, intellectual property law, international law, and global health. Prior to coming to Yale, she taught at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. She also served as a law clerk to Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Stephen G. Breyer at the U.S. Supreme Court, and to Judge Guido Calabresi on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
Labor Organizing in the Age of Trump

In an increasingly globalized and fractured labor market, traditional models of advocating for workers’ rights are facing mounting challenges. The new federal administration poses additional threats to the wellbeing of workers nationwide. Intersecting issues, such as those of race, gender, and immigration status, demand tailored strategies in the short and long terms. Panelists representing worker centers, unions, and policy advocacy organizations discuss challenges and opportunities in the next chapter of labor organizing.

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Arash Ghiassi]

Carlos Aramayo

Carlos Aramayo is the Financial Secretary-Treasurer of UNITE HERE Local 26, the union for hospitality workers in the greater Boston area, and a Vice President at Large of the UNITE HERE International Union. During his eleven years with UNITE HERE, he has organized hotel and industrial food service workers in Connecticut, Nevada, Florida, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. As Organizing Director of UNITE HERE Local 26 from 2011-2016, he led successful campaigns to double the size of the local union.

Ceilidh Gao

Ceilidh Gao (pronounced “KAY-lee”) joined the National Employment Law Project in 2017 as a staff attorney, focusing her work on policies that improve economic security for low-wage and immigrant workers. Prior to joining NELP, Ceilidh worked in private practice, representing unions and workers at Levy Ratner P.C., and she has also served as a legal fellow at the Service Employees International Union.

Saket Soni

Saket Soni is the Founder, New Orleans Workers’ Center For Racial Justice; and Executive Director, National Guestworker Alliance. Saket has crafted and led acclaimed campaigns on critical workers rights and immigrant rights issues that have won far-reaching organizing and policy victories and earned nationwide publicity. Most recently, Saket is the convener and co-chair of the Future of Work Initiative, an experiment in social policy, grassroots advocacy, and public narrative to find solutions to the new American working majority; contingent workers who are experiencing the changing nature of work.

Javaid Tariq

Javaid Tariq is co-founder and Senior Staff of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance. Born in Pakistan, he traveled across Asia and Europe after being exiled for his student activism before settling in the US in the 1990's. Founded in 1998, the New York Taxi Workers Alliance is the 20,000-member-strong union that fights for justice, rights, respect, and dignity for NYC’s 50,000+ yellow cab drivers, green car, and black car drivers, including drivers for Uber and Lyft. On January 28, 2017 NYTWA was the first union to take collective action against a Trump policy, striking at JFK Airport in protest of the White House’s hateful Muslim ban.

Michael J. Wishnie

Michael J. Wishnie is William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law and Counselor to the Dean at Yale Law School. Professor Wishnie’s teaching, scholarship, and law practice have focused on immigration, labor and employment, habeas corpus, civil rights, government transparency, and veterans law. For years, Professor Wishnie and his students have represented low-wage workers, immigrants, and unions. In particular, they have represented NYTWA, UNITE HERE and NELP, among other organizations.
Should Good People Be Good Prosecutors?  
Revisiting the Question in the Era of Both Sessions and Krasner

We agree that systems of criminal law and mass incarceration permit outrageous evils. We agree that criminal defense must be improved through strengthened public defenders and dramatic changes in sentencing and prisons. But when it comes to reforming the prosecution, our answers intractably diverge. Should prosecution be improved incrementally, and are such “improvements” actually good, and who ought to do them? Is better discretion by prosecutors critical to improving outcomes for individuals, or does it betray them by legitimizing a cruel system? And debating those questions, why do two sides, professing often-identical values, treat the other position as frivolous and uninformed? This discussion is not a broad call for civility but a narrow call to take each other seriously.

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Auditorium  
[Organized by Ricky Zacharias]

David Patton

David Patton is Executive Director and Attorney-in-Chief at the Federal Defenders of New York. He teaches professional responsibility in criminal law as an Adjunct Professor at NYU Law, and he founded Stanford Law’s first trial-level criminal defense clinic. Mr. Patton has written on the insufficiency of fairness reforms for criminal defendants since the Warren Court, noting that these days “[t]here seem to be two bad options when writing about my work as a federal public defender: describe it as it is and sound like a lunatic preaching the end of days, or engage in a more nuanced discussion and risk minimizing the injustices that exist.”

Rebecca Roiphe

Rebecca Roiphe is Professor of Law and Co-Dean for Faculty Scholarship at New York Law School, where she teaches professional responsibility and criminal procedure. She previously worked as a New York County Assistant District Attorney. Her recent article Rethinking Prosecutors’ Conflicts of Interest addresses systemic conflicts in the broadest sense, positing a solution that draws on the philosophy that “those who are closest to the facts should also be trained to think in a complex way about relevant norms and values.” She wrote previously on how an “independent legal profession struggling to negotiate its obligation to the client and the system is a fundamental aspect of the American democratic system.”
Movement Work in Native America: NoDAPL

The NoDAPL movement was catalyzed by Native youth, driven by Indigenous activists, and fortified by water protectors -- of whom more than 700 face/faced criminal charges. Movement Work in Native America: NoDAPL shares the perspectives of an activist, legal worker, and lawyer to highlight the complex and diverse challenges and triumphs. Rooted in the sovereignty of Native Nations and the state oppression of Indigenous activism, and set against a unique legal and historic landscape, the movement embraced a confluence of interests and identities. This interactive session explores lessons learned in the ongoing legal battles in support of Water Protectors arrested during the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance efforts in North Dakota and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ Treaty territory.

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Room 128
[Organized by Kiera O'Rourke]

Megan Red Shirt-Shaw

Megan Red Shirt-Shaw earned her Masters from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Higher Education and will be pursuing her PhD in Higher Education beginning this fall. An enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux tribe, she is the founder of Natives In America, an online literary publication for Native American, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian youth, and currently works as a college counselor at Albuquerque Academy in New Mexico. Her favorite phrase her mother ever taught her in Lakota is “Weksuye, Ciksuye, Miksuye” meaning “I remember, I remember you, Remember me.”

Natasha Frazier

Natasha Frazier (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe) is an organizer and paralegal with the Indigenous-led Freshet Collective in Morton County, North Dakota, where she works in defense of Water Protectors arrested during the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance efforts. She is an alumna of Columbia University’s Indigenous Studies Summer Program on Indigenous Peoples’ Rights and Policy and a 2015 Humanity in Action Fellow. In addition to her movement defense work Frazier is actively involved with the Student Conservation Association in various regions of Alaska, and Lakota language revitalization. She is particularly grateful for the Lakota Summer Institute and the Standing Rock Language and Culture Institute’s outreach and teacher-training programs.

Jessica Packineau

Jessica Packineau has worked as an attorney and organizer with the Water Protector Legal Collective and the Freshet Collective in North Dakota since November 2015, and was arrested in December, 2016. She currently supports the team in the areas of federal, tribal, and state jurisdiction and related defenses. Jessica has practiced and taught in the field of federal Indian Law, with an emphasis in economic development and taxation. Jessica has worked at the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, has served as the Northeast Region Editor for the Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Section Newsletter, and has taught family law in Indian Country at Lewis and Clark Law School. She maintains a real estate business and lives outside of Boston, with her husband and three kids who are all citizens of the Three Affiliated Tribes.
[W] Legal Praxis: A Resistance Toolkit

This workshop will help us to build an actionable toolkit for change focused on bridging theory and practice. We plan to do this by providing participants with a blueprint that they can adapt to different situations and scenarios. We will work together to (1) define the problem that we want to organize around; (2) brainstorm strategies to address it; (3) produce a tangible set of guidelines. Our hope is that this exercise may give people a method to engage in practical resistance within their own field or discipline.

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Room 120
[Organized by Luna Martinez Gomez]

Saturday, February 17, 12:00 - 1:30, Room 128

Christina “Kiki” Tapiero

Christina “Kiki” Tapiero is an activist, writer and future lawyer working to create more love and justice in the world. She identifies as a queer multiracial latina whose ability to code-switch is central to her work. Her current focus is in immigration, and her approach is intersectional and community-focused. Kiki has worked with multi-generational immigrants doing youth empowerment, policy advocacy, domestic violence rehabilitation, and restorative justice. She is inspired by the stories told by her family and community. She is pursuing a JD at Berkeley Law and received a BA in sociology and economics at Brown University.

Luna Martinez Gomez

A Mexico City native, Luna is dedicated to advancing environmental and food justice, which led her to cofound a nonprofit working in indigenous Zapatista communities in 2008. She then worked as an environmental policy analyst in the Mexican Congress, ran an international theater company, and participated in the administration of the national student movement. After obtaining a BA in Environmental Policy and Science from Prescott College, she worked on a public-private partnership to develop and launch the first Mexican brand of electric vehicles. She is pursuing a J.D. at Berkeley Law and a Masters in International Relations at Tufts University. She is an inaugural Thelton Henderson Social Justice Prize, the BJALP Adhama Award, the 2010 Sisters of Fire Award, the 2011 LSAD

In this workshop we will learn about the power of music to create social change. We will start by exploring a history of protest songs and discuss the political relevance of those songs today. Then we will hear stories from global hip hop movements that seek to challenge oppression with expression through their own unique forms of “RAPtivism” (rap activism). In the second half of the workshop we will learn some fundamental emceeing/songwriting skills, and put them into practice by creating our own ‘RAPtivism’ (rap activism) freedom song verses. This workshop will inspire participants to question the status quo, see culture as a tool for social change, and to critically explore what a more free world might look like through their own creative expression. In addition to gaining some hip hop pedagogy tools, participants will also learn strategies for building solidarity through sound.

Saturday, February 17, 12:00 - 1:30, Room 120
[Organized by Dianne Lake]

Aisha Fukushima

AISHA FUKUSHIMA is a Singer, Speaker, Educator, and ‘RAPtivist’ (rap activist). Fukushima founded RAPtivism (Rap Activism), a hip hop project spanning 20 countries and four continents, amplifying universal efforts for freedom and justice. She is a multilingual, multiracial African American Japanese woman who has done lectures and performances worldwide. As a public speaker, Fukushima combines the art of performance and lecture. In her speeches she links themes such as hip hop, global citizenship, empowerment, feminism and cultural activism with live musical performance. She has presented at diverse venues as Stanford University, the National Conference On Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), People of Color in Independent Schools (POCIS) conferences, UMass Amherst, TEDxSitka, TEDxWhitman, TEDxUWCCR, Rock The School Bells, Osaka University, among others.

Dianne Lake

Dianne Lake(she,her,hers) is a first year J.D. Candidate at Yale Law School originally from Freetown, Sierra Leone. She graduated from Yale College in 2016 with a B.A. in Political Science and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Before attending Yale Law School she worked as a Woodbridge Fellow for the Yale Office of International Affairs and curated Yale’s Contemporary African Arts and Culture Festival, Africa Salon. Her interests include international human rights, post-conflict politics, gender in peacebuilding and security, cultural rights, and the intersections of art and social justice. Dianne is also a singer and visual artist.
Platforms & Precedent: Deploying Technology to Demystify Intersectional Victims’ Rights in International Justice Mechanisms

The recognition of gendered international crimes is a recent phenomenon, representing a feted shift in international justice. Recent developments indicate that the ICC is adopting an increasingly broad conceptualization of gendered harm, including progressing the prosecution of crimes committed against women with intersectional identities that previously did not command significant prosecutorial attention. This cracks wide open a Pandora’s box of questions about best practice in representing new victim classes. One such question is how to disseminate legal information to victims. This mini-hackathon will position participants to consider technology’s application in demystifying international criminal law. Participants will be allocated to teams to brainstorm solutions to an intersectional fact pattern.

Saturday, February 17, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Elle Watt, Madeline Cameron Wardleworth, and Suzie Wnujowska-Mtonga]

Ella Watt

Ella is a civil rights, public law and commercial litigator. She practiced in New Zealand with a particular emphasis on electoral rights, prisoners’ rights, non-discrimination and freedom of expression. She has been published on topics relating to both New Zealand and international human rights law, international criminal law and refugee law and formerly worked in the Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Ella is currently interning at Human Rights Watch, is a Catherine N. Niarchos Scholar, and a candidate for the LL.M. degree at Columbia University.

Madeline Cameron Wardleworth

Madeline is an independent researcher on female access to justice and technology. Madeline formerly worked as a litigator at a global firm, and at the Australian Consulate, Paris. While in private practice she directed an urban pro bono clinic and led her office’s Human Rights Law group. She served as Secretary of her state’s Women’s Bar, and on the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights’ Subcommittee for Women and Girls’ Rights. Madeline is presently a Columbia LLM candidate, working as a Research Associate for Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw at the African American Policy Forum and the Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies.

Suzie Wnujowska-Mtonga

Suzie is the founding director of Rights Nights, a not-for-profit human rights organization that brings together experts to advance literacy in the Australian public about human rights, under domestic and international regimes. As an Australian lawyer, Suzie worked in commercial practice at both a large Australian firm, and in-house. While practicing she directed her office’s pro bono program and was a finalist in the Association of Corporate Counsel’s In-house Lawyer Awards, in the Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility category. She is a qualified migration agent and has represented asylum seekers who survived gender-based violence. Suzie is a Columbia LLM candidate and is currently interning at the Center for Reproductive Rights.
A Movement Toolbox for Lawyers: Engaging With Our Law and Our Humanity

This session is a 1 ½ to 2 hour, two-part interactive movement based workshop, in which participants will explore:
1. The use of movement to engage with the emotional reactions that law students and advocates have to cases and clients. Participants will explore potential inherent biases related to instinctual reactions such as anger, sadness, fear, and relief, that may relate to the tension between the law’s limits and a client’s interests.
2. The use of tools of movement (breath, posture, body language, expression awareness) to help lawyers and law students be better advocates both in court and out of court, for their clients.

We hope that you come to this workshop with an open mind, ready to connect your internal emotions with your external, physical self. While NO DANCE EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY (in fact, we prefer it that way!), please wear clothes and shoes in which you are comfortable moving. If you prefer, you do not have to

Saturday, February 17, 12:00 – 1:30 PM, Room 124
[Organized by Anjali Mehta]

Saturday, February 17, 1:45 – 3:15 PM, Room 124

Jill Sigman

Jill Sigman is a Brooklyn-born interdisciplinary artist and agent of change with a Ph.D. in philosophy and a fascination with the law. Her work incorporates dance, visual installation, and social practice. Working with things we cast off like garbage and weeds, she envisions a future in which we re-connect with the natural world and each other in meaningful and empathic ways. Sigman is a Creative Campus Fellow at Wesleyan University, has taught at NYU Tisch and The New School, and was the first Gibney Dance Community Action Artist in Residence. Her book Ten Huts was published by Wesleyan University Press in 2017. www.thinkdance.org

Anjali Mehta

Anjali Mehta is a native Jersey girl trained in Bharatanatyam, modern, jazz, and tap. She has choreographed several musical theatre works, including Anything Goes, The King and I, and Sandy Wilson’s The Boyfriend. Mehta has choreographed and performed with The Bollywood Co. in London and with Darpana Academy of the Performing Arts in India under its director Mallika Sarabhai, where she directed a social justice themed retelling of the Indian classic the Mahabharata. Most recently, as a Fulbright scholar in Brazil, she sought to integrate the performing arts with mediation and storytelling to build community in otherwise fragmented parts of society. She hopes to continue exploring the interplay of dance and narrative building in the framework of law, and will be graduating from the NYU School of Law in 2020.
The Role of Crime Survivors in Decarceration

This panel brings together a diverse array of voices to explore how the needs of crime victims are or are not being met by the present system of mass incarceration. Participants will be pushed to think more deeply about the possibility of justice for victims outside the structures of the carceral state, and to confront the real toll that cycles of violence exact on marginalized communities.

Saturday, February 17, 1:45 - 3:15 PM, Room 120
(Organized by Salil Dudani, Illyana Green, and Theo Torres)

Movita Johnson-Harrell

Movita Johnson-Harrell is a wife, mother and grandmother. Movita lost her father, only brother, and a cousin to homicide. Movita created the CHARLES Foundation, (Creating Healthy Alternatives Results in Less Emotional Suffering) following the fatal shooting of her youngest son Charles in 2011. She is dedicated to ending gun violence and empowering communities to heal from trauma. In January 2018, Movita was appointed as Supervisor of Victim/Witness Services and Restorative Justice at the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office by District Attorney Lawrence Krasner.

Aqeela Sherrills

Aqeela Sherrills is a spirit-centered activist, working to promote healing in marginalized communities and community ownership of public safety and is the National Training Director for Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice. In 1992, he helped forge a historic truce between the Crips and the Bloods in Watts. After Sherrills’ 18-year-old son, Terrell, was shot and killed, Aqeela launched the Reverence Project to develop comprehensive wellness centers in urban war zones in order to support individuals on their healing journeys.

Miriam Gohara

Miriam Gohara is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School. Professor Gohara teaches and writes about capital and non-capital sentencing, incarceration, and the historical and social forces implicated in culpability and punishment. Professor Gohara spent sixteen years representing death-sentenced clients in post-conviction litigation, first as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) and then as a specially designated federal public defender with the Federal Capital Habeas Project. At LDF, she also spearheaded the Mississippi Gideon Project, a campaign which aimed to establish a quality statewide public defender system and became a model for indigent defense reform efforts nationally.

Erika Sasson

Erika Sasson is the director of restorative practices at the Center of Court Innovation in New York City. The Center seeks to improve justice system responses to both defendants and victims, to promote racial justice, and to expand the use of restorative practices. Ms. Sasson previously oversaw the planning and implementation of the Red Hook peacemaking program, the first program of its kind in a state court system, in addition to serving on the Center’s Tribal Justice Exchange, providing planning and technical assistance to tribal communities across the United States. Previously, she worked in Toronto as a federal prosecutor.
Ferguson to Palestine: Lawyering for Liberation

This session aims to explore the parallels of occupation, which often results in state sanctioned violence both domestically and abroad. More specifically, the session hopes to examine the connection between adverse state responses to mass mobilizations arising from Ferguson to Palestine. These connections manifest in the militarization of U.S. police forces via military arms equipment and as directly trained by Israel Defense Forces (IDF), the IDF response to movements for Palestinian liberation, the for-profit prison detention of people of color, and systemic apartheid. What strategies exist to challenge the global dimensions of occupation and how can we, as law students and legal practitioners, work to implement these strategies?

Saturday, February 17, 1:45 - 3:15 PM, Auditorium
[Organized by Purvi Pareek and Theanne Liu]

Radhika Sainath
Radhika Sainath is a staff attorney at Palestine Legal (and Cooperating Counsel with the Center for Constitutional Rights), where she provides legal advice and advocacy support to Palestine rights activists, students and professors on issues ranging from free speech, discrimination, threats, surveillance and disciplinary charges. Radhika has successfully litigated numerous state and federal class actions and other federal civil rights cases.

Erica Perry
Erica Perry works at the intersection of community organizing and lawyering. She is committed to working with other organizers and lawyers to weave together our dreams and visions of black liberation to create policies and transformative actions that get us closer to a world free from oppression and anti-blackness. Erica organizes with the Official Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter and Our Grass Our Roots to build community power and a more just Memphis.

Hassan Jabreen
Hassan is the founder of Adalah. He has served as Adalah’s General and Legal Director since its establishment in 1996. He has 25 years of experience in litigating scores of landmark constitutional law cases before the Israeli Supreme Court on issues of discrimination, political rights, land rights, and economic and social rights on behalf of Palestinian citizens of Israel as well as humanitarian cases involving the protection of Palestinian civilians living under occupation in the OPT.

Sima Atri
Sima Atri is an Iranian-Canadian immigrant and lawyer dedicated to supporting radical, community-led organizing work. Sima graduated from Harvard Law School and worked in support of the work of the Congress of Day Laborers and Stand with Dignity in New Orleans. Sima has now joined the Arch City Defenders’ team in St. Louis focusing on movement support, civil rights litigation, and direct representation of individuals criminalized based on their poverty. a U.S. Department of Labor Civil Rights Center Equal Opportunity Specialist.

Tara Thompson
Tara Tee is a St. Louis native, human rights advocate and loud Black girl. She believes liberation for oppressed Black and Brown folks will only be realized through a global resistance that connects struggles, resists anti Blackness and capitalism. Tara, a former director of HandsUp United, was one of many important figures rebelling and building during the Ferguson uprising. She has executed many direct actions and facilitated programmatic responses to systematic state repression. As a delegate to the UN Convention Against Torture, she represents Black folks always in all ways.
Disability Justice in Legal Advocacy for/beyond Civil and Human Rights

From organizing on the ground, disrupting “law,” and existing while multiply-marginalized, we understand Disability Justice as an intersectional imperative for liberation. We’ll explore ableism, audism, visceral, and sani- sm as oppression impacting BIPOC and TGNC people who are also Disabled, Deaf, Neurodivergent, Mad, Sick. Disability oppression is deeply connected with white supremacy, capitalism, transmisogyny, and settler-colonialism. Learn about our commitment to Disability Justice/Accountable Activism in liberation struggles using, subverting, and disrupting legal advocacy and expanding far beyond current and deeply violent systems.

Saturday, February 17, 1:45 - 3:15 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Lydia X.Z. Brown]

Claudia L. Gordon
Claudia L. Gordon is Director of Government and Compliance with Sprint Accessibility. She served in the Obama Administration from 2009 to 2017 initially as Special Assistant to the Director of the Department of Labor’s Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and then as OFCCP’s Chief of Staff. From 2013 to 2014, Claudia was the disability community liaison in the White House’s Office Public Engagement. She spent six years as a Senior Policy Advisor with Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Shain M. Neumeier
Shain M. Neumeier is an autistic activist for disability, youth and queer justice and liberation. They are a solo attorney in Western Massachusetts whose practice focuses on disability and transgender law, including defense against civil commitment and obtaining court-ordered name changes. Shain has written articles and spoken at numerous conferences and colleges about issues of bodily autonomy and freedom from coercive medical treatment for the past nine years.

Victoria M. Rodríguez-Roldán
Victoria M. Rodríguez-Roldán is the National LGBTQ Task Force’s Trans/GNC and Disability Justice Projects Director. She focuses on transgender people with disabilities and mental illness, anti-trans workplace discrimination and gun violence prevention from a social justice lens. She has been in trans advocacy throughout her adult life, including in Puerto Rico and Maine. She authored “Valuing Transgender Applicants and Employees”, and is a frequent public speaker. She was named Autistic Self Advocacy Network Ally of the Year and has been profiled in NBC and Latina Magazine.

Talila Lewis
Recognized as White House Champion of Change and Pacific Standard Top 30 Thinker Under 30, Talila Lewis engineers social justice campaigns illuminating the nexus between race, class, disability and structural inequity. Talila co-founded & directs HEARD (@behearddc on Twitter/ IG), an all-volunteer nonprofit which created the only database of deaf imprisoned people. Talila is a consultant on radical inclusion and expert on cases involving disability. Talila co-founded the Harriet Tubman Collective and Disability Solidarity praxis/practice.

Lydia X.Z. Brown
Lydia X.Z. Brown is a disability justice advocate focused on violence against multiply-marginalized disabled people. They work at the nexus of organizing, policy, and education. They recently completed a term as Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council Chairperson, and served as Visiting Lecturer at Tufts University. They are co-editor of All the Weight of Our Dreams, the first-ever anthology of autistic people of color.
#PuertoRicoSeLevanta? Colonialism, Disaster Capitalism, and Solidarity Networks in Post-Maria Puerto Rico

This panel will discuss what’s next for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria ravaged the island, and it will dissect how its political, structural, and social inequalities have been years in the making. This panel will assess how the privatization of essential services and public goods (energy, education, health, telecommunications) and disaster capitalism will increase while human crisis on the island remains invisible. The panel will inquire, in a nod to the famous #PuertoRicoSeLevanta slogan, about lawyers’ and organizers’ roles in ensuring that Puerto Rico rises. What kind of solidarity networks should we envision for Puerto Rico and other affected islands?

Saturday, February 17, 1:45 - 3:15 PM, Room 127
[Organized by Valeria Pelet del Toro]

Judith Berkan

Judith Berkan is a leading civil rights attorney in Puerto Rico. She has lived there since 1977, when she began working for the NLG’s Puerto Rico Legal Project. Her early work included representing student strikers, politically targeted independentistas, and those subjected to police harassment and FBI surveillance. In 1979, Judith was arrested with the Vieques 21, leading to a three-year fight to gain admission to the federal court in Puerto Rico. Judith’s cases have led to significant precedents on police violence, sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and freedom of speech. Judith has taught at the Inter-American Law School for forty years.

Annette Martínez Orabona

Annette Martínez Orabona is an experienced human rights attorney. She has conducted extensive human rights research in Latin America and the Caribbean, developed workshops, and provided direct legal counsel in human rights cases before the Inter-American System against the United States, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic (amongst others). Currently, Annette works as an Adjunct Professor at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, where she also serves as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic and the Caribbean Institute for Human Rights (ICADH).

Elizabeth Yeampierre

Elizabeth Yeampierre is a Puerto Rican attorney and environmental and climate justice leader of African and Indigenous ancestry born and raised in New York City. Elizabeth co-chairs the Climate Justice Alliance and is the Executive Director of UPROSE in Brooklyn. She advocates for community organizing around just, sustainable development and community-led climate adaptation in Sunset Park. Previously, Elizabeth was PRLEDF’s Director of Legal Education and Training, Director of Legal Services for the American Indian law Alliance, and Dean of Puerto Rican Student Affairs at Yale University.

Natasha Bannan

Natasha Bannan is an Associate Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF, focusing on low-wage Latina immigrant workers, legal support responding to the economic crisis in Puerto Rico, and human rights advocacy before regional and international bodies. Natasha has worked on gender and racial justice issues, including access to reproductive health, sexual violence, and violence against women in conflict zones. Natasha is also President of the National Lawyers Guild, and Co-Chairs its Subcommittee on Puerto Rico.
Tackling Human Rights Problems with Blockchain Technology

Our collective understanding of Blockchain technology too often begins and ends with Bitcoin. However, the applications of Blockchain reaches far beyond cryptocurrency, from tackling human trafficking to combating voter fraud to providing banking access in the developing world. Many international institutions, NGOs, academics and startups are increasingly taking notice of the technology’s potential for socio-economic and political impact. Its promise of equality, transparency, accountability and individual autonomy speaks to the core ideals of human rights. The purpose of this session is to train public interest lawyers and activists in the fundamentals of Blockchain and to critically explore the ways in which Blockchain can be utilized to further progress rebellious lawyering.

Saturday, February 17, 3:45 - 5:15 PM, Room 129
[Organized by Sam Mottahedan]

Sam Mottahedan

Sam Mottahedan (Speaker & Panel Moderator) is currently at UC Berkeley Law exploring the ways in which emerging technologies can advance human rights objectives. Before moving to California, he was a caseworker at the AIRE Centre in London, managing cases concerning the rights of migrant domestic violence victims. For the International Bar Association, he worked on researching human rights violations in the Libyan prosecutions of Gaddafi officials. He was a Director for Vocalise, an award-winning prison education programme.

Phoebe Clarke

Phoebe Clarke (Speaker) is currently at UC Berkeley Law exploring the potential of smart contracts on digital music licensing and of Blockchain technology more broadly on the creative arts. As a Law Fellow of California Lawyers for the Arts, she works providing legal representation to modest-means artists and inventors across the San Francisco Bay area. Alongside her legal education, she works in the British music industry, where her experiences include working with Adele throughout the launch of her Grammy-award winning album 25 and Radiohead’s launch of their album A Moon Shaped Pool.

Hugo Cugnet

Hugo Cugnet (Speaker) is currently at UC Berkeley Law exploring the ways in which new technologies can be leveraged to advance socio-economic conditions in developing countries. He is currently participating in UC Berkeley’s pioneering cross-disciplinary Blockchain course. Prior to joining Berkeley, Hugo lived in Cambodia for two years, working on the representation for victims of the Khmer Rouge regime at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia (ECCC). He went on to become an Associate at the Vishnu Law Group, where he worked on Cambodia’s first national Resource and Environmental Code.

Paola Heudebert

Paola Heudebert (Speaker) is currently a Fulbright Scholar at UC Berkeley Law where she is investigating the emerging regulatory framework surrounding Blockchain technology and the ways in which ICOs can offer innovative means to finance early stage start-ups. Prior to Berkeley, she worked as an in-house counsel for the French jewellery-maker Arthus-Bertrand, assisting on a major copyright infringement case. She also undertook an intellectual property litigation clerkship with the Paris Court of Appeals and is dedicated to providing legal assistance to start-ups.
Raising the Bar: Challenging Barriers to the Legal Profession for People with Past Criminal Convictions

As the movement against mass incarceration and its consequences progresses, there are still few formerly incarcerated lawyers. Obstacles block their road to a legal career. Law schools ask applicants to disclose prior arrests, charges, and convictions. State bars use “character and fitness” tests to prevent people with past convictions from becoming licensed attorneys. How can we help open the door for directly impacted people to create positive change from within the very legal systems that have contributed to their marginalization?

Saturday, February 17, 3:45 - 5:15 PM, Room 127
[Organized by Shaina Watrous]

Dieter Tejada

Dieter Tejada is a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law and prospective Connecticut/New York bar candidate. Dieter is a returning CT’ native who was arrested in high school and spent time in the state’s adult and juvenile correctional facilities. He has an extensive background of legal service provision through public defender offices in Connecticut, New York (The Legal Aid Society), and Tennessee. Dieter currently does policy and organizing work with the ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice, by providing and arranging direct rehabilitative services for Connecticut’s prison population. He also engages with high-risk youths as a Youth Advocate for Family ReEntry.

Debbie Mukamal

Debbie Mukamal is the Executive Director of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center at Stanford Law School. Her portfolio of work includes co-directing Renewing Communities, a statewide initiative to expand college opportunities for currently and formerly incarcerated students in California (in partnership with Rebecca Silbert at The Opportunity Institute). From 2005 to 2010, she served as the founding Director of the Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Before joining John Jay College, she served as the founding director of the National H.I.R.E. Network and a staff attorney at the Legal Action Center, where her work focused on the collateral consequences of criminal records.

Tarra Simmons

Tarra Simmons is a Skadden Fellow with the Public Defender Association in Seattle. Her project provides legal representation and policy advocacy on behalf of people who have experienced the criminal legal system. In 2017, Ms. Simmons graduated magna cum laude from Seattle University Law School, but was denied permission to sit for the bar exam because of her own history with incarceration. Her appeal to the Washington State Supreme Court resulted in a unanimous decision granting her the right to sit for the bar. Ms. Simmons is also the Executive Director of Civil Survival, a 2018 JustLeadership USA Fellow, and the Co-Chair of the Washington Statewide Reentry Council.

Shaina Watrous

Shaina Watrous is a 2L at New York University School of Law. She has a bachelor’s degree in public policy from Princeton University. She spent six years – in college and after – working in prison education programs in New Jersey and Maryland. Most recently, Shaina was a law clerk at the Orleans Public Defenders office. She was a co-founder of Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) at Princeton, where she advocated for the removal of the question about past criminal convictions from the University’s application. Shaina is now working to break down similar barriers at NYU Law.
Israel’s System of Control Over Palestinian Lives

Palestinian citizens of Israel face over 65 discriminatory laws, militarized policing, and severe political repression. At the same time, for over 50 years, Israel has maintained a brutal system of military occupation over millions of Palestinians living in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. Learn more about Israel’s sophisticated system of control over Palestinian lives, and listen to Palestinian lawyers and activists share stories and strategies to fight back.

Saturday, February 17, 3:45 - 5:15 PM, Room Auditorium
[Organized by Leanne Gale]

Fady Khoury

Fady Khoury is a human rights attorney with Adalah – the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel. Fady received his LL.B. in 2011 from the Faculty of Law at Haifa University and clerked for Justice Salim Joubran at the Israeli Supreme Court in 2012. In 2015, Fady completed his LL.M. studies at Harvard Law School, and is currently in the process of completing a Doctorate in Law (SJD) at Harvard Law School.

Mariam Barghouti

Mariam Barghouti is a Palestinian writer and activist based in Ramallah. She has covered news from the region as well as political commentary on relevant events. Her writing has been featured in the New York Times, Al-Jazeera, Newsweek, Huffington Post amongst others. She has been involved in the popular struggle against Israeli colonialism since 2011 as well as the BDS movement.

Diala Shamas

Diala Shamas is a staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, where she works on challenging government and law enforcement abuses perpetrated under the guise of national security, both in the U.S. and abroad. Prior to joining CCR, Diala was a Lecturer at the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, and a Senior Staff Attorney supervising the CLEAR (Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility) project at CUNY School of Law. Diala was born and raised in Jerusalem. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she worked on a video documentation and community mobilizing project in the West Bank.

Laith Aqel

Laith Aqel is a 2019 J.D. candidate at the Yale Law School, where he focuses on transitional justice, global governance, human rights, and international humanitarian law. Before law school, Laith worked at an international NGO in southern Turkey, managing capacity-building projects for Syrian civil society. He also spent time in Lebanon researching refugee education with a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution. Laith has drafted reports for UNHCR and UNICEF as well as the governments of Lebanon, Norway, Oman, Rwanda, and the U.K. He received his B.A. in Social Research and Public Policy from New York University Abu Dhabi.
This section explores intersectionality, particularly as it relates to the experiences of Black women, femmes, and girls in the United States. No matter the issue, women of color, specifically Black women are disproportionately affected by police brutality, attacks on reproductive justice, economic crisis, sexual assault, and more. In order to advocate meaningful changes that improve the lives of all, we need to center the needs of Black women, femmes, and girls in our dialogue. Participants will walk away with an understanding of intersectionality and an action plan for addressing the needs of Black women, femmes, and girls in their communities.

**Saturday, February 17, 3:45 - 5:15 PM, Room 128**

[Organized by Desireé Luckee]

**Desireé Luckee**

Desireé Luckey is a civil rights advocate and political communications professional based out of Washington, D.C. After graduating magna cum laude from Howard University with a Bachelor of Art in Sociology and Political Science minor, Desireé began working with Obama for America DC. There, she served as Operations Coordinator and as an African Americans for Obama Outreach Fellow. In 2015, Desireé joined the office of Councilman Roberto C. Treviño as Communications & Community Outreach Coordinator, managing media appearances, social media, policy initiatives, and executing events for constituents. While in San Antonio, she gave a TED Talk on intersectional feminism for TEDxSanAntonioWomen 2015 and joined the steering committee for TEDxSanAntonio 2016. During the summer of 2017, she was a Voting Rights Project legal intern at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. This summer, Desireé will continue work in voting rights as a legal intern with the ACLU Voting Rights Project in New York City. In DC the community, she serves as an appointee to the Mayor’s Advisory Committee to the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, as a member of the 2018 NLC DC cohort, and subcommittee chair on the Host Committee for the Creating Change 2018 Conference. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cycling, mentoring, and eating her way through the Washington, D.C. Metro area. Upon graduation from law school, she hopes to pursue a career in civil rights litigation, fighting for

**Krystal Leaphart**

Krystal Leaphart is a passionate leader and emerging champion for intersectional racial justice. Serving her communities at the margin of organizing, advocacy and facilitation, Krystal has extensive experience working and volunteering with civil rights organization, civic engagement nonprofits and community service bodies. She currently serves as the Special Assistant and Policy Associate at the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, or NOBEL Women. Originally established in 1985 as a national organization to increase and promote the presence of black women in government, NOBEL Women in recent years has expanded its vision to serve as a global voice to address a myriad of issues affecting the lives of all women. She served as the Chief of Staff for IMPACT, a nonprofit that fosters civic engagement, political involvement and economic empowerment for young professionals of color. As a facilitator and speaker, she has spoken about anti-black racism, elements of civil right movements and the plight of black women and girls. Some examples include the African American Policy Forum Breaking the Silence: A Hearing on Girls of Color in DC, and Young and Power Emerging Leaders Power to the People event at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference and the White House Young Women Leading the Way: Strategies and Solutions to Breaking Barriers for Girls and by Girls conference.
Movie Screenings

Looking for a more relaxed activity after a busy day at the conference? RebLaw is pleased to offer two movie screenings, one on Friday night and one on Saturday night.

**We Can’t Make the Same Mistake Twice**

**Friday, February 17, 9:15 - 11:59 PM, Room 127**

[Organized by Katerina Lagassé and Romita Sur]

We Can’t Make the Same Mistake Twice is provided courtesy of the National Film Board of Canada. In 2007, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations filed a complaint against Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada, accusing it of discrimination. They argued that the family and child support services made available to First Nations children on reserves and in Yukon were underfunded and inferior to those offered to other Canadian children. Indigenous children were also six to eight times more likely to be placed in foster care—more often than not in non-Native homes. This situation was reminiscent of the assimilation and trauma caused by residential schools, which was also widely discussed during the trial. Including the many appeals, the legal process spanned nine long years before finally ending in a victory for the plaintiffs in 2016. We Can’t Make the Same Mistake Twice gives a voice to those involved in this legal battle, notably Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director of the FNCFCS, who endured government spying and retaliation as a result of her central role in the trial. Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin guides us through the intricacies of the legal system while never losing sight of the real issues at stake: the welfare of children and the survival of Indigenous cultures.

**Accidental Anarchist**

**Saturday, February 18, 8:30 - 10:15 PM, Room 127**

[Organized by Sixtine Van Outryve Dydewalle]

Carne Ross was a government highflyer. A career diplomat who believed Western Democracy could save us all. But working inside the system he came to see its failures, deceptions and ulterior motives. After the Iraq war, Carne became disillusioned, quit his job and started searching for answers. This film tracks his political evolution and personal journey towards support of the radical-feminist-anarchist democracy in Rojava, Syrian Kurdistan. A profound examination of the political and economic problems that confront the world.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get a copy of the full schedule?
It is included on page 2 of your program. You can also find it displayed on the digital screen located outside the student lounge, or on our website at http://reblaw.yale.edu/reblaw-2017-schedule.

Do I need to keep my nametag throughout the event?
Yes. Please be sure to keep your nametag with you during the Conference. You will need your nametag to gain access to the Law School, attend RebLaw panels and workshops, enjoy meals and beverages at RebLaw events, join the social events, and use Yale’s shuttle services.

How do I get Internet access?
Select “YaleGuest” from your network options, and open your browser. You should be directed to a blue login page. Click on “guest login” and follow the instructions.

Which meals will be served during the conference?
There will be light refreshments served at the Happy Hour on Friday evening, and bag lunch will be provided on Saturday afternoon. Coffee will also be available throughout the conference in the student lounge. Breakfast and dinner are not included; feel free to ask us at the Registration Room (in Room 122) if you would like advice or suggestions about where to go.

What type of food will be served at RebLaw? Will there be vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free options?
All food options at RebLaw will be vegetarian. There will be a limited number of vegan and gluten-free bag lunches available. If you do not require a gluten-free or vegan lunch, please save them for those who do.

How do I get around New Haven at night?
You may use the free shuttles that leave from the law school every 15 minutes between 6 PM and 12:45 AM. The northbound shuttles on the hour and half-hour will drop you off at any location in East Rock, and the southbound shuttles fifteen minutes and forty-five minutes after the hour will drop you off at any downtown location. Please visit http://to.yale.edu/shuttle to find out more about Yale shuttle services.

Where are the restrooms?
There are no restrooms on the main floor of the law school. To get to the downstairs restrooms, walk toward the dining hall and follow the signs for “Restrooms.” Or, take the elevator located between the entrance to the dining hall and the main hallway. To get to the restrooms on the 2nd floor, walk up the main stairs one flight, and the restrooms will be directly in front of you. Or, take the elevator located in the middle of the main hallway, by the central stairway.

Other questions?
Please come by the Registration Room, Room 122, and we will help you!
Molly (MK) Anderson is a queer Black femme living at the intersections of awesome and anxiety. MK’s New Year’s resolution is to be vulnerable with others. To that end, they are always looking for ways to bring their whole self to radical lawyering.

Eric Baudry is a queer student from Minnesota interested in how queer communities use law to make rights claims and, in turn, how queer identities are shaped by and through law. In his spare time, he enjoys board games, biking, and crossword puzzles.

Jonathan Cohen is a queer, Black, first generation professional student from Staten Island interested in understanding the relationship between power structures and the law. He is passionate about social justice, cooking shows, and faded denim clothing.

Andrea Parente is a law student from Jersey who is excited to support workplace advocacy and other community-led initiatives. She is grateful for the opportunity to bump up against so many radical lawyers, organizers, and advocates at RebLaw 2018.

Saúl Ramírez is a Xicano student from California interested in pursuing crimmigration defense in hopes of using the law as a tool of resistance and empowerment for communities of color. During his spare time, he loves binge-watching shows, going on long-distance runs, and working on his photography skills.

West Resendes is a culturally Deaf student and a proud Rhode Islander working toward closing the myriad gaps in the U.S. legal and democratic systems for the Deaf community. West also advocates for veterans through his clinical work and for fellow First Generation Professionals at YLS.

Pauline Syrnik is a first-generation student from Queens, New York. She is interested in criminal justice issues, especially prisoner’s rights and sentencing reform. In her spare time she frequently cooks for friends, watches movies, and explores museums.

Alex Wang is from the Philly suburbs and thinks RebLaw is great.