

# Books in Print

by Yale Law School Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students



## Adrian Nicole LeBlanc Chronicles Life in Poverty

**Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble,  
and Coming of Age in the Bronx**  
*Scribner, 2003*

When Adrian Nicole LeBlanc '93 MSL came to Yale Law School, she had already started work on a book about a young man named Boy George, who was on trial for drug conspiracy. She had written a lot about “the subject of young people and poverty, which inevitably brings you to criminal justice issues,” she says. She hoped that studying for an MSL would help her understand the language of the law.

As LeBlanc continued work on the book, though, her emphasis spread through a series of relationships. She met George’s girlfriend Jessica, whose brother Cesar was dating Coco. She met their parents, siblings, extended families, and friends. As LeBlanc spent more time with them, she decided the book would be about the lives and relationships that surrounded Jessica and Coco.

LeBlanc’s research method was to hang out with her subjects, and she spent ten years with the sprawling family, primarily in the Bronx and Troy, New York. She followed Coco most closely. “Whatever she was doing was what I was doing. So if she was hanging around watching talk shows all day, that’s what I was doing. If she had an appointment, we went to the appointment. We visited her mom a lot.”

In following her subject outside the walls of the courtroom, LeBlanc found rich and complicated lives. “When you’re writing about criminal justice, it’s very easy to focus on the moments we’re all familiar with, like the moment of trial, the moment of sentencing, or the arrest moment. But what I started to understand from hanging out with her was...that’s just a tiny moment in a long life.”

LeBlanc’s notes filled with details. What characters did day by day, who took care of who’s children, who did drugs, who

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fell in love, how heroin was manufactured, distributed, and sold, who went to prison. In fact, LeBlanc says, “I got lost in the detail for years.” But she also drew insights from her microscopic observations. For instance, after describing the six tattoos Jessica got to declare her loyalty to Boy George, LeBlanc writes, “It was as if Jessica was trying to convince herself of love from the outside in.”

After spending a day with her subjects, LeBlanc usually emptied her notes into a computer. And sometimes, as she looked at the pile of incidents, “there would be something that would jump out of that, and I would just sketch a scene.” She says these bits often centered on images of particular resonance and became scenes or chapters in *Random Family*.

LeBlanc describes her book as “intimate,” but she argues that it also has a broader story to tell about poverty and need. “There’s a character in the book, Mercedes, who’s a young kid when the book starts, and she’s eleven when the book ends.... What’s striking to me is what’s *not* happening in her life—the absence of all kinds of useful, constructive, and interesting programs for young people...the hundreds or thousands of opportunities that are missed with her in a decade.”

Here's just a sampling of the many books recently written or edited by our alumni, faculty, staff, and students. We welcome your submissions. If possible, please send us two review copies of your book.

**Jack M. Balkin**

**The Laws of Change: I Ching and the Philosophy of Life**  
*Schocken Books, 2002*

The I Ching is one of the oldest treasures of world literature, yet is still not well understood in the English-speaking world. In this interpretation, Balkin, Knight Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment, explains the I Ching as a book of wisdom that teaches how to live one's life in a changing and confusing world.

**Richard O. Brooks, Ross Jones, and Ross A. Virginia**  
**Law and Ecology: The Rise of the Ecosystem Regime**  
*Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2002*

Brooks '62, Jones, and Virginia explore the relationship between ecology and environmental law, analyzing the creation of an ecosystem regime which embraces the connections between the two disciplines.

**Mark Costello**  
**Big If**

*Harcourt, Inc., 2002*

In this novel Costello '88, a National Book Award finalist, tells the stories of five Americans whose lives intersect in New Hampshire during a Democratic primary.

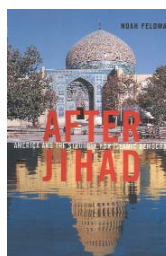
**Robert Cover**  
**Christian Courtis, Editor and Translator**  
**Law, Narrative and Violence: Constructive and Destructive Power in Judicial Interpretation**  
*Editorial Gedisa, 2002*

The late Robert Cover was a Yale Law School faculty member from 1972 to 1986; this is the Spanish-language translation of two of his most famous works, *Nomos*, and *Narrative, Violence and the Law*.

**David M. Driesen**

**The Economic Dynamics of Environmental Law**  
*The MIT Press, 2003*

Driesen '89 shows how the concept of economic dynamics can reshape thinking about environmental law and policy, arguing that environmentally beneficial technological innovation would be a more effective public policy goal than economic efficiency, as it could better keep pace with private-sector innovations that create new forms of pollution and resource destruction.

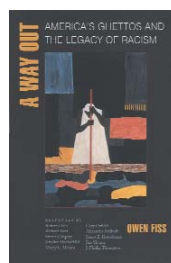


**Noah Feldman**

**After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy**

*Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003*

Feldman '97 asks, Are democracy and Islam compatible? The author heralds the arrival of a new, more hopeful approach to Islam by the West that is essential to the peaceful resolution of those problems that have brought war.



**Owen M. Fiss**

**A Way Out: America's Ghettos and the Legacy of Racism**

*Princeton University Press, 2003*

Fiss, Sterling Professor of Law, proposes a provocative national policy initiative that would give inner-city residents rent vouchers so that they could move to better neighborhoods,

thereby ending the informal segregation, by race and income, of the nation's metropolitan regions. The book includes responses by scholars, journalists, and practicing lawyers.

**James O. Freedman**  
**Liberal Education and the Public Interest**  
*University of Iowa Press, 2003*

In this collection of essays, Freedman '62 explores his firm belief that a liberal education is the "surest instrument yet devised for developing those civilizing qualities of mind and character that enable men and women to lead satisfying lives and to make significant contributions to a democratic society."

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**Stephen P. Garvey, Editor**

**America's Death Penalty: Beyond Repair?**

*Duke University Press, 2003*

Garvey '92 presents the work of leading legal scholars and journalists who explore whether the death penalty can be administered in a just way: without executing the innocent, without regard to race, and without arbitrariness.

**Stephan G. Jaggi**

**Strategische Allianzen im europäischen Telekommunikationssektor (Strategic Alliances in the European Telecommunications Sector)**

*Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2003*

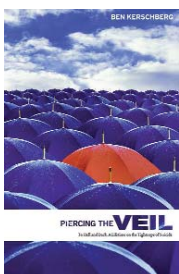
Jaggi '98 LLM compares the strategic alliances of the current telecommunications monopolies in Europe with the situation in the U.S., where the failure of efforts to prevent anti-competitive behavior in telecommunications companies, applied first to AT&T and later to the local Bell companies, has lessons for the future competitiveness of the EU telecom industry.

**Gary S. Katzmann, Editor**

**Securing Our Children's Future: New Approaches to Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence**

*Brookings Institution Press, 2002*

Katzmann '79 brings together a wide range of skilled professionals and academics to focus on the coordination and implementation of youth anti-violence strategies, providing a pragmatic roadmap for constructive change.



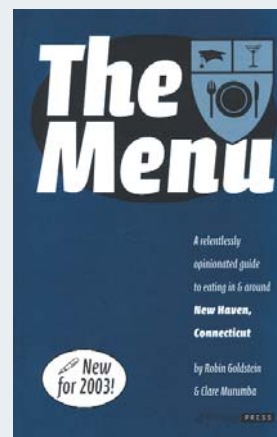
**Benjamin S.**

**Kerschberg**

**Piercing the Veil. To Hell and Back: A Lifetime on the Tightrope of Suicide**

*Writers' Collective, 2003*

As a seven-year-old child, Kerschberg '98 knew that he would one day take his own life. This memoir of nervous breakdowns and suicidal thoughts (and an ultimate attempt) informs those who have never suffered from mental illness, while empowering those who have, but who feel that they must remain silent.



**Robin Goldstein and Clare Murumba**

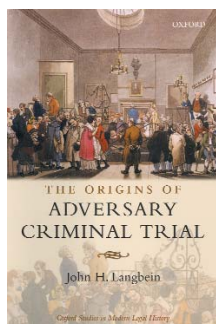
**The Menu: A Relentlessly Opinionated Guide to Eating in & Around New Haven, Connecticut**

*Off the Map Press, 2003*

Goldstein '02 and Murumba '04 offer a frank and colorful guide to dining in New Haven, with detailed reviews of more than 150 eating establishments, complete with ratings for food, atmosphere, attitude, and value. Where can you find authentic Jamaican curry, Carolina soul food, vegetarian sushi and a saketini, or the best white clam pizza? How's the Ethiopian food from the street cart by the medical school? Who's serving at 4:30 a.m.?

You'll just have to buy the book.

## WHAT'S NEW IN CRIMINAL LAW...



**John H. Langbein**

**The Origins of Adversary Criminal Trial**

*Oxford University Press, 2003*

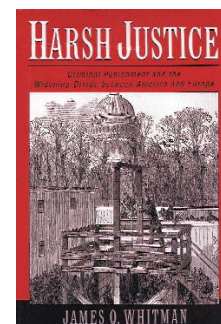
Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History, describes the transformation from lawyer-free to lawyer-dominated criminal trials during the period from 1690 to 1780, providing the first detailed account of the formation of the law of criminal evidence.

**James Q. Whitman**

**Harsh Justice: Criminal Punishment and the Widening Divide between America and Europe**

*Oxford University Press, 2003*

Whitman '88, Ford Foundation Professor of Comparative and Foreign Law, asks why America has a penal system that has more in common with a dictatorial Third World regime than with the countries to which we owe our ethical heritage, and exposes the deep cultural roots of America's degrading punishment practices.



**Samuel A. Marcossan**

**Original Sin: Clarence Thomas and the Failure of the Constitutional Conservatives**

*New York University Press, 2002*

Marcossan '86 discusses the use of originalism, explains why it has failed to provide a consistent basis for constitutional decision making, and offers an alternative approach that he says lends greater legitimacy to the Court's interpretations of the Constitution.

**Monroe E. Price**

**Media and Sovereignty: The Global Information Revolution and its Challenge to State Power**

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002*

Price '64 focuses on emerging foreign policies that govern media in a world where war has information as well as military fronts, drawing on an international array of examples of regulation of media for political ends.

**Jedediah Purdy**

**Being America: Liberty, Commerce, and Violence in an American World**

*Alfred A. Knopf, 2003*

Purdy '01 explores how America is perceived, emulated, and judged in a rapidly changing world and proposes that the U.S. pursue a political course that is humane and attuned to the differing ambitions of other cultures.

**Roberta Romano**

**The Advantage of Competitive Federalism for Securities Regulation**

*The AEI Press, 2002*

Romano '80, Allen Duffy/Class of 1960 Professor of Law, contends that the current exclusive jurisdiction of the SEC to regulate securities is misguided and should be

replaced by a regime of competitive federalism, where firms would choose to be regulated by a state, the SEC, or another country, thereby letting the markets' influence produce regulatory arrangements most compatible with investors' preferences.



**Peter H. Schuck**

**Diversity in America: Keeping Government at a Safe Distance**

*Belknap Press, 2003*

Schuck, Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law, explains how Americans have understood

diversity, how we came to embrace it, how the government regulates it now, and how we can do better, arguing that diversity is best managed not by the government, but by families, ethnic groups, religious communities, and other civil institutions.

**Carol M. Swain**

**The New White Nationalism in America: Its Challenge to Integration**

*Cambridge University Press, 2002*

Swain '00 MSL discusses the rise of a new white nationalist movement in America, targeted to white Americans aggrieved over racial double standards, race-based affirmative action policies, and liberal immigration policies, and the movement's potential to disrupt already fragile race relations.

**Laura S. Underkuffler**

**The Idea of Property: Its Meaning and Power**

*Oxford University Press, 2003*

Underkuffler '87 LLM, '94 JSD examines what property is—including such diverse areas as land use, the body as property, personal information as property, and cultural property—and the power that individual property rights should have against competing public goals.

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## WHAT'S NEW IN LAW AND MEDICINE...

**Robert A. Burt**

**Death Is That Man Taking Names: Intersections of American Medicine, Law, and Culture**

*University of California Press, 2002*

Burt '64, Alexander M. Bickel Professor of Law, focuses on three social movements—physician-assisted suicide, abortion, and the death penalty—in his exploration of how people try to reconcile modern-day attempts to establish rational control over the dying process, with natural fears of death as an evil event, and how this ambivalence affects activities around death and dying.

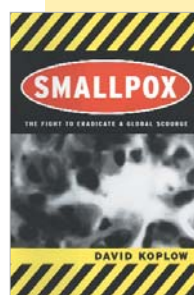


**David A. Koplow**

**Smallpox: The Fight to Eradicate a Global Scourge**

*University of California Press, 2003*

Koplow '78 looks at the long and fascinating history of the smallpox virus, giving us an overview of the political, biological, environmental, medical, and legal issues surrounding the question of whether or not the virus should be exterminated.





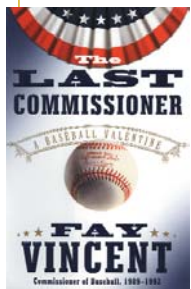
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**H. Richard Uviller and  
William G. Merkel**

**The Militia and the Right to Arms,  
or How the Second Amendment  
Fell Silent**

*Duke University Press, 2002*

Uviller '53 and Merkel focus on the first clause of the Second Amendment ("A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State..."), and conclude that because our current system of armed forces has replaced the citizen militias envisioned by the framers, the constitutional right to bear arms has evaporated.



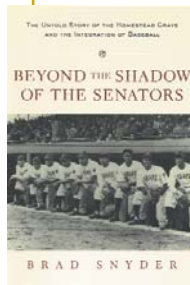
**Fay Vincent**

**The Last Commissioner:  
A Baseball Valentine**

*Simon & Schuster, 2002*

Vincent '63 recalls the joys and travails he encountered as the commissioner of Major League baseball from 1989 to 1992. ∞

## The Greatest Baseball Team Nobody Ever Heard Of



**Brad Snyder**

**Beyond the Shadow of the Senators: The Untold Story of  
the Homestead Grays and the Integration of Baseball**

*McGraw-Hill, 2003*

Snyder '99 offers a superb introduction to the team he calls "the greatest baseball dynasty nobody ever heard of." The Homestead Grays of the Negro National League, born in Homestead, Pennsylvania, but adopted by Washington, D.C., were the most consistently dominant team in the Negro Leagues in the 1930s and 1940s. Ironically, as they were setting a standard for greatness, the Grays were sharing Griffith Stadium with an all-white American League team that was redefining the term "abysmal"—the Washington Senators. Against this backdrop, Snyder tells two fascinating tales, interweaving an affectionate portrait of a superlative team with an unsparing portrait of the city—and the pastime—that kept the Grays in the shadows.

The story features great baseball, from the deft play of the peerless Grays first baseman Buck Leonard to the jaw-dropping home runs of Josh Gibson (the Grays catcher hit more home runs in Griffith Stadium in 1943 than the entire American League) to the classic battles with the mythic pitcher Satchel Paige of the Kansas City Monarchs. Equally compelling is the crusade of Sam Lacy, who worked as a vendor in Griffith Stadium as a boy, and grew up to be one of the most influential sportswriters in the black press. Lacy was convinced that Washington was the most hospitable city for an integrated baseball team. He tirelessly lobbied in private and harangued in print to convince Senators owner Clark Griffith to acknowledge the talent and the fan base right in front of him. The battle of individual wills and socioeconomic forces that kept Washington from leading the way to integration in baseball offers an enlightening look at one of baseball's bleakest moments. *Marilyn F. Drees*

### ALSO OF NOTE...

**Steven Brill '75**

**After: How America Confronted  
the September 12 Era**

*Simon and Schuster, 2003*

**Daniel C. Esty '86, Clinical Professor of  
Environmental Law and Policy, and  
Maria H. Ivanova, Editors**  
**Global Environmental Governance:  
Options and Opportunities**

*Yale School of Forestry and Environmental  
Studies, 2002*

**Ronald Goldfarb '60 LLM, '62 JSD**  
**Perfect Villains, Imperfect Heroes:  
Robert F. Kennedy's War Against  
Organized Crime**

*Capital Books Inc., 2002*

**Gary W. Hart '64**

**Restoration of the Republic:  
The Jeffersonian Ideal in  
21st-Century America**

*Oxford University Press, 2002*

**Franz C. Mayer '95 LLM**

**Kompetenzüberschreitung und  
Letztentscheidung**

*Verlag C. H. Beck München, 2000*

**Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu '85 LLM**

**The General Part of Criminal Law:  
A Ghanian Casebook, Vols. 1 and 2**

*Black Mask Ltd., 2001*

**Jonathan R. Mook '77**

**ADA: Employee Rights and Employer  
Obligations**

**ADA: Public Accommodations and  
Commercial Facilities**

*Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., 2002*

**Angelika Siehr '90 LLM**

**Die Deutschenrechte des Grundgesetzes  
(The Rights of Germans According to  
Basic Law)**

*Duncker & Humblot, 2001*

**Benjamin Stein '70 and Phil DeMuth**  
**Yes, You Can Time the Market!**

*John Wiley & Sons, 2003*



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	Karen J. Weiner
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	Matt T. Morley
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	Cynthia G. Lamar-Hart
1993	Elizabeth deGrazia Blumenfeld
	Kevin K. Washburn
1998	Iris Y. Chiu
	Amanda T. Perez