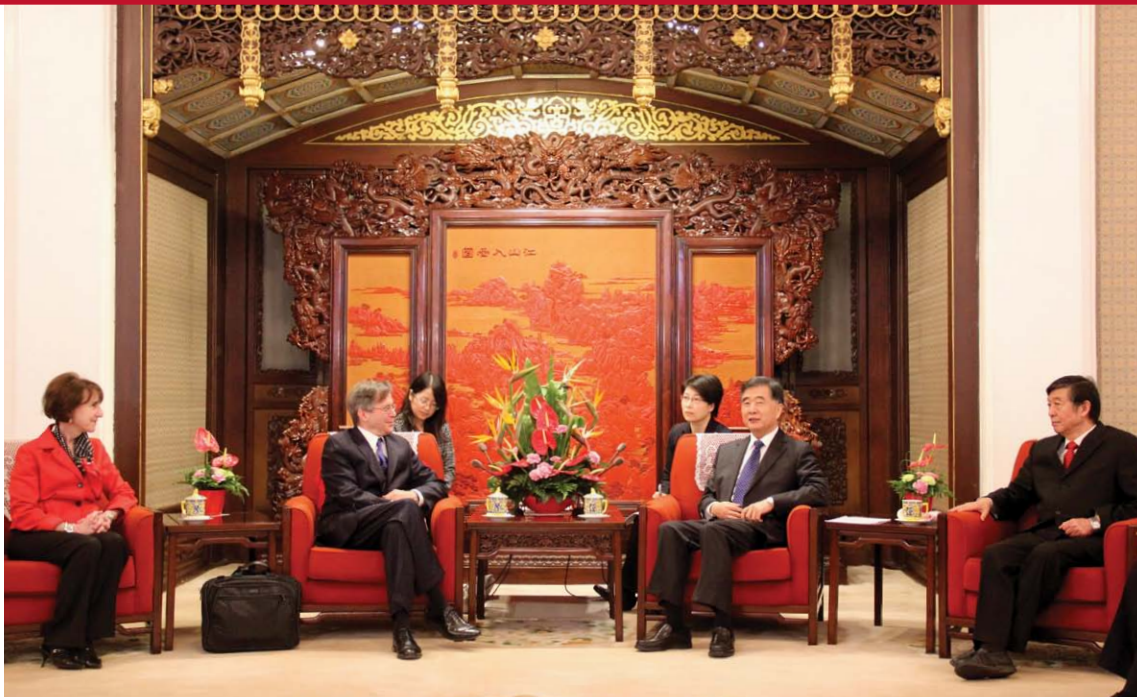
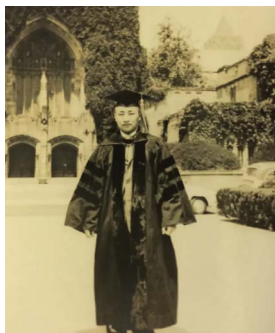


# news in brief



## China Center Receives \$30 Million Gift in Honor of Dr. Paul Tsai



*(above) Paul Tsai '54 LL.M., '57 JSD yearbook photo;  
(right) Tsai in front of Sterling Memorial Library on  
the day of his graduation, 1957*

TO HONOR THE LEGACY of the late Dr. Paul C. Tsai, '54 LL.M., '57 JSD, Yale Law School has received a gift of \$30 million that will support the continuing work of the Law School's China Center. This extraordinary gift was given by his son, Joseph C. Tsai, '86 BA, '90 JD. In recognition of this gift, the Center has been renamed the Paul Tsai China Center.

"Through his intelligence, wisdom, and wit, my father was an inspiration and role model to me," said Joe Tsai. "I am proud and humbled to have followed in his footsteps to Yale Law School. I am also extremely fortunate to have participated in the tremendous growth of China's economy and technology development over the past two decades. Today, as I think about giving back to an institution that represents the confluence of experiences that shaped who I am, I can't think of a better initiative than the China Center at Yale Law School under the leadership of Professor Gewirtz. This is the most meaningful way for me to remember my father and to recognize the development of China, its increasing role on the world stage, and the importance of U.S.-China relations."

(opposite, top) The Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School works collaboratively with top experts in Chinese universities, government, and civil society to broadly improve U.S.–China relations.

In March 2014, Professor Paul Gewirtz '70, director of the Paul Tsai China Center, participated in a Track II dialogue delegation meeting with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang. The meeting included (in foreground from left) former U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, Professor Gewirtz, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang, Ambassador Wu Jianmin, former Chinese Ambassador to France and the UN.

Yale Law School's China Center is a unique institution dedicated to helping advance China's legal reforms, improving U.S.-China relations, and increasing understanding of China in the United States. Its founder and director is Paul Gewirtz '70, the Potter Stewart Professor of Constitutional Law at Yale Law School.

In interaction with research and teaching at Yale, the Center works collaboratively with top experts in Chinese universities, government, and civil society on projects in areas such as judicial reform, administrative and regulatory reform, and public interest law. The Center's work also includes efforts to improve U.S.-China relations more broadly, especially through dialogues with Chinese counterparts that bring together former senior government officials from both countries to address a broad range of economic, security, and political issues in the U.S.-China relationship. As the foundation of all these projects, the China Center staff undertakes teaching, research, and writing that seeks to contribute to the education and training of a younger generation and more widely advance understanding of China and U.S.-China relations.

"This extraordinary gift is not only a profound act of a Yale son honoring his Yale father, but an extraordinary opportunity for Yale Law School to contribute to the understanding and future of China and U.S.-China relations," said Paul Gewirtz. "We're deeply



Joe Tsai



Paul Gewirtz

eight years, while in government, he played a leading role in developing policies and laws that contributed to Taiwan's extraordinary economic growth. Serving in various key government roles, he drafted the crucial Statute for the Encouragement of Investment and also the Secured Transactions Act. In recognition of his outstanding civil service, Dr. Tsai received the President's Award for Outstanding Performance in Government Services in 1963.

In 1965, Dr. Tsai and his father, Ruchin Tsai, established a private law firm, Tsai & Tsai—itself a pioneering effort as Taiwan's first partnership law firm with a reputation for quality and innovation. In private practice, Dr. Tsai continued to contribute greatly to Taiwan's growth and development, particularly in the international arena.

As his personal success grew, Dr. Tsai became a generous philanthropist. Among his many acts of generosity, he endowed the Myres S. McDougal Professorship at Yale Law School, in honor of his mentor when he was a

student, as well as the Paul C. Tsai Professorial Lectureship at Yale Law School.

***"This is the most meaningful way for me to remember my father and to recognize the development of China, its increasing role on the world stage, and the importance of U.S.-China relations."*** JOE TSAI '90

grateful to Joe Tsai, and my colleagues and I at the Paul Tsai China Center will continue our work with renewed belief in its importance and determined to make the most of the new opportunities before us."

Paul Tsai, a native of Huzhou in Zhejiang Province, China, grew up in Shanghai and moved to Taiwan in 1948. He came to Yale in 1953 and in 1957 was the first ever graduate student from Taiwan to receive a JSD degree from Yale Law School. When he returned to Taiwan, Dr. Tsai immediately became a pioneering figure in its economic miracle and integration into the international economy. For

As a third generation lawyer, Joe Tsai continued the family legal tradition, graduating from Yale Law School in 1990 and practicing with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York as an associate in the firm's Tax Group. In 1995 Joe moved to Hong Kong to begin a career in investment management with the Asian office of Investor AB, the Swedish industrial holding company. Joe's career took a further turn when, in 1999, he met Jack Ma and soon after joined him as one of the founding members of the Chinese Internet company Alibaba. Today, Joe is executive vice chairman of Alibaba Group and serves on its board of directors.

COMMUNITY

## Diversity & Inclusion Committee Issues Recommendations

A FACULTY/STUDENT COMMITTEE charged by Dean Post with evaluating the challenges and opportunities faced by the Law School in regard to issues of diversity and inclusion produced a report in March that focused on five broad areas of reform:

- 1 *Creating a more diverse student body;*
- 2 *Building a more diverse faculty;*
- 3 *Mentoring and classroom climate;*
- 4 *Enhancing support for student groups;*
- 5 *Ensuring ongoing monitoring of progress.*

Two central philosophies guided the work of the committee, which was co-chaired by Professors James Forman '92, Heather Gerken, and Tom Tyler: that the Law School should “think creatively and strategically about how best to train a diverse group of leaders who are, in turn, ready to address the needs of a diverse society,” and that “students and faculty who come from different backgrounds or hold different views must ... be able to take advantage of the full panoply of professional and intellectual opportunities that Yale provides, and must be treated as full and valued members of the community.”

Dean Post noted that the report “provides a road map for creating a stronger and more inclusive community,” and an “extraordinary opportunity to rethink how our community lives, works, and learns.”

He added that many of the committee’s recommendations were so compelling that the Law School began implementing some of them before the committee had actually filed its report.

Dean Post appointed Sharon Brooks '00, former associate dean of student affairs, as a consultant to help implement some of the committee’s recommendations.

FELLOWSHIPS

## Public Interest Fellows Named

THIRTY-SEVEN STUDENTS and recent graduates have been named recipients of public interest fellowships for 2016–2017. Twenty-nine of the recipients will receive Yale Law School public interest post-graduate fellowships through programs that include the YLS Public Interest Fellowship, the Yale Law Journal Fellowship, the Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship, the Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights, the Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship, the Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship, the Tom and Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellowship, the Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women’s Rights, the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship, the YLS International Court of Justice Internship/ Clerkship, and the YLS Permanent Court of Arbitration Fellowship. Eight will pursue public interest work through fellowship programs funded by outside organizations, including the Skadden Foundation and Equal Justice Works.

CONFERENCES

## Bernstein Symposium Focuses on Art and Human Rights

THIS YEAR’S ROBERT L. BERNSTEIN International Human Rights Symposium included international artists, advocates, and curators whose work engages with human rights issues. The event on April 7–8 was a collaboration with JUNCTURE: Explorations in Art and Human Rights. The symposium featured conversations with JUNCTURE’s visiting artists, who are collaborating on creative projects with law and graduate students.

“We wanted to bring the perspectives of artists, scholars, and human rights practitioners to bear on such issues as the ethics of representing suffering, loss, and atrocity, and the potential of the arts to foster



awareness, empathy, or action,” said Professor James Silk '89, director of Yale Law School’s Schell Center for International Human Rights and of JUNCTURE.

Poet, teacher, and activist Carolyn Forché (at right, with book at lectern) gave a keynote address that was part talk and part poetry reading. Her first book of poetry, *Gathering the Tribes*, won the Yale Series of Younger Poets 1975 Competition. Forché’s poems are often about violence, suffering, and memory, and she is known for coining the term “poetry of witness.”

The JUNCTURE visiting artists—Dipika Guha, Chitra Ganesh, Mariam Ghani, and Amalia Pica, discussed their work, each of them in conversation with a lawyer or scholar.

Photos by Harold Shapiro

CULTURA = CAPITALE


## Artist Alfredo Jaar Speaks at JUNCTURE Event

ALFREDO JAAR, a Chilean-born artist, architect, and filmmaker based in New York, gave a lecture titled “It Is Difficult” on February 3. Jaar’s work engages key themes of the initiative: the ethical and political complexities of memory and memorial, the limitations of art in

representing human suffering, and the role of the artist as activist. In his art, Jaar has addressed topics such as state violence in Chile, the environmental and human costs of toxic waste, and genocide in Rwanda.



*The 2016 Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Symposium was a collaboration with JUNCTURE: Explorations in Art and Human Rights, a new initiative sponsored by the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights. The symposium, "Art & International Human Rights," featured artists, advocates, and curators whose work engages with human rights issues, including current Bernstein and Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellows.*

website  Watch video from the conference:  
[www.law.yale.edu/Bernstein-2016](http://www.law.yale.edu/Bernstein-2016)

LIMAN PROGRAM

## Liman Colloquium on Moving Criminal Justice

THIS YEAR'S LIMAN COLLOQUIUM brought together scholars, fellows, faculty, and students to examine reforming the criminal justice system. The colloquium, titled "Moving Criminal Justice," considered how reform agendas are formulated, gain currency, and result in changes in laws and practices that produce consequences, whether generative or harmful. The event included panels on "A Moment of Reform?," "Decarceration," "Abolition: Capital Punishment & LWOP," "Ending Isolation," and "Changes from the Inside and Out." Read more about the Law School's criminal justice work on page 46.



## President Obama Cites ASCA/Liman Report on Solitary Confinement

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA cited a report published by Yale Law School's Arthur Liman Public Interest Program and the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) January 26 in a *Washington Post* op-ed announcing the end of solitary confinement for juveniles in federal criminal custody. Read more about the report, *Time-in-Cell: The Liman-ASCA 2014 National Survey of Administrative Segregation in Prison*, the Liman Center's initiatives, and the Law School's wide-ranging work on criminal justice reform on page 46.

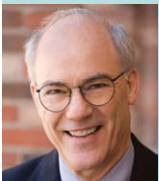


The nineteenth annual Liman Colloquium, "Moving Criminal Justice," brought together scholars and practitioners to consider how reform agendas are formulated, gain currency, and result in changes in laws and practices.

# Faculty Announcements



Sterling Professor **Bruce Ackerman '67** is a consultant on a lawsuit brought by a U.S. Army captain that argues that President Obama and his administration are violating the Constitution by conducting military operations against ISIS in Iraq and Syria without obtaining Congressional authorization.



**Robert C. Ellickson '66**, Walter E. Meyer Professor Emeritus of Property and Urban Law, was awarded the Ronald H. Coase Medal at the 26th Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, which was held May 20–21 at Harvard Law School. The Ronald H. Coase medal is awarded biannually “in recognition of major contributions to the field of law and economics.”



The American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies, has elected Simeon E. Baldwin Professor Emeritus of Law Professor **Peter Schuck** to its 2016 Class of Members.



Sterling Professor Emeritus **Jerry Mashaw** spent part of the spring term visiting universities throughout Australia and New Zealand to discuss his work on administrative law in the United States. Mashaw’s work was also recognized at a special Yale Law School conference in 2015.



**Tracey L. Meares**, the Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law, participated in a meeting, “Women and the Criminal Justice System,” at the White House on March 30. The event brought together justice-involved women and girls, family members of incarcerated individuals, women serving in law enforcement, and other leading advocates for a more equitable and effective justice system. In March, Meares, Professor Tom Tyler, and Phillip Atiba Goff—all members of Yale Law School’s Justice Collaboratory—were named to serve on the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Proactive Policing.



**J.L. Pottenger, Jr. '75**, and **Stephen Wizner** received the 2016 Equal Access to Justice award from New Haven Legal Assistance in May, for their work with Yale Law School clinics to provide representation to those who would otherwise be unable to obtain it.



**Susan Rose-Ackerman** received an honorary doctorate from the University of Maastricht (UM) in the Netherlands in January. The law faculty of the university also organized a conference on themes prominent in her work.

Rose-Ackerman received her honorary doctorate for her contributions to research on “the smart mix of instruments that can be employed to fight environmental pollution” and “her research on regulation, federalism, and corruption, thus showing how the quality of government can be improved,” according to the University announcement.



Associate Professor **Issa Kohler-Hausmann '08** had a victory in court when a client she is representing won a new chance for parole after the New York State Appellate Division ruled in his favor. The recent ruling concluded that the State Board of Parole failed to meaningfully consider his juvenile status at the time of the crime. The decision to grant a new parole release hearing sets a legal precedent by extending to the context of parole release the Supreme Court’s recent rulings in *Graham v. Florida*, *Miller v. Alabama*, and *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, which held that the unique attributes of youth render a sentence of life without parole unconstitutional for juveniles.

**CENTERS**

## Portal Project to Capture Discourse of Fairness, Justice, Equality

ON APRIL 18, the Justice Collaboratory joined with Shared\_Studios and artist Amar Bakshi '15 to bring *Portals*, a Global Public Art Initiative, to Newark, New Jersey, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to address issues within the U.S. criminal justice system.

The Collaboratory collected information from *Portals* conversations to better understand how people around the United States relate their experiences to ideals of fairness, justice, and equality, and how they perceive the police.

"The idea of actually having a truly public conception of how police understand communities and how communities understand police has eluded us until *Portals*," said Tracey Meares, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law.

The project was made possible with support from the Justice Collaboratory, the ISPS Center for the Study of Inequality at Yale University, the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

**INITIATIVES**

## \$3 Million Grant Given to Launch Health Data Initiative

THE COLLABORATION for Research Integrity and Transparency (CRIT) at Yale University, a new initiative launching in July, received a \$3 million grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF) to promote open access to high-quality data in health.



CRIT is jointly led by the Yale Global Health Justice Partnership (GHJP), the Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic (MFIA) at Yale Law School, and the Yale Open Data Access (YODA) Project within the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Yale School of Medicine.

The initiative aims to ensure that data about medical products is both rigorous and reliable by promoting open access to all clinical trial information and by sup-

porting independent research and analysis of that data. It will also work to achieve a legal and regulatory environment that supports the production and sharing of high-quality data.

"Yale has the resources to link leading legal academics with some of the nation's best freedom of information lawyers, and with leading medical researchers and academic experts on open access to knowledge and scientific data," said Amy Kapczynski '03, professor of law and GHJP faculty director. "With this combined expertise, we are uniquely situated to build a collaborative effort to strengthen research integrity in the United States."



## China Center Hosts Judicial Reform Delegation from China

IN DECEMBER 2015, The China Center collaborated with a visiting delegation of nine senior judges and officials from the Supreme People's Court (SPC) of China, led by Senior Judge Huiling Jiang, the president of the SPC's China Institute of Applied Jurisprudence. The China Center facilitated meetings for the SPC delegation at the Supreme Court of the United States, including a conversation with Justice Anthony Kennedy and a working lunch with Justices Samuel Alito '75 and Stephen Breyer.

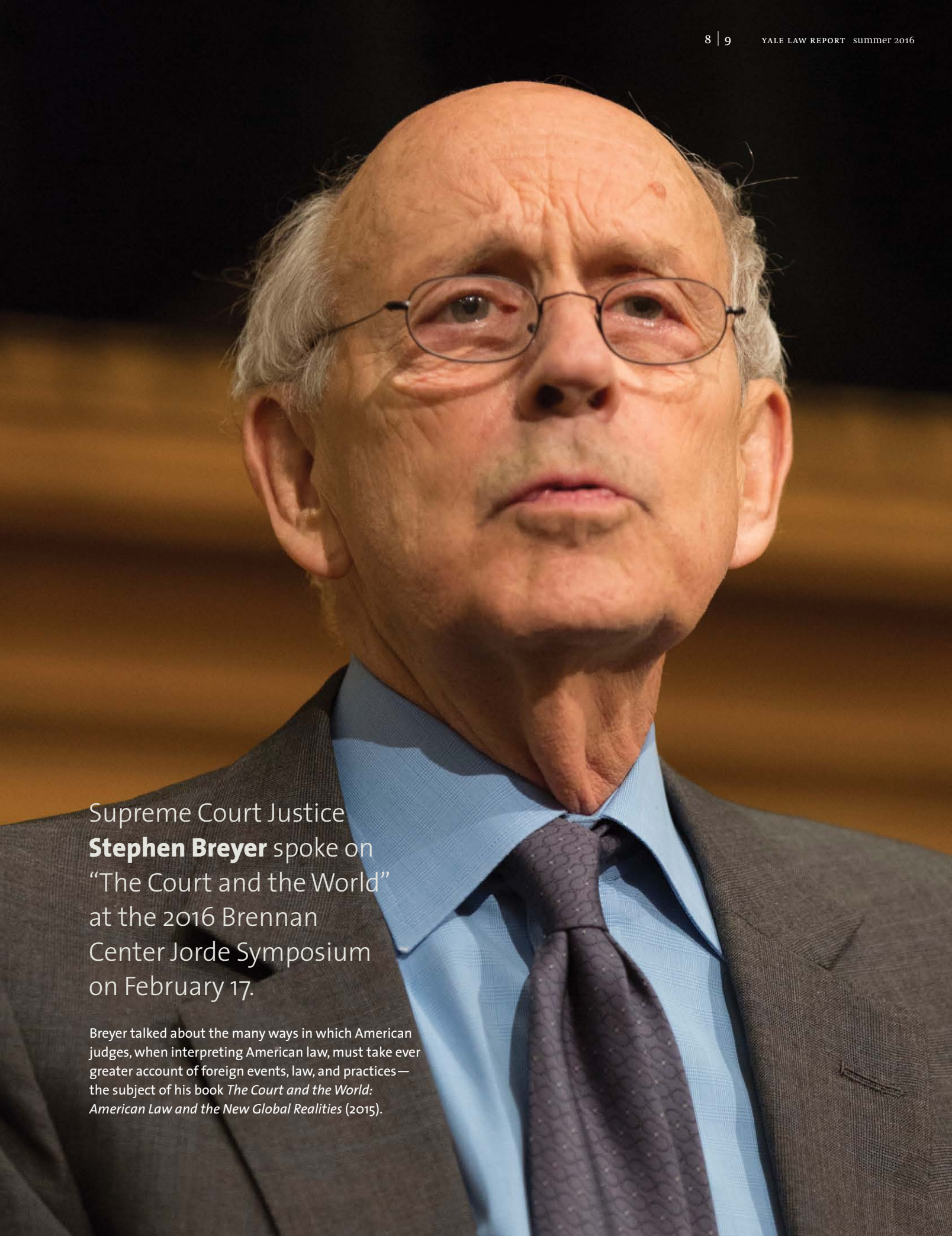
**CENTERS**

## Hewlett Grant to Fund Work on Cyber Security

THE WILLIAM AND FLORA Hewlett Foundation recently awarded a grant to support a research collaboration between Yale Law School and Yale University's Department of Computer Science that will investigate the legal and technical aspects of cyber conflict.

The cross-disciplinary project, which is funded by a \$406,000 grant over two years, will look at this issue from both domestic and international angles to help develop a network of experts in this emerging field.

The faculty leads on the project are Professors Oona Hathaway '97 and Scott Shapiro '90, both from the Law School, and Professor Joan Feigenbaum, chair of the Computer Science Department at Yale.

A close-up portrait of Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. He is an older man with thinning grey hair, wearing glasses, a light blue dress shirt, a dark patterned tie, and a grey suit jacket. He is looking slightly upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus warm tone.

Supreme Court Justice  
**Stephen Breyer** spoke on  
“The Court and the World”  
at the 2016 Brennan  
Center Jorde Symposium  
on February 17.

Breyer talked about the many ways in which American judges, when interpreting American law, must take ever greater account of foreign events, law, and practices—the subject of his book *The Court and the World: American Law and the New Global Realities* (2015).



# Visiting the Law School



**T. Alexander Aleinikoff '77**, deputy high commissioner in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, gave the Gruber Distinguished Lecture in Global Justice on February 8.



Professor **Yanzhong Huang** delivered a lecture on “China’s Healthcare Challenges” on March 7. The event was organized by the China Center and co-sponsored by the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy.

Judge **Patricia Millett** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia delivered the Robert P. Anderson Lecture on April 18 on “Repairing the House Divided: Lawyers as Healers.”



**David Cohen**, deputy director of the CIA, visited the Law School on March 7. In programming organized and sponsored by the Center for Global Legal Challenges, Cohen discussed the role of the CIA in the national security and intelligence communities and described some of the agency’s more recent reform initiatives.



**Boudewijn Sirks**, emeritus Regius professor of civil law at University of Oxford, gave a dean’s lecture on April 7, “Will the real Roman Law please stand up? Pandectism, promissory estoppel and other aspects of Roman Law.”



On February 3, The China Center hosted Professor **Jerome A. Cohen '55** (above left), who gave a lecture on “Law and Power: China’s Ongoing Struggle.” Professor Cohen is the leading public intellectual on Chinese law and human rights outside of China.



**Niall Ferguson**, the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, delivered the 2015–16 John R. Raben/ Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship Lecture on February 29. Ferguson’s lecture was titled “Risk Management in Finance and Geopolitics: A Tale of Two Silos.”



**Kaaryn Gustafson** (front, center), professor of law at UC–Irvine School of Law, gave a lecture titled “Bastardy, Debt, and Social Control” on March 21. This 2015–2016 James A. Thomas Lecture highlighted Gustafson’s historical research on America’s orphan and bastardy laws.

Professor **Jack Goldsmith** ’89 delivered the Sherrill Lecture on April 4, titled “The Obama Administration’s Contributions to the Practice and Theory of International Law.”



Goldsmith is the Henry L. Shattuck Professor at Harvard Law School, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and co-founder of Lawfareblog.com.



Justice **Susanne Baer** of the Federal Constitutional Court in Germany gave the Judge Jon O. Newman Lecture on March 28. Her lecture was titled “Rights Under Pressure: Practicing Constitutional Law in Turbulent Times” and touched on how the dynamics of globalization put pressure on national legal systems.



Watch video online at [www.vimeo.com/yalelaw](http://www.vimeo.com/yalelaw)



#### FACULTY

**DAVID SINGH GREWAL** ’02 AND **JOHN MORLEY** ’06 have received tenure and have been promoted to the title of Professor of Law. Grewal’s teaching and research interests include legal and political theory; global economic governance, particularly international trade law; intellectual property law and biotechnology; and law and economics. Morley’s teaching and research interests focus on organizational law and investment management.



#### LIBRARY

### Miguel-Stearns to Become Head of YLS Library

**TERESA MIGUEL-STEARNES** has been appointed as law librarian and professor of law for the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School. She succeeds Blair Kauffman, who is retiring after twenty-two years at the helm of the library.

Miguel-Stearns earned her JD from the University of Richmond School of Law and worked as a public defender before earning her MA in library and information science from the University of Arizona. She has been with the Law Library since 2005 and has served as its deputy director since 2011.



**IN MEMORIAM**

**Carroll Lucht, 1942–2016**

AS THE *LAW REPORT* was going to press, we received the sad news that Carroll Lucht, clinical professor emeritus of law, died on July 3, 2016. The winter issue of the magazine will pay tribute to his life and his work at the Law School.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**2016 Environmental Performance Index**

THE YALE CENTER FOR Environmental Law and Policy, a joint undertaking between the Law School and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, contributed to the publication of the 2016 Environmental Performance Index (EPI), a diagnostic tool for policymakers to evaluate and improve performance toward environmental goals. Produced biennially by researchers at Yale and Columbia universities, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum and with support from the Samuel Family Foundation and the McCall MacBain Foundation, the EPI evaluates how countries protect ecosystems and human health. The 2016 EPI examines 180 countries, finding cause for both optimism and serious concern. Read more at [www.epi.yale.edu](http://www.epi.yale.edu).



**CLINIC**

**Clinic Lawsuit Challenges Ebola Quarantines**

THE LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION at Yale Law School, Connecticut residents, and their representatives filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court on February 8 challenging a pattern and practice of unlawful quarantine of travelers from countries affected by Ebola.

The lawsuit stems from events that took place in the fall of 2014 when West Africa was facing an Ebola epidemic and media accounts stoked public fears that travelers would carry the virus across the Atlantic to Connecticut. During that time, Governor Dannel Malloy granted the state Department of Public Health (DPH) sweeping authority to quarantine anyone entering Connecticut from West Africa. The DPH used that power to quarantine immigrants and public health students who showed no symptoms of Ebola, in violation of state and federal statutes and the Connecticut and U.S. Constitutions, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit builds on a report issued in December 2015 by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Yale Global Health Justice Partnership.



**ON JANUARY 27, the Yale Food Law Society, Yale Health Law & Policy Society, and the Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy at Yale Law School hosted a high-profile lineup of panelists and moderators to discuss poverty, health, and food policy in the United States.**

**The discussion examined how the legal community can help promote better nutrition among low-income Americans through food policy. The panel featured (above, from left) Kelly Brownell, dean of Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, and Kurt Messner, (acting) regional administrator of the USDA Food & Nutrition Service. It was moderated by Emily Broad Leib, assistant clinical professor of law at Harvard Law School and director of the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic, and Professor Abbe Gluck '00, director of the Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy at Yale Law School.**

## CLINIC ROUND-UP

A sampling of highlights  
from the Law School's  
robust clinical program

### Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic

The Media and Freedom Information Access Clinic secured a victory in a Missouri Circuit Court on March 21 when a judge ruled that the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) was required under state law to disclose the names of the pharmacies from which it purchases the drugs used to execute inmates on death row. The clinic was also recognized as a finalist for the second annual Columbia University Global Freedom of Expression Prize in the Excellence in Legal Service category for its representation of the plaintiff in *Merrill v. Holder*.



### Ethics Bureau at Yale

Three Yale law graduates who were members of the Ethics Bureau at Yale published an essay highlighting the inequities that plague the courts' application of the federal Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA). The essay outlines how these inequities have stripped

many indigent prison inmates of their opportunity to contest their criminal convictions when their lawyers have committed misconduct or error. In February, students from the clinic attended oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court to observe *Williams v. Pennsylvania*, the case in which they submitted an amicus brief late last year.

### Allard K. Lowenstein

#### International Human Rights Clinic

The Lowenstein Clinic and Tina Foster, of the U.S.-based International Justice Network, are pressing U.S. and Afghan authorities to find a solution for two brothers who have been held at the Afghan National Detention Facility since 2009.

### Veterans Legal Services Clinic

The U.S. District Court in Connecticut approved a settlement in *Vietnam Veterans of America et al v. Dept. of Defense et al.*, a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought against the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the National Veterans Council for Legal Redress by the Clinic. The veterans groups sought records regarding implementation of a September 2014 directive by then-Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel requiring that military record correction boards give "liberal consideration" to applications by veterans with PTSD who had received an other-than-honorable or other bad discharge and later seek to have their discharge status upgraded.

Senator Richard Blumenthal '73 and the advocacy group Veterans Education Success have called on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to act against the deceptive recruitment of veterans by predatory colleges citing a recent legal memorandum produced by the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School. The memorandum explains how the VA is obligated under federal statute to deny G.I. Bill funding to schools that have deceptively recruited veterans.

### Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic

The clinic sent a letter in January serving notice to federal officials that many of the Central American refugees targeted in recent immigration raids are disabled, as that term is defined under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The letter was authored by clinic students and signed by more than 150 civil rights, labor, and faith groups.

### National Security Clinic

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) released in April "Trapped in a Black Box: Growing Terrorist Watchlisting in Everyday Policing," a report prepared by the Civil Liberties and National Security Clinic. The report analyzes 13,000 pages of new information from a joint Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation by the ACLU and the clinic, which reveals that the U.S. government has drastically expanded the use of a consolidated watchlisting system that now includes hundreds of thousands of individuals. The watchlist, referred to as the Known or Suspected Terrorist (KST) File, is part of a vast system of domestic surveillance of people whom law enforcement labels suspect based on vague and loose criteria, according to the report.

### Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation Clinic

After months of advocating the state of Connecticut to change the rules to allow for limited-scope representation, and working with court officials to sort out legal profession's ethical details, the clinic got the green light to launch the Attorney for Short Calendar pilot program (ASC) this spring. The program offers limited-scope representation to homeowners in foreclosure proceedings who otherwise would not have counsel. Limited-scope representation is a form of "unbundled" legal service in which an attorney represents a client for a specific proceeding, like a single motion, rather than for the entirety of a case.



### Health Panel Discusses Zika Virus

The Global Health Justice Partnership convened a panel at Yale Law School on March 8 to discuss the recent outbreak of Zika virus and its impact on reproductive rights. The event was co-sponsored by groups across Yale University, including the Department of Epidemiology of Microbial Disease at the Yale School of Public Health, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Medical Students for Choice, Nursing Students for Choice, Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice, Program in the History of Science and Medicine, and Rights, Health, and Justice.

### Yale New Directions in Environmental Law Conference (NDEL)

Jointly organized by the Yale Environmental Law Association (YELA) at Yale Law School and the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (FES), NDEL 2016 convened under the theme of “Cascading Change: Innovation, Organizing, and Disruptive Strategies” on February 26 and 27. The conference featured keynote addresses from Mark Tercek, president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy, and Christy Goldfuss, managing director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, as well as an address from Bill McKibben, best-selling author and co-founder of 350.org.

### Unlocking the Black Box: The Promise and Limits of Algorithmic Accountability in the Profession

The Information Society Project at Yale Law School held a conference that examined the concerns that have been raised over the increasing power of big data and algorithmic decision making—in commercial, government, and non-profit contexts.

### Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference

Sponsored by the Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression and the Information Society Project, the conference on April 30–May 1 brought together academics, practitioners, and others to discuss their scholarly works-in-progress concerning freedom of speech, expression, press, association, petition, assembly, and related issues of knowledge and information policy.

### 2016 Critical Race Theory Conference

Race (In)Action: The 2016 Critical Race Theory Conference was held on April 9, bringing together academics, practitioners, and activists to explore the relationship between race, racism, and power. Critical Race theorists study how racism continues to permeate society’s institutions in defiance of legislative and constitutional progress. Through engaging discussions on topics such as education, policing, social movements, and intersectionality, conference attendees heard from some of the best and brightest in the field. The conference keynote speaker was Angela Onwuachi-Willig, the Charles and Marion Kierscht Professor of Law at the University of Iowa. Her research explores issues of race, class, rhetoric, stigma, and identity, particularly in the context of anti-discrimination law and family law.

**CONFERENCE ROUND-UP**  
A selection of the many conferences hosted by the Law School in spring 2016

### What *Obergefell v. Hodges* Should Have Said

On April 15, scholars discussed the *Obergefell* decision, including Yale Law School faculty members Jack M. Balkin and Reva Siegel '86, as well as Helen Alvare (George Mason), Katherine Franke (Columbia), Robert George (Princeton), Sherif Girgis '16, John Harrison (Virginia), Andrew Koppleman (Northwestern), Doug NeJaime (UCLA), and Jeremy Waldron (NYU). The conference was presented by the Information Society Project and its Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice.

### Rebellious Lawyering Conference (RebLaw)

This year’s RebLaw conference on February 19–20 featured twenty-six wide-ranging panel sessions that addressed topics such as gun violence prevention; climate change and human rights; big data; abolishing cash bail; food and agriculture law; and many more. The conference welcomed two keynote speakers: Kent Wong, director of the UCLA Labor Center, and Jaribu Hill, executive director of the Mississippi Worker’s Center for Human Rights and civil rights veteran.