

# OPENING STATEMENT



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# Law School Unveils Pauli Murray Portrait

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**Speaking about** the remarkable life of Anna Pauline “Pauli” Murray ’65 JSD, Dean Heather Gerken described how Murray faced struggles and discrimination with grace, reminding those in the audience that her legacy is more powerful than ever.

“When it feels as if our society stands at the edge of a precipice; when our faith in humanity is flagging; when we are exhausted from our efforts; when the mere existence of members of our community is challenged — we must remember Pauli,” said Gerken during a portrait unveiling ceremony on November 12, 2018.

“Pauli wasn’t just smarter than her foes. She was a bigger person than they were. Her heart dwarfed their hatred. We all would do well to follow her model — to be so fierce a warrior, yet so decent a human.”

A large gathering convened for her portrait unveiling, featuring distinguished speakers Honorable Inez Smith Reid ’62, former D.C. Corporation Counsel and Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and University of Pennsylvania Law School Professor Serena Mayeri ’01. Murray’s niece and nephew, Angeliqe Island and Bob Murray, were also in attendance.

The ceremony paid tribute to Murray’s incredible record as a trailblazer in civil rights and women’s rights who contributed immensely to the dismantling of segregation and discrimination. In 1965, Murray became the first African American to receive a J.S.D. degree from Yale Law School.

“Pauli Murray was truly a gift to America, and I salute Yale Law School for recognizing her enormous achievements,” said Judge Reid.

Professor Mayeri, who has studied and written about Murray’s life, noted how Murray never quite fit in but always thought of herself as someone who was meant to transcend boundaries.

“I think it is really significant that it was here in New Haven in some ways that Pauli Murray really came into her own,” said Mayeri. “Her powerful voice as a legal theorist and strategist had often spoken before others were ready to listen. Now Murray’s influence began to operate in real time.”

She wrote scholarly works such as “Jane Crow and the Law: Sex Discrimination and Title VII” and “Roots of the Racial Crisis: Prologue to Policy,” both of which provided insight into the pressing civil rights issues of

the time. Following law school, she served as counsel for civil rights cases, working to challenge discrimination via the court system. Continuing her career, Murray co-founded the National Organization for Women, served as a vice president of Benedict College in South Carolina, and became the first person to teach African American Studies and Women’s Studies at Brandeis University. Later in her life, she became the first African American woman ordained as an Episcopal priest, and received an honorary degree from the Yale Divinity School in 1979.

Her time at Yale Law School has been chronicled in a Yale Law Library exhibit that opened in 2017.

Gerken said the unveiling marked an occasion where the Law School could “proudly claim her as our own...not because we made her who she was, but because she epitomizes who we want our students to be.” She hoped the portrait would inspire generations of law students to come.

The portrait was made possible thanks to the generosity of Michael Varet ’65 and his wife Elizabeth. The painting’s artist is Daniel Mark Duffy.



Dean Gerken and artist Daniel Mark Duffy reveal the portrait.

(facing page left to right) Dean Heather Gerken, artist Daniel Mark Duffy, Yale President Peter Salovey, Michael Varet ’65, Elizabeth Varet, and Inez Smith Reid ’62



Pauli Murray’s portrait, painted by Daniel Mark Duffy



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# The Opening of Baker Hall

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**A celebratory ribbon-cutting** ceremony and dedication for the newly opened Robert C. and Christina Baker Hall was held on September 20, 2018. Five years ago, the proposed expansion of Yale Law School gained momentum when Robert Baker '56 BA, '59 LLB and his wife, Christina, made a leadership gift of \$25 million. This inspired many other donors, launching a campaign that raised more than \$60 million and led to the transformative renovation that came to life this year.

“All of us at the Law School owe a debt of gratitude to my predecessors as dean, Robert C. Post '77 and Harold Hongju Koh, for their vision and steadfast leadership during this project; to Robert and Christina Baker and so many other donors for their incredible support; and to the planners, architects, and builders for their dedication to innovative excellence,” said Dean Heather Gerken.

“The exhilarating space we celebrate today affirms one of our School’s most essential and animating principles: that human reason and imagination, articulated through the exchange of ideas and borne by collaborative labors, can create the community in which we do our very best work.”

“This is an historic and momentous day for Yale,” said Peter Salovey '86 PHD, President of Yale University. “Baker Hall’s expansion of our law school will trans-

form our community — it will be a focal point for student life and a vibrant site for small seminars, student activities, and collaborative centers and clinics.”

Former Dean Robert C. Post, who worked tirelessly to secure the funding for this project, called the ribbon-cutting event the “fulfillment of a dream” that the law school would one day offer dormitory housing, providing a “comprehensive and integrated educational experience.”

Speaking at the event, Robert Baker recalled first seeing what was once called the “swing space” and hearing about the proposal for what Baker Hall could be with the right funding and vision.

“I considered this a unique opportunity to truly give back,” recalled Baker, who said he attributed much of his financial success to his Yale Law School education. “The Baker family owes a great deal to Yale Law School,” said Baker. “I cannot tell you how proud Christina and I are, and how proud the rest of our family is, that there is now a Baker Hall at Yale.”

The building was designed by Pirie Associates Architects of New Haven and constructed by A/Z Corporation, based in Stonington, Connecticut.

See page 34 for more about living and learning in Baker Hall.



Robert Baker



Guests raise their glasses to celebrate the opening of Baker Hall.

**46%**  
STUDENTS OF COLOR

**27%**  
PERCENT FIRST GENERATION  
PROFESSIONALS

**9%**  
FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY  
TO GO TO COLLEGE

FROM **12**  
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

FROM **36**  
DIFFERENT STATES

**77**  
DIFFERENT UNDERGRADUATE  
INSTITUTIONS

HOLDS **57**  
ADVANCED GRADUATE DEGREES  
IN SUBJECTS THAT RANGE  
FROM CLASSICS TO FORENSIC  
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



## Dean Gerken Welcomes Class of 2021

**Dean Heather Gerken** welcomed the newest J.D. class this past September during convocation ceremonies. She highlighted how the Law School now has the three most diverse classes in its history, which was accomplished with more robust recruiting practices.

After speaking about the remarkable members of the new class, Gerken offered poignant advice on what it means to be successful at Yale Law School.

“Learn in a fashion that is unselfconscious, uninhibited, and unflappable,” said Gerken. “You have to get knocked back in order to learn something new.”

Gerken also told students to keep their minds open about career possibilities as they explored the law over the next three years.

“Almost none of our extraordinarily successful alumni knew exactly what they wanted to do until after graduation,” said Gerken. “Those many paths are open to all of you, but only if you are ready to choose your own. So keep your eyes, and your mind, open.”



## Celebrating the Teaching and Advocacy of Jean Koh Peters

**Faculty, students, and friends of Professor** Jean Koh Peters gathered for a special conference honoring her work and scholarship on November 2, 2018. Koh Peters, the Sol Goldman Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School, is retiring in the summer of 2019 after 30 years at Yale Law School and 36 years in the legal profession. Koh Peters is an expert in children, families, and the law, as well as asylum law.

“When Jean leaves us, we will lose an incredible colleague; a beloved professor; a profound scholar; a relentless advocate, a treasured mentor, and a dear friend,” said Dean Heather Gerken during a toast at the event.

Sterling Professor of International Law Harold Hongju Koh also toasted his sister during the event, describing their lives growing up, attending Harvard Law School together, and how grateful he was to have the opportunity to work with her at Yale.

“I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience, with someone I love as much as Jeannie, sitting in chairs next to each other, just as we first sat so many years ago, thinking about how to live our lives as lawyers,” said Koh.





Susan A. Thornton

## Distinguished Diplomat Named Senior Fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center

**Former Acting** Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Susan A. Thornton has joined the Paul Tsai China Center as a Senior Fellow after a distinguished 28-year diplomatic career focusing primarily on East and Central Asia. Thornton is one of the most widely respected experts on China and U.S.-China relations in the United States.

## China Center Hosts Debate at Brookings

**On October 30**, Evan Osnos moderated a public debate at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. about the compatibility of U.S. and Chinese interests. Paul Tsai China Center Senior Fellow Susan A. Thornton participated in the debate, which was cohosted by the John L. Thornton China Center at Brookings and the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School.

## Law School Launches Two New Clinics



The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic

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**The Law School's new Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic** began in Fall 2018 and works closely with the entrepreneurial communities at Yale University, in greater New Haven, and beyond. Law School students work directly with clients ranging from student- and faculty-led entrepreneurial ventures across Yale to for-profit and nonprofit entrepreneurs and their ventures that are part of the greater New Haven innovation ecosystem.

Sven Riethmueller is the inaugural Director of the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Clinic at Yale Law School and a Visiting Clinical Associate Professor at Yale Law School.

### Gender Violence Clinic

**Students in the New Haven** Legal Assistance Gender Violence Clinic represent survivors of domestic violence in Superior Court, in both civil and criminal matters, and also at the Connecticut legislature. The clinic is based at the nonprofit New Haven Legal Assistance Association (LAA), whose mission is to secure justice for and protect the rights of those low-income residents of New Haven County who would otherwise be unable to secure legal representation.

The clinic is a legal resource for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Through their advocacy and coursework, students in the clinic learn to practice as legal services lawyers, representing vulnerable individuals.



## Justice Collaboratory to Lead Facebook Data Transparency Advisory Group

The Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School will lead the Data Transparency Advisory Group (DTAG) — a group that will review Facebook’s measurement and transparency of content standards enforcement. Facebook chartered the DTAG to assess its Content Standards Enforcement Report, to provide recommendations for how to improve its measurement and reporting practices. A public statement with analysis and recommendations was released on November 15, 2018. The preliminary findings indicated that Facebook faces difficult judgments about the context and intent of content and the company should be more transparent about these challenges. For more, visit [law.yale.edu/justice-collaboratory](http://law.yale.edu/justice-collaboratory).

## WIRAC Reunites Families

**This summer**, as thousands of children were separated from their parents at the southern border, the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC) and Connecticut Legal Services jumped into action.

After learning of two families that had been forcibly separated and detained for weeks under the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance policy,” the clinic filed two complaints and petitions for habeas corpus, demanding immediate reunification, freedom, and rehabilitative treatment for these children and their families.



Muneer Ahmad

The lawsuits were the first in the country brought by children, rather than parents, to challenge the policy. On July 13, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Victor Bolden held that the government’s conduct was in violation of their due process rights, and ordered the government to act immediately to address the trauma it had caused the children. Three days later, the government transferred the parents from Texas to Connecticut, granted them parole, and reunited them with their respective children. The ruling was the first to hold that the government’s systematic dissolution of immigrant families violates the children’s constitutional rights.

“We are incredibly proud of our students and faculty, whose work has been nothing short of inspiring,” said Dean Heather Gerken. “This case is yet another example of the unparalleled clinical experience at Yale that puts students on the front lines of the biggest cases in the country.”

“Lawyers stood up in court. A judge issued rulings. Activists rallied outside the courthouse,” added Muneer Ahmad, Deputy Dean for Experiential Education and Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School. “Our elected officials spoke out on behalf of the most vulnerable among us. The local U.S. Attorney’s Office did the right thing. But in the end, we all were simply, but powerfully, giving voice to the verses of justice already written in our hearts — kids belong with their parents. People fleeing persecution deserve protection. Children should not be held in cages. Families belong together.”

## VISITING THE LAW SCHOOL



**Laurent Fabius**, former Prime Minister of France and current Président of the Constitutional Council in France, gave the 2018–2019 Robert P. Anderson Memorial Fellowship Lecture on September 12, 2018 on “Environment and the Law: New Challenges for our Century.”



Lord **Mervyn King** of Lothbury, KG, GBE, FBA, the Alan Greenspan Professor of Economics at New York University Stern School of Business and former Governor of the Bank of England, gave the 2018 Judge Ralph K. Winter Lecture on September 17, 2018, titled “Uncertainty, Probability and the Law.”

## Immigrant Rights Clinic Observes Client's One Year in Sanctuary

On October 9, 2018, people gathered to mark one year since Sujitno Sajuti entered sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden, under threat of deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Immigrant Rights Clinic — a partnership between Yale Law School and the New Haven Legal Assistance Association — is representing Sajuti.

Sajuti, originally from Indonesia, has lived in the United States for decades. The Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (CIRA) brought his case to the attention of the clinic in December 2017, after Sajuti had entered sanctuary. Since then, the clinic has represented Sajuti, in close coordination with CIRA and Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden.

"Unfortunately, despite his faithful efforts to maintain lawful residence in this country, his rights have been violated repeatedly, leading him to his precarious position today in sanctuary," said Leanne Gale '20, a student on Sajuti's legal team.



Sajuti Legal Team (left to right) Alaa Chaker '20; faculty supervisor Diana Blank '13; Esther Araya '20; Hannah Hussey '20; and Laura Savarese '19

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LEANNE GALE '20 ON SUJITNO SAJUTI, AN IMMIGRANT FROM INDONESIA WHO HAS BEEN IN SANCTUARY FOR OVER A YEAR IN CONNECTICUT

## Four Yale Law Students Named as 2018–2019 Kerry Fellows



Alex Mahler-Haug '19, Nikita Lalwani '20, Ned Levin '20, and Ellis Liang '19

**Four Yale Law School** students are among the 17 newly named Kerry Fellows who will be working with former Secretary of State John Kerry as part of Yale University's Kerry Initiative. The new Fellows from the Law School are Nikita Lalwani '20, Ned Levin '20, Ellis Liang '19, and Alexandra Mahler-Haug '19.

Founded in 2017, the Kerry Initiative leverages Kerry's insights, experiences, and relationships on a global scale, collaborating with students and faculty from across the university. In partnership with the Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, the Kerry Initiative advances Yale's tradition of preparing the next generation of world leaders.



**Esther Duflo**, the Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gave the 2018 Gruber Distinguished Lecture in Global Justice on October 22, 2018, titled "Science Against Poverty: From Action Research to Large-scale Change."



**Joel Mokyr**, Robert H. Strotz Professor of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Economics and History at Northwestern University, gave the John R. Raben/Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship Lecture on November 12, 2018, titled "Is Technological Change a Thing of the Past: Lessons from the Industrial Revolution."



## CLINIC ROUNDUP

## Vets Clinic Continues Fight for Benefits and Rights

The Veterans Clinic had a number of important recent victories.

In a decision Chief Judge Robert Davis described as “seismic,” the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, acting en banc, issued an opinion in August unanimously holding that veterans may bring class actions against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

On November 16, 2018, a federal judge certified a nationwide class-action lawsuit brought by the Veterans Clinic seeking relief for thousands of Navy and Marine Corps veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who developed post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health conditions, only to be unfairly labeled with a less-than-Honorable discharge. The lawsuit was made possible thanks to the landmark ruling allowing class action lawsuits by veterans this summer.

In August, Senator Richard Blumenthal ’73 introduced the Palomares Veterans Act of 2018, a bill to ensure that U.S. veterans exposed to plutonium in the 1966 Palomares disaster finally receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability benefits. The Veterans Legal Services Clinic, which represents Vietnam Veterans of America on behalf of its Palomares veteran members, was involved with the introduction of the bill.

The Veterans Clinic petitioned the VA this fall requesting that it replaces the current outdated and exclusionary motto with one that is inclusive of women. The current motto of the VA is “To care for him who

shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.” The clinic is representing the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the Service Women’s Action Network, and the New York City Veterans Alliance.

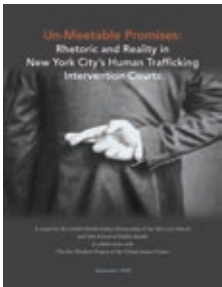
The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs announced a new law this past October extending a broad range of state and municipal benefits to veterans who received an Other than Honorable discharge characterization as a result of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, or a victim of Military Sexual Trauma. Governor Dannel Malloy signed Senate Bill 284 into law on May 31, 2018, making Connecticut the first state to open its benefits to less-than-honorably discharged veterans with trauma. The Veterans Clinic represented the group advocating for this legislation.

## MFIA Clinic Involved in First Amendment Lawsuit Against President

Yale Law School’s Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic filed a major lawsuit on October 16, 2018, against President Donald J. Trump alleging that he is using the powers of the federal government to retaliate against journalists and media outlets he finds objectionable, in violation of the First Amendment. The clinic is representing PEN America, the leading national organization representing writers and literary professionals and defending free expression and the nonpartisan nonprofit Protect Democracy.

The filing asserts that, while President Trump is free to express his own views critical of journalists and media outlets, his use of the regulatory and enforcement powers of government to punish the press for criticism of him is unconstitutional. The complaint, filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, asks the court to enter a declaratory judgment that the President’s retaliatory actions violate the First Amendment and enjoin the President from directing any employee or agency of the federal government to take any action against the press in retaliation for coverage the President views as hostile.

“The governing law is clear: President Trump has the right to express views about the press, loudly and often. He does not have the right to use the powers of his office to punish those who disagree with him and criticize him,” said David Schulz ’78, head of the Yale Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic at Yale.



## GHJP Releases Reports on Prostitution “Diversion” Programs

The Yale Global Health Justice Partnership (GHJP) released two complementary analyses in September on prostitution “diversion” programs (PDPs), one national in scope and the other focused specifically on New York City programming. The reports revealed that PDPs in the United States are radically varying, but operate contrary to their own claims of stopping the revolving door of criminalization and victimization of ostensibly “trafficked” or “exploited” people.

While PDPs position themselves as rehabilitative and compassionate alternatives to the criminal adjudication of prostitution offenses, initial findings presented in the reports suggest that, in reality, they are unable to fulfill their goals.



Richard Blumenthal '73 and Vets Clinic client Conley Monk at a press conference in 2015.

## SFALP Makes Progress in Sanctuary City and Lead Paint Cases

A federal judge handed Yale Law clinic students and the San Francisco City Attorney in the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) the latest victory in their efforts to prevent the Trump administration from unlawfully defunding sanctuary cities this October.

Northern California District Court Judge William H. Orrick III ruled that Attorney General Jeff Sessions violated the Constitution by adding conditions to federal grants designed to coerce cities into abandoning their sanctuary status. Judge Orrick also declared that San Francisco's sanctuary ordinances comply with federal law and entered a nationwide injunction barring the conditions' enforcement, staying the injunction outside of California pending review by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Clinic also scored a decisive victory this fall when the Supreme Court rejected lead paint makers' challenge to a historic judgment that held the companies liable for poisoning thousands of Americans. The decision heralds the end of nearly two decades of bitterly contested litigation.



## Solomon Center Hosts March For Our Lives Student Activists

The Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy kicked off the academic year with an event on gun reform and student activism on September 6. The event featured students from March For Our Lives — a student-led grassroots movement initiated after the February 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida — and United States Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut, who joined by video-conference from Washington, D.C.



## Solomon Center, ISP Hold Conference on AI, Robotics, and Telemedicine

On November 2, 2018, the Information Society Project and the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School co-hosted an interdisciplinary roundtable exploring “The Law and Policy of AI, Robotics, and Telemedicine in Healthcare.” The conference brought together 30 leading academics, lawyers, physicians, policy makers, and health technology entrepreneurs to explore how novel technologies are revolutionizing healthcare, reshaping what it means to practice medicine, challenging existing regulatory schemes, and informing norms about patient information, data, and privacy. The event attracted an audience of more than 150 guests and featured five panel discussions.

“The expanding use of these technologies implicates every aspect of health law,” said Professor Abbe R. Gluck ’00, faculty director of the Solomon Center. “It was wonderful to partner with ISP to bring together so many different experts to think creatively, provocatively, and pragmatically about the challenges and

benefits that may lie ahead.”

The panels explored topics such as new regulations in privacy law and the FDA, big data in healthcare, how new technologies can help expand care to new populations, and artificial intelligence, robotics, and the practice of medicine. The roundtable was made possible with the support of the Oscar M. Reubhausen Fund at Yale Law School.

In the lead-up to the roundtable, the legal blog Balkinization hosted a blog symposium featuring panelists’ reflections on some of the hottest topics in the field. The blog collected posts can be found on Balkinization at [balkin.blogspot.com](http://balkin.blogspot.com).

An unprecedented joint issue of the *Yale Journal of Law and Technology* and the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics* to be released in the spring will feature articles by seven of the conference panelists inspired by the discussions at the roundtable. More information will be available at [yjolt.org](http://yjolt.org) in the spring of 2019.



## ASCA and Liman Center Release Two New Reports on Solitary Confinement

**The Arthur Liman Center** for Public Interest Law and the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) released two reports this fall finding that prison directors around the country are aiming to limit the use of solitary confinement.

The 2018 Reports provide the only comprehensive, current national data on the number of prisoners in restrictive housing and the length of time they spend there. Because ASCA-Liman has done a series of these surveys, the impact of changing policies can be seen through the new numbers. The 2014 ASCA-Liman survey estimated that 80,000 to 100,000 prisoners were in segregation. The 2016 report pegged the number at about 68,000 people. As of the fall of 2017, about 61,000 prisoners were in isolation across the country.

## MELSS Convenes in Tunisia

**The Middle East** Legal Studies Seminar convened for the 21st time this January 2018 in Tunisia to discuss the nature and aspirations of law in the occupied territories of Palestine, the erosion of international law, emerging authoritarian uses of law in the region and the notion of authoritarian legality, law's role in state-building (Iraq) and deconstruction (ISIS), and the double-edged sword of anti-corruption campaigns.

The annual meeting gathers legal scholars at leading universities with judges, lawyers, and social scientists living and working in the region to discuss academic papers written for the Seminar on the dictates of democratic principles in the context of the religious and cultural conflicts, demographic shifts, economic stagnation, and colonial-era legal regimes that characterize the region.



A panel on Contested Sovereignties at MELSS in January included (left to right) Richard Frohlichstein '18, Gilad Abiri '16 LL.M., '20 JSD, Paul Kahn '80, and Tony Kronman '75.

## CRIT Files Brief in Diabetes Medicine Case and Pushes for Stronger FDA Guidelines

**The Law School's** Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency (CRIT) and the nonprofit legal advocacy organization Public Justice filed a joint amicus brief on November 5, 2018 in the case *In re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation* ("In re Avandia Marketing"), Case No. 18-2259, currently pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The amicus brief argues that certain documents containing information on a diabetes medication with a contentious clinical and regulatory history should be made available to the public.

Following the FDA's release in September of draft guidance on civil penalties relating to the *ClinicalTrials.gov* database, CRIT submitted public comments on the draft guidance, explaining that the procedures described in the draft guidance are inadequate and urging the FDA to revise the guidance to strengthen its procedures.

## SELA Meets in Puerto Rico for Forum

**The Seminario en Latinoamérica** de Teoría Constitucional y Política (SELA) convened in Puerto Rico in June 2018 to discuss papers on topics ranging from the use of proportionality tests in complex litigation, variations in the use of comparative law by international courts and international law by domestic courts, obstacles to the development of constitutionalism, and, of particular relevance in the host country, controversies surrounding austerity programs and unelected rulers.

One of SELA's initiatives supports Teresa Miguel-Stearns, director of the Yale Law Library, in creating a community of law librarians versed in the state of the art of legal research. Law librarians from Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, and Puerto Rico have gained valuable exposure to interdisciplinary research, shared best practices and workarounds for structural inadequacies, and have made important steps toward professionalization.

SELA has also continued its efforts to increase the number of legal scholars from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds in Latin America. Gender parity, once seen as nearly impossible, is now within sight and affecting hiring decisions.

In June 2019, the Seminar will reconvene in Buenos Aires to discuss law, gender, and equality.

## The Washington Post

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highlighted the Liman/ASCA report in an editorial titled "Solitary confinement is an affront to human decency," on October 13.

## PEOPLE



## Miriam F. Ingber '04 Joins as Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

**Miriam F. Ingber '04** joined Yale Law School in 2018 as Associate Dean overseeing the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid. She was previously the Associate Director of the Public Interest Law Center and Academic Careers Program at New York University School of Law, as well as a professor in NYU Law's Lawyering and Graduate Lawyering programs. She also previously worked as a senior staff attorney at Children's Rights, where she litigated civil rights, class-action lawsuits seeking systemic reform of child welfare systems, and as a litigation associate in private practice at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP. Ingber is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. As a Yale Law student, she was a Senior Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*, an Articles Editor on the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*, a Coker Fellow, and a member of the Lowenstein Clinic for International Human Rights.

## Brett M. Kavanaugh '90 Sworn in as Supreme Court Justice

**Brett M. Kavanaugh '90** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court on October 6, 2018. Kavanaugh filled the seat vacated by the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy. With his confirmation, Kavanaugh became the fourth current member of the Supreme Court who is a graduate of Yale Law School, joining Justice Clarence Thomas '74, Justice Samuel Alito '75, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor '79.

Kavanaugh's nomination and confirmation process was not without controversy. Early on, some members of the Law School community expressed concerns

about the judge's judicial rulings. Later, allegations of sexual misconduct were reported in the media, resulting in a Senate hearing. A coalition of students at the Law School organized protest events, particularly focused on the Senate judiciary process for the judge's nomination, including a sit-in at the Law School and a Washington, D.C., protest.

Members of the faculty, students, and alumni signed open letters in opposition to and in support of the nomination, and took to the media to express their strongly held views on the issues raised. Much of what took place within the Law School mirrored the difficult national conversations taking place about the role of elite institutions, the integrity of the judiciary, due process, and support for victims of sexual misconduct.

## Becca Heller '10 and Adjunct Professor Gregg Gonsalves named 2018 MacArthur Fellows



Heller

Gonsalves

**Human rights lawyer** Becca Heller '10 and Associate Professor (Adjunct) of Law Gregg Gonsalves are among the 25 individuals chosen as 2018 MacArthur Fellows, often commonly known as the "genius grant."

Heller is the director and cofounder of the International (originally Iraqi) Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), which provides legal services to individual refugees as they navigate application, appeal, and resettlement processes under U.S. and international law.

Gonsalves is codirector of the Global Health Justice Partnerships (GHJP) and the Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency. The GHJP Gonsalves cofounded is an interdisciplinary initiative between Yale Law School and the School of Public Health to further advance human rights and social justice perspectives in public health and legal research, practice, and teaching.

The MacArthur Fellowship is a \$625,000, no-strings-attached award to "extraordinarily talented and creative individuals as an investment in their potential," according to the MacArthur Foundation.