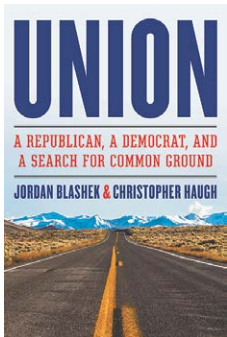




Jordan Blashek '18 (left) and Christopher Haugh '18



Jordan Blashek and
Christopher Haugh
**Union: A Democrat,
a Republican, and a Search
for Common Ground**

Little, Brown, 2020

On the Road with the Other Side

Two friends and classmates look for America

Coauthors and friends Jordan Blashek '18 and Christopher Haugh '18 took a series of road trips across the United States to observe the country — red states, blue states, and everything in between. Blashek, a Republican and former Marine, and Haugh, a Democrat and journalist, met at Yale Law School and enjoyed friendly debates on thorny issues while in New Haven. They wanted to see if they could create the same environment for discussion away from campus. “Without Yale Law School, this book would likely have never happened,” Haugh said. “There are few institutions out there where Jordan and I would have had the opportunity to get to know one another, exchange views, and think creatively about what we wanted out of life.”

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In their cross-country drives and the book *Union* that documents them, they sought common ground — ways to connect with people regardless of their beliefs. The pair attended a Trump rally, rode along with a truck driver, and set sail with a lobsterman. They spent time with immigrants, veterans, and former inmates. “The two of us were constantly amazed to find how warm and welcoming Americans were across the country,” Blashek said. “Everywhere we went, people invited us into their lives and homes. These were people with whom we shared almost nothing in common, and even more, likely disagreed with on fundamental issues. But when we engaged with each other just as people, all the labels and biases fell away.”

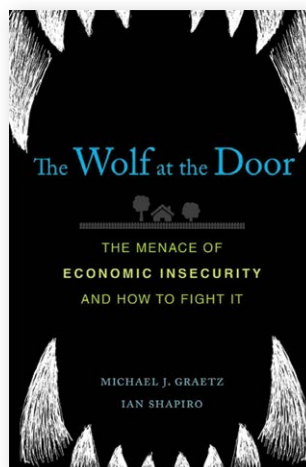
Through their travels, the coauthors increased their empathy for the people they encountered while recognizing that true connection is hard to achieve. “One of the moments that really stuck with me was the conversation at the Trump rally in Phoenix between two Black Lives Matters supporters and two Trump supporters,” Blashek recalled. “What seemed like a heated argument turned out to be a respectful exchange among four Americans who were actually listening to each other.” The authors believe that as long as people keep trying, bonds can be forged. “On our best days, I think *Union* made us more humble and reminded us no one has a monopoly on truth,” said Haugh. “As Jordan said to me on the road, common ground these days isn’t necessarily about agreement; it’s about getting to a place where the disagreements aren’t so salient.”



Tulsa, OK (May 2019) — portrait of Woody Guthrie.

Photo courtesy of Christopher Haugh

SPOTLIGHT



Michael Graetz and
Ian Shapiro
**The Wolf at the Door:
The Menace of
Economic Insecurity
and How to Fight It**

Harvard University Press, 2020

The Economics Behind Populist Movements

*An analysis of and recommendations
to solve economic insecurity in the U.S.*



**Michael
Graetz**



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Shapiro**

In their new book *The Wolf at the Door: The Menace of Economic Insecurity and How to Fight It*, Yale Law School’s Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor of Law Emeritus Michael Graetz and Yale University’s Sterling Professor of Political Science Ian Shapiro trace the sources of insecurity in America and describe potentially effective and politically viable policy recommendations to restore economic security.

The authors argue that people fear not what the rich are making but the prospect of losing what they have, whether jobs, social status, or physical safety. A “toxic combination of economic distress and political dysfunction” has fueled the recent populist movements in the United States on the left and the right, but solutions like protectionism or class warfare

will not alleviate the fears and frustrations of middle-class or poor Americans. Instead, the dangers posed to the livelihoods of workers by innovations in technology and globalization can be ameliorated by pursuing and implementing effective policies through the political system.

At the heart of *The Wolf at the Door* is a framework for a successful distributive politics, written to inform lawmakers, politicians, and activists. The authors propose substantive ideas to reward work, increase wages, increase jobs, protect families suffering from unemployment, and provide health insurance and childcare. Their suggestions range from expanding the earned income tax credit to broadening medical insurance coverage to increasing private-public partnerships for infrastructure projects. With insight and clarity, Graetz and Shapiro provide a compelling analysis of the crisis and the potential tools at policymakers’ disposal.

The Affordable Care Act Turns 10

Groundbreaking book of scholarship on the ACA



Abbe R. Gluck

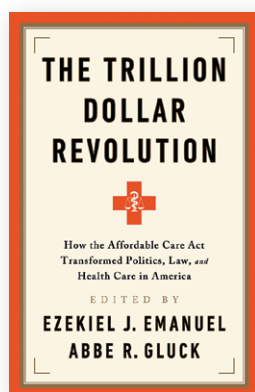
When President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) into law on March 23, 2010, it became a monumental and almost immediately polarizing achievement. Not since the Medicare and Medicaid legislation of 1965 had such an ambitious health care bill touched so many aspects of American life.

The Trillion Dollar Revolution: How the Affordable Care Act Transformed Politics, Law, and Health Care in America, edited by Abbe R. Gluck '00, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Solomon Center

for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School, and Dr. Ezekiel J. Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania, collects essays by an all-star roster of health care experts, policymakers, lawyers, and scholars on all sides of the political spectrum. Contributors include two former Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius and Sylvia Mathews Burwell; two former U.S. Solicitors General, Paul Clement and Donald Verrilli; the former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, who led Republicans in the House during the ACA's first years; President Obama's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel; noted health care journalist Jonathan Cohn, and many more leading academics and former government officials.

"The ACA has been the most attacked and — as it turned

out — the most resilient piece of social welfare legislation Congress has ever passed," Gluck and Emanuel write in the book's introduction. "Challenged in court minutes after it was enacted...the ACA was partially gutted by the Supreme Court before its main provisions even took effect." In surviving a decade of challenges, Gluck and Emanuel note that the ACA's "protections, coverage aims, and vision for a changing health care system have created a new understanding of what the American health care system should be." Indeed, "the ACA seems to have shifted the baseline of what Americans understand to be the goals of their health care system...an alternative that would undo a substantial part of the law's coverage gains no longer appears acceptable to the public."



Abbe R. Gluck & Ezekiel Emanuel, eds.

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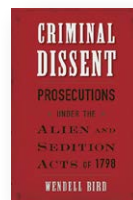
PublicAffairs, 2020



Ezekiel Emanuel

SURVEY OF BOOKS

Here's just a sampling of the many other books recently written or edited by our alumni, faculty, staff, and students. We welcome your submissions. Please contact us: lawreport@yale.edu.

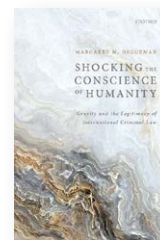


Wendell Bird

Criminal Dissent: Prosecutions under the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798

Harvard University Press, 2019

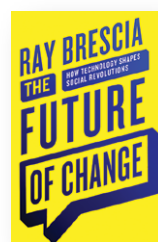
Bird '78 combines deep research with rigorous analysis to provide an authoritative history of the Alien and Sedition Acts and their influence on the political culture of the 1790s. He documents how the infamous acts threatened the fragility of the new republic and the central role an active citizenry played in restoring the hard-won freedoms of speech and press.



Margaret M. deGuzman
Shocking the Conscience of Humanity: Gravity and the Legitimacy of International Criminal Law

Oxford University Press, 2020

DeGuzman '99 explores the central role that the concept of gravity has played in the development of international criminal law. The author also proposes strategies for regime decision-making aimed at increasing the legitimacy of the field.



Ray Brescia
The Future of Change: How Technology Shapes Social Revolutions

Cornell University Press, 2020

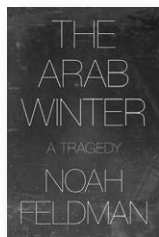
Brescia '92 identifies a series of "social innovation moments" in American history from the Revolutionary Era to the present. He argues that advances in technology have contributed to and shaped civic engagement and social movements. *The Future of Change* also provides an assessment of contemporary communications technologies and the promise they may hold for those interested in bringing about social change.



Bardo Fassbender and Knut Traisbach, eds.
The Limits of Human Rights

Oxford University Press, 2020

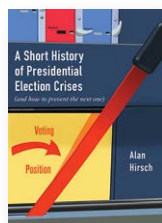
Fassbender '92 LL.M., '99 J.S.D. and Traisbach bring together leading scholars of international law in *The Limits of Human Rights* to consider the functional, pragmatic, and ideological limits of human rights from an interdisciplinary perspective. Each contribution is followed by a response from another scholar in order to generate further debate about the arguments for and effects of the expansion of human rights.



Noah Feldman
**The Arab Winter:
A Tragedy**

Princeton University Press, 2020

Focusing on events in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Tunisia, Feldman '97 provides an original account of the political consequences of the Arab Spring, including the reaffirmation of pan-Arab identity, the devastation of Arab nationalisms, and the death of political Islam with the collapse of ISIS. He also challenges commentators who say that the Arab Spring was never truly transformative, that Arab popular self-determination was a mirage, and even that Arabs or Muslims are less capable of democracy than other peoples.



Alan Hirsch
**A Short History of
Presidential Election Crises
(and How to Prevent
the Next One)**

City Lights, 2020

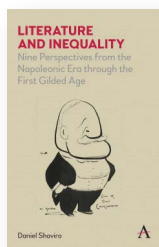
Hirsch '85 presents a concise history of presidential elections that resulted in crises and advocates clear, common-sense solutions, including abolishing the Electoral College and the creation of a permanent Election Review Board to prevent or remedy future crises.



Lea Shaver
**Ending Book Hunger:
Access to Print
Across Barriers
of Class and Culture**

Yale University Press, 2020

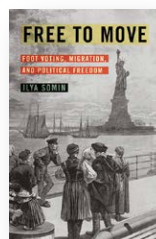
The most reliable predictor of children's achievement is the size of their families' book collections, yet many people suffer from "book hunger." Shaver '06 highlights innovative nonprofit solutions to expand access to print. She reveals the powerful roles of copyright law and licensing and calls for readers to contribute to the fight.



Daniel Shaviro
**Literature and Inequality:
Nine Perspectives from
the Napoleonic Era through
the First Gilded Age**

Anthem Press, 2020

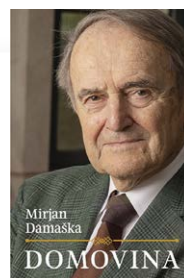
Shaviro '81 posits that great works of literature — from Austen to Wharton — can help readers to better understand inequality. The author draws parallels between America's First Gilded Age in the late 19th century and the current Second Gilded Age. Shaviro takes a sociological and humanistic approach in analyzing these books to illuminate inequality's ramifications.



Ilya Somin
**Free to Move:
Foot Voting, Migration,
and Political Freedom**

Oxford University Press, 2020

People can vote with their feet by making decisions about whether to immigrate, where to live within a federal system, and what to purchase or support in the private sector. Somin '01 explains how these three areas have major common virtues and can be mutually reinforcing. He contends that all forms of foot voting should be expanded and shows how both domestic constitutions and international law can be structured to increase opportunities for foot voting while mitigating possible downsides.



Mirjan Damaška
Domovina

Školska knjiga, 2019

irony because Damaška spent many years of his life with his wife, Mary, away from Croatia. Damaška reflects on the historic events in the former Republic of Yugoslavia that led to Croatia's independence, and how his specialization in comparative criminal law helped bridge his experience in America with his patriotic affection for Croatia. A previous advisor to the Croatian government during its dealings with the International Court of Justice, Damaška gives readers a window into his personal dealings with the Hague and how they shaped his legal philosophy.

ALSO OF NOTE

Lance Compa '73 et al.
**The Right to Strike
in International Law**
Hart Publishing, 2020

Ron Goldfarb '60 LL.M., '62 JSD
(under pseudonym R.L. Sommer)
Recusal
Turner, 2020

Valarie Kaur '12
**See No Stranger:
A Memoir and Manifesto
of Revolutionary Love**
One World, 2020

Larry I. Palmer '69
**Scholarship Boy:
Meditations on Family and Race**
Paul Dry Books, 2020

John Wang '09 JD/MBA
and Storm Garner
**The World Eats Here:
Amazing Food and
the Inspiring People
Who Make It at New York's
Queens Night Market**
The Experiment, 2020

A Life in the Law

Sterling Professor Emeritus Mirjan Damaška's latest book, *Domovina* (available currently in Croatian), is his most intimate, detailing the legal scholar's personal memories, fears, anxieties, hopes, and joys that shaped him during his illustrious professional legal career. The title, which translates to *Homeland*, contains a hint of