

A close-up portrait of a smiling Black man, Joel Michel, wearing a blue and white striped shirt and a grey blazer. The background is a warm, out-of-focus brown.

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MEET JOEL MICHEL '16
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SCHOLARSHIP

Message from Dean JoAnne A. Epps

It is always exciting for me to be back in the classroom teaching first-year law students. This semester the students are so totally engaged and committed to learning the law that I am energized by their passion for our profession. With the financial help of our graduates and friends listed in this Development Report for 2015, we have accomplished much in the past year and have exciting goals for 2016.

Faculty hiring

The addition of Professor Jules Epstein as Director of Advocacy at Temple Law has been electric for both our students and the program. Professor Catherine Dunn, our new director of the law library, has quickly hired new research librarians while providing the faculty with enhanced technology skills for their teaching. Our Sheller Center had a remarkable year with the publication of four position papers. Professor Colleen Shanahan's appointment doubles the number of students who will participate in the activity of the center this year.

Visiting Professor Nan Feyler, who holds the Phyllis W. Beck Chair in Law, is leading a new Sheller Center project with a focus on healthy homes in our North Philadelphia community. Visiting Professor Pamela Bookman is teaching J.D. courses in civil procedure and international business. With the scheduled retirements of Professors David Sonenshein and Muriel Morisey at the end of June 2016, we are searching for new faculty for next year.

J.D. program

We welcome 218 new students this semester. The median LSAT is 160 (top 20%); the median GPA is 3.5. The students come from 22 different states, 3 different countries and 94 different undergraduate colleges. 52% are male; 48% female; 28% minority; 71% PA residents and 29% out of state. The average age is 25.

The Center for Regulatory Compliance and Ethics

We are off to a fast start with our new center in gathering an impressive advisory board, offering substantive courses to J.D. students this semester, increasing internship opportunities, and engaging the larger legal community in a Continuing Legal Education Program. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder will be featured in a program sponsored by the center in Spring 2016.

Social justice lawyering at the Sheller Center

The Sheller Center does work that has an important impact on public policy in Pennsylvania. The publication of four major white papers last year created important paths to new policies. *A Changing Landscape: Pennsylvania Counties Reevaluate Policies on Immigration Detainers* led to revised policies in many counties. *Barriers to Justice: Limited English Proficient Individuals and Pennsylvania's Minor Courts* has been used by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts in its efforts to improve language access. A report on wage theft gave Community Legal Services a powerful tool to take action to protect workers. *Driver's Licenses for All: The Key to Safety and Security in Pennsylvania* added significantly to the research on this issue to assist the Pennsylvania legislature while it considered a bill to change the law and to inform the public on the benefits that the state could anticipate if the law were changed.



Dean JoAnne A. Epps with Bryan Stevenson
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**Thank you for your support of
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JoAnne A. Epps
JoAnne A. Epps, Dean

JOEL MICHEL '16

OHLBAUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS 'BEST ADVOCATE'

OCTOBER 31, 2015 Joel Michel '16 spent Halloween night celebrating, but not in the kind of costume you might imagine. Joel Michel was in San Juan, Puerto Rico, sporting a suit and tie and coming off a long day of arguing a case in a simulated courtroom. By Halloween night, Michel had been declared Best Advocate at the Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition. Michel led Temple Law's National Trial Team as they prevailed over a field of 14 law schools from across the country, defeating Yale in the semi-final round and Barry in the final round.

Best Advocate is a fitting description for Michel, who has been a standout at Temple Law, and a leader on the trial team since day one. The victory comes shortly after Michel learned that he had been named the inaugural recipient of the Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum Scholarship, which will substantially help fund his tuition during this, his last year of law school.

Michel's unlikely trajectory to law school began in a rough area of West Philadelphia, where he was the eleventh of 16 children in a Haitian-American family. "I think early on I got exposed to the realities of an impoverished African-American community," says Michel. The reality he describes includes drugs, guns, violence, and time served. If you talk with African-American children in these communities, says Michel, they think that path is normal. What they lack is an exposure to an alternative path.

For Michel, that alternative path was shown to him by his older brother David. David is the third oldest sibling in the family, and the first to attend college. "The exposure I got through David helped me think 'wait, there's something wrong here,'" he says. "Seeing that outside world, as it was for me at the time, helped me realize that this track was not supposed to be the norm."

After graduating from Central High School, Michel went on to study Religion at Haverford College, where he also played varsity basketball. He remembers it was his brother, David, who first planted the seed of law school in his mind. "I wanted to save the world," Michel recalls. "Particularly, I wanted to change our criminal justice system and how it deals with young, African-American juveniles."

Michel arrived at Temple Law with no idea of what law school might be like and just one goal: To earn a place on Temple's nationally-ranked trial team and learn to try cases. Two years later, he is a star on the National Trial Team and on track to join the prestigious law firm of Blank Rome after graduation.

Michel credits Temple Law students and faculty for helping expand his understanding of how he could effect change in many arenas. "My career doesn't have to be my life's work," says Michel, who adds that too many people see their career as their only contribution to society.

"Joel Michel represents all that is best at Temple Law School," says Dean JoAnne A. Epps. "He has excelled both in the classroom and on the National Trial Team. Even more importantly, he has let his character shine through in all he does."

"For those of us who knew and loved Eddie Ohlbaum—and revere his accomplishment in building the advocacy program at Temple—it is a fitting tribute to award the first Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum Scholarship to Joel Michel."



THE PROFESSOR EDWARD D. OHLBAUM FUND

The Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum Fund is a flexible fund that was established following the death of the founder and longtime leader of Advocacy Programs at Temple Law. The Fund is used to support all facets of the Advocacy Program. This year marks the inaugural award of the Ohlbaum Scholarship to National Trial Team member Joel Michel '16.

To join in honoring Professor Ohlbaum and supporting excellence in Advocacy Programs at Temple Law, go to www.law.temple.edu and click on "Make a Gift."

SCHOLARSHIPS REFLECT DONORS' PASSIONS



Scholarship honors Eddie Ohlbaum and advocacy

Lois and Larry Goldberg '55 chose to establish **THE ALAN P. GOLDBERG '89 AND MITCHELL S. GOLDBERG '86 ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND** at the law school that educated Larry and his sons Alan and Mitchell, and in memory of Professor Edward Ohlbaum. Larry Goldberg says the scholarship that he and his wife Lois have funded is 'a way to give back' to the law school and to commemorate an extraordinary member of the faculty—Eddie Ohlbaum—who had meant so much, especially to his older son Mitchell. The scholarship will be awarded to a student excelling in the field of advocacy.

Ohlbaum, who died in 2014, is credited with building and sustaining Temple Law's trial advocacy program and a championship trial team which has earned the school a national reputation. Mitchell Goldberg spoke at a tribute for Ohlbaum organized by the law school. "Eddie was the inventor, he was the general, he was the genius behind it all," said the U.S. District Court Judge, who was coached by Ohlbaum on Temple Law's first trial team. "There is no attorney in the Philadelphia legal community who has taught more young lawyers about how justice plays out in a courtroom. His legacy will endure through all the careers he touched and enriched."

The Goldberg family holds Temple University dear. Larry and Lois Goldberg met as children in the Wynnefield neighborhood of Philadelphia, where Lois' home was on Larry's paper route. Larry says he chose Temple as an undergraduate because "it gave me an opportunity I don't think I would have otherwise had" to keep working while earning his degree. Lois joined him there to earn a degree in education.

Larry enrolled at Temple Law, where he says he was motivated by his hardworking classmates, many of whom were Korean War veterans. After graduating in 1955, he developed a private practice that eventually grew to represent many small businesses in the Philadelphia area. He and Lois raised Alan and Mitchell and a daughter, Aileen Kantor (now a health consultant), in Lower Merion Township.

Both sons followed Larry's career choice and earned degrees from Temple Law. Today, Mitchell '86 is a U.S. District Court Judge. Alan '89 is a partner at K&L Gates in Chicago, with a specialty in securities law. Larry has retired and he and Lois are living in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

'Access to Justice'

THE JOYCE S. KEAN ACCESS TO JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to serving the public interest, exhibit leadership qualities, and express a commitment to work towards access to justice for all.

Established in 2015 by Joyce S. and Herbert Kean, the fund allows the law school to award one three-year scholarship each fall to a day or evening student in the next three entering classes. After three years, the fund will award an additional scholarship each year until it will maintain three annually. As the endowment grows, the scholarship awards will increase accordingly.

Joyce S. Kean '79 served as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia until retiring in 2008. She now resides with her husband in Key Biscayne, Florida.

LGBTQ Scholarship: Diversity will 'foster a better place to live'

THE BRUCE E. LAROCHE, ESQ. AND LEE J. HELWIG, ESQ. SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to a Temple Law student who is active in the OUTLaw student organization at Temple Law, or a subsequent LGBTQ organization. Bruce E. LaRoche '91 and Lee J. Helwig '99 chose to make a legacy gift to establish the fund because of their belief that "recognizing and embracing diversity will foster a better place to live." Preference will be given to students who are residents of, grew up in, or were born in, Hartford, Connecticut.

Bruce E. LaRoche '91 and Lee J. Helwig '99 reside in West Hartford, Connecticut, where LaRoche is vice president and associate counsel at Aspen Insurance, and Helwig is an attorney and supervisor with the State of Connecticut Judicial Department.

Scholarship to be awarded to a law review member

The inaugural **DR. ROBERT P. WOLF SCHOLARSHIP** will be awarded in November 2015 to a member of the *Temple Law Review*. The scholarship honors a man who never attended law school, but whose “whole world was the law,” says daughter **MELISSA WOLF RAND '08**.

As a vocational-economic consultant, Dr. Robert P. Wolf was a much sought-after expert witness in personal injury and medical malpractice trials in the greater Delaware Valley. When he died of pancreatic cancer in 2013, his wife, Paula Wolf, and daughters, Melissa Wolf Rand '08 and Kimberly Altschuler, decided they could best honor his legacy by establishing a scholarship to benefit a Temple Law student.

Wolf grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, where his parents owned a pizza shop. After graduating from Northeast High, Wolf eventually earned two degrees from Temple: A BA in psychology and a doctorate in education in vocational rehabilitation. In addition, he earned an MBA from Rutgers University and certificates in rehabilitation management, actuarial science and divorce mediation from various east coast universities.

Wolf's initial career was working with individuals with disabilities, serving for twenty years as the executive director of the Abilities Center of Southern New Jersey. Increasingly, he was drawn into the legal world as an expert witness. His practice grew rapidly due to his knowledge of disability and rehabilitation issues, coupled with his understanding of the economics of job loss. “For the last thirty years of his life, his whole world was the legal world. He was known in South Jersey as the go-to expert to quantify damages in civil litigation,” Rand says. “Where often the defense would need to hire two expert witnesses, with my father you got two experts rolled into one.”



The Wolf family in 2006, from left: Kimberly Altschuler, Robert Wolf, Paula Wolf, Melissa Wolf Rand '08

Wolf was a frequent writer for the *Legal Intelligencer*, penning such articles as “Earnings Loss Experts Can Document Damages” and “Determining Economic Consequences of Loss of Marriageability.” He also volunteered as an expert witness for mock trials for Temple's Trial Advocacy program.

Melissa Rand's father encouraged her to go to law school, where she graduated at the top of her class and was selected for the law review. Today, she is a corporate attorney at Fortis Legal, a small firm in King of Prussia, PA. Her mother, Paula Wolf, who worked as her husband's office manager while raising her children, now lives in Florida. Kimberly Altschuler lives outside Boston, where she worked in the hospitality industry and is now the office manager at *Facing Cancer Together*, a non-profit dedicated to providing support services to people with cancer.

Scholarships

Each year, dozens of Temple Law students benefit from the generosity of donors who have established scholarship funds to help defray the cost of a legal education. Here are just three of the many scholarships available to eligible students.



Scholarship recipient Miriam Abaya '17 with Benjamin D. Goldman '72

THE MORRIS H. GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW is a full-tuition scholarship awarded annually to a first-year Temple Law student who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.



Brad Ingerman with scholarship recipient Beth Ann Orzeck '17

THE JUSTIN MICHAEL INGERMAN SCHOLARSHIP was established to perpetuate the memory of Justin Ingerman, who died in 2009. Established by Justin's parents, Brad and Laurie, and his sister Danielle, this scholarship provides full tuition for an incoming law student.



Sara Manzano-Diaz; scholarship recipients Matthew Gomez '16 and Tiffany Fera '16; and Hon. Nelson Diaz '72

NELSON DIAZ SCHOLARS IN LAW was established by the PNC Foundation in 2012 to honor Judge Diaz's contribution to the legal world and the community. The scholarship provides financial support to law students whose summer work experiences reflect Judge Diaz's commitment to the Latino community.

TEMPLE LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM HONORS JUVENILE LAW CENTER AT 40

Juvenile Law founder Robert Schwartz '75
with Emily Bazelon

Empowerment vs. Protection for youth is topic of symposium

Is cyberbullying a legal problem, a cultural problem, or both? It's complicated, according to Emily Bazelon, a panelist at this year's *Temple Law Review* symposium entitled "Court Involved Youth in the 21st Century: Empowerment vs. Protection."

The 2015 symposium honored the 40th anniversary of the Juvenile Law Center, the Temple Law alumni who co-founded the center, Robert Schwartz '75 and Marsha Levick '76, and the new executive director Susan V. Mangold. Schwartz recently retired from the position of executive director after serving since 1982.

The symposium featured speaker Bazelon, who is a staff writer at the *New York Times Magazine*, and the Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law at Yale Law School. Robert Schwartz interviewed Bazelon about the findings of her new book, *Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy*, which Schwartz described as having a "nuanced understanding of the battles we fight."

Bazelon said she decided to write the book when her kids were "tweens" and entering the world of technology. She was intrigued by the alarmist language she was observing around the issue of cyberbullying. Her findings: Physical bullying—typical playground intimidation—is way down, but the "mean girl" phenomenon and online humiliation is way up. But her exploration also led her to conclude that—while bullying is alive and well—some of the alarmism is not warranted, and criminalizing the behavior might not be the solution.

Sticks and Stones includes a story of a girl in South Hadley, MA who had been the target of online bullying, and subsequently committed suicide. Local law enforcement brought criminal charges against the accused bullies that could have resulted in ten-year prison sentences. Bazelon's research uncovered documented issues with depression and exacerbating stressors in the deceased's family. Her concern for the six accused teens—coupled with the desire to prevent future tragedies—led Bazelon to weigh the use of legal solutions versus other behavioral strategies to prevent similar tragedies.

One of the more dispiriting statistics, said Bazelon, is that when students inform a school adult about bullying, it often makes it worse. Jacob, a "gender-bending" youth living in upstate New York, felt school administrators were not protecting him from harassment. When a group of supportive students formed a gay/straight alliance, they were shut down in their attempt to be officially recognized. Jacob eventually sued his school district for what he said was discrimination against LGBT youth.

"Change the culture of the school. Encourage kids to be kind to each other," implored Bazelon.



Other symposium panels:

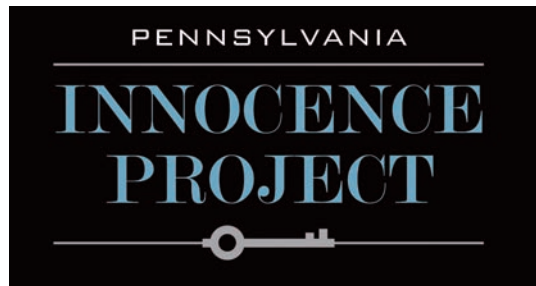
- **Justice Policy and the New Science of Adolescence**
- **Criminalizing Adolescence: Older Youth in the Child Welfare System**
- **Aligning the Juvenile and Family Court with Adolescent Development—Rethinking Current Approaches**
- **Advancing the Rights of Young People Worldwide: The Impact of Juvenile Law Center**
- **Older System-Involved Youth: Emerging Issues**
- **Ethical Issues in Representing Older Youth**
- **Pathways for Juvenile Justice Reform**

PENNSYLVANIA INNOCENCE PROJECT: LARGER OFFICES AND EXPANDED STAFF

SUMMER 2015 With the support of the Beasley School of Law, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project has moved to a new—and larger—center city office to accommodate an expanded staff and an ever-growing workload. As of July, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project (PIP) continues its work to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit, and to prevent innocent people from being convicted, in a newly-renovated office space at Temple University's Center City Campus located directly across from City Hall.

Since its founding in 2009, PIP has flourished under the leadership of two Temple Law alumni, Executive Director Richard Glazer '69 and Legal Director Marissa Bluestine '95. Under the supervision of PIP legal staff, Temple Law students work with volunteer attorneys and students from other universities to develop appeals for individuals from across the Commonwealth.

This summer, the legal staff grew to three attorneys when T.C. Tanski joined Bluestine and staff attorney Nilam Sanghvi. Prior to joining PIP, Tanski was an appellate and post-conviction attorney for a private criminal defense firm in Harrisburg, PA and worked on the team that freed Pennsylvanian James Hugney after 35 years of wrongful incarceration.



Recent PIP success stories

- On August 13, 2015, Lewis James “Jim” Fogle walked out of prison after serving more than 34 years for a murder he did not commit. Newly available DNA testing excluded Fogle and pointed to another unidentified male as the person who murdered a 15 year-old girl in 1984. The successful appeal was a collaboration between PIP and David Loftis, the managing attorney of the The Innocence Project, which is based in New York and affiliated with Cardozo School of Law.
- On October 2, 2015, PIP, with volunteer lawyers Jeff Bresch and Katie Matscherz of Jones Day, won a new trial for Crystal Weimer who spent almost 11 years incarcerated as an innocent woman. Ms. Weimer was wrongly convicted of participating in the 2001 murder of a Connellsville, Pennsylvania man. The conviction was based, in large part, on bite mark evidence and the testimony of an expert forensic dentist. The same expert from trial told Judge Wagner at the post-conviction hearing his previous methods for matching bite marks to suspects were “junk science” and that he would not give the same testimony today.



Professor Scott Burris, Center Director

The Temple University Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice

Based at Temple Law, the Temple University Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice was established in 2009 with a major goal of breaking down silos between departments at Temple that focus on health and health care. Today, faculty, researchers and students at the law school collaborate with colleagues from other Temple schools and colleges on research, policies and information that support the work of community organizations working to solve health and healthcare problems.

‘Culture of health’ is focus of \$25 million Robert Wood Johnson initiative

MAY 2015 The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announced a \$25 million grant to support its “culture of health vision.” Through its Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice, Temple Law will be an integral component of the nationwide effort to research policies, laws, system interventions and community dynamics that will build what the Princeton-based foundation calls a “culture of health.”

The Temple component of the Culture of Health initiative is the National Coordinating Center for Policies for Action. The Policies for Action program and its grantees will explore how policies, laws, and other regulatory tools, and how they are put into practice in both the public and private sectors, can support a Culture of Health. The program builds on the work of the RWJF Public Health Law Research (PHLR) program, directed by Scott Burris. Both programs are housed within the Center for Health Law, Policy and Practice, based at Temple Law and co-directed by Temple Law Professors Scott Burris and Frank McClellan. In 2009, the Center's Public Health Law Research program was selected by RWJF to manage a \$19 million national program that explored legal and regulatory solutions to health issues.

The Policies for Action program is one of three programs that will share the Foundation support and work to build a Culture of Health. Temple scholars will collaborate with Evidence for Action, based at the University of California, San Francisco, and Systems for Action, based at the University of Kentucky.

Did 'confirmation bias' play a role [in] espionage case?



**Written by Professor Jules Epstein,
Director of Advocacy Programs**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: This article originally appeared as an op-ed at Philly.com on September 23, 2015. It was republished on Voices, an edited web series featuring essays and articles. To view more writing by Temple Law faculty and students, visit Voices@Templelaw.

The report that all espionage charges against Temple University physicist

Xiaoxing Xi have been withdrawn raises the obvious question: How could things have gone so wrong?

According to published accounts, prosecutors and agents saw documents that appeared to be suspicious and concluded – erroneously – that they were schematics for a particular device.

Reading the story raises a concern about cognitive biases at work. The term *biases* does not refer to a prejudice or dislike, but rather a process in which the brain biases the observer to favor a particular conclusion. One particular type, “confirmation bias,” is common and particularly human: What a person expects to see colors the perception of what is then examined.

Confirmation bias is no stranger to criminal and forensic investigations. It played a part in the misidentification of a suspect in a 2004 terrorist train bombing in Madrid, and its effect has been shown repeatedly in research. Whether it is a DNA analyst or a fingerprint examiner, erroneous information or our expectations can cause the person to see what is not actually there, or miss what is present.

The concern about cognitive biases is neither illusory nor academic. It is now a subject of discussion at the National Commission on Forensic Science, and forensic labs and police agencies around the country are offering training on cognitive bias and potential systems responses to reduce its effect.

There is no easy antidote. But depending on the type of investigation, different tools may be used to reduce its effect. In a lab, keeping irrelevant information, such as whether the suspect has a prior record or confessed, from the analyst to avoid influencing judgment can solve any potential problem; and in a criminal investigation, an independent fact-checker who plays “devil’s advocate” and challenges the working hypothesis can protect the investigator.

In the case of the Temple physicist, there is no way yet to know whether cognitive bias – the fear that Chinese-born scientists were engaged in espionage – “made” the investigators see what wasn’t there: the “pocket heater” used in superconductor research that was supposed to be kept secret. But the question should be asked – internally at the FBI and in the Justice Department, and more generally in police or prosecutors’ offices.

The more we know about the risk of seeing what isn’t there, the better we can reduce the risk of another Xiaoxing Xi being wrongfully charged.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS



Professor Marina Angel interviewing Justice Ginsburg in 2014

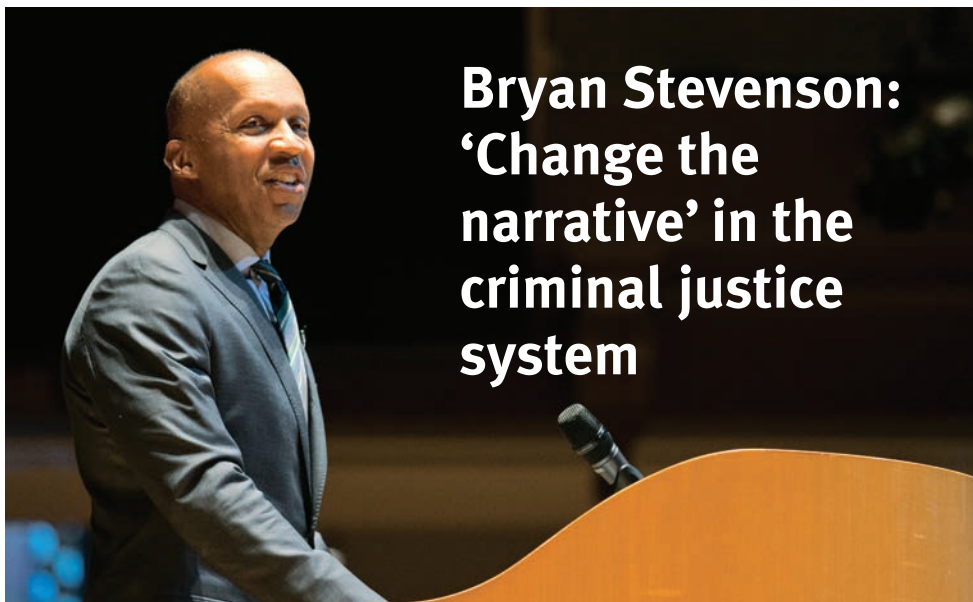
PROFESSOR MARINA ANGEL has been selected to be the 2016 recipient of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award by the Women in Legal Education (WILE) section of the Association of American Law Schools. Wendy Greene, the 2016 WILE chair, lauds Angel for her “pioneering work ... done on behalf of so many.” Angel’s feminist teaching and scholarship focus on a range of issues, including women in legal education and the profession, violence against women, school shootings, and abused women who kill their abusers. Angel has taught at Temple Law since 1979.



DEAN JOANNE A. EPPS has been selected as one of four nationally to receive the 2016 Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.



DUNCAN HOLLIS, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and James E. Beasley Professor of Law, was an invited participant at the Global Cyberspace Cooperation Summit VI at the East-West Institute in New York City. As part of the summit, he participated in the Munich Security Conference Cyber Security Roundtable.



Bryan Stevenson: 'Change the narrative' in the criminal justice system



An urgent plea to “change the narrative” drew an audience of more than 500 to the Temple Performing Arts Center to hear litigator, activist, author and law professor Bryan Stevenson speak about race, mass incarceration, wrongful convictions resulting in death penalties, and what he describes as a “broken criminal justice system.”

OCTOBER 21, 2015 Bryan Stevenson, the author of the best-selling memoir, *Just Mercy*, outlined the problem of mass incarceration in the United States: 2.3 million people in prison; 6 million on probation or parole; a 600% increase in the number of incarcerated women over the past 40 years. People of color are disproportionately represented in these statistics: If current trends continue, one in three black male babies is expected to go to prison. Stevenson says that in Alabama, where he works, a staggering number of adults are permanently barred from voting because of criminal records.

He spoke of the trend in the 1980s, when criminologists began to categorize some juvenile offenders as “super predators,” resulting in trying children as adults and the imposition of life sentences. Today, Pennsylvania has the largest population of children who will die in prison of any state.

Stevenson stressed that these are bleak statistics but he has an action plan, invoking “capable people to do more creative things to improve justice.” In fact, he has a four-point action plan to change the world.

“Get proximate” is Stevenson’s first suggestion: Being close to people makes it hard to dehumanize them. He described his first proximity to the criminal justice system, when he spent a summer working with prisoners on death row in Georgia. The experience left him forever changed.

Second, “change the narrative” from one based on fear and anger (resulting in oppression), to one of healing and redemption. For instance, instead of treating drugs as a criminal problem—resulting in the mass incarceration of young men and women—he suggests treating drugs as a public health issue.

The third prong of Stevenson’s plan is hope. “Hopelessness is the enemy of justice,” he said. As a beacon of hope, Stevenson cites the increasing number of states that have outlawed trying juveniles as adults and imposing a sentence of life without parole.

Last, “do uncomfortable things.” Stevenson has been doing uncomfortable things for a long time. The 55-year-old lawyer graduated from Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School, and practiced for four years with the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee. He has represented those he describes as society’s most vulnerable individuals, some of whom have been accused of horrific crimes.

Today, he is the executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama. Stevenson founded EJI in 1989 to provide free legal help to death-row inmates in Alabama, but the organization has grown to tackle national issues such as life sentences for juvenile offenders, inadequate access to legal help for poor defendants, and racial bias in the criminal process.

For his work, Stevenson has been called one of the country’s most visionary legal thinkers and social justice advocates. Bishop Tutu has called him “America’s young Nelson Mandela.” He has been named a MacArthur Fellow, won the Olof Palme Prize for international human rights, and teaches at N.Y.U. School of Law.

The lecture, book-signing and reception were sponsored by the Temple Law Foundation. The event was co-sponsored by The Pennsylvania Innocence Project, whose legal director, Marissa Bluestine, conducted a brief post-lecture discussion.

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Temple Law Center for Compliance and Ethics

OCTOBER 15, 2015 Members of the advisory board gathered to discuss the new center's programs for the upcoming academic year. From left (sitting): Maribel Valentin, Jennifer Heller, Katherine Kelton, Dean JoAnne A. Epps, Edward Buthusiem, and Alison Tanchyk. From left (standing): Frank Bigley, Georgia Dodds-Foley, Michael Blackshear, Bette Walters, Michael Shaw, Terri Ledva, and Richard Collier.



Introduction to Transactional Skills

FALL 2015 Incoming students participate in a two-week intensive course where they are exposed to the practice of transactional law through lectures, small-group workshops, and a simulation where teams of two represent sides of a new partnership and work to navigate issues confronting a small business. Many students have identified this innovative program as the turning point, after which they began to see themselves not just as law students, but as future lawyers.

Horn-Tucker scholarship award and brunch

OCTOBER 4, 2015 Members of the Black Law Students Association attended the annual reception held at the home of Joe Tucker Jr. '89 and Alycia Horn '89. A scholarship was awarded to Ariel Martin. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates financial need, with preference given to members of the Black Law Students Association.





Climate change lecture

OCTOBER 14, 2015 Retired Rear Admiral David Titley, Ph.D. addressed the law school community on how climate change is a threat not only to polar bears, but to national security as well. The event was sponsored by TELS, The Federalist Society, NLG, Temple's Institute for International Law and Public Policy, and outside sponsors. Dr. Titley is the founding director of the Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk at Penn State University.



Polsky Moot Court Competition

OCTOBER 23, 2015 The winner of this year's Polsky Moot Court Competition was James Shygelski '17 (center). Also at the competition were (from left) Hon. Diane Thompson '90, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Dean JoAnne A. Epps; Sarah K. Adams '16, Moot Court Honor Society President; Hon. Susan Maven '87, New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division; and Stuart Lev, Assistant Defender, Federal Community Defender Office.



Hate speech First Amendment rights

OCTOBER 14, 2015 Associate University Counsel Valerie Harrison joined Professors Robert J. Reinstein and Hosea Harvey in a panel discussion of the constitutional parameters of hate speech at a panel in the Duane Morris LLP Moot Courtroom.

MARIA ZULICK NUCCI '84 has published "Under God's Rainbow: Free Exercise for LGBT Rights" in the summer issue of *Open Court*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Bar Association LGBT rights committee. She is also editor-in-chief of *Access to Justice*, the newsletter of the ABA section of litigation, access to justice committee.

Business aviation attorneys **STEWART H. LAPAYOWKER '89** and Scott Burgess announced the formation of a new firm, Lapayowker Burgess, located at the Fort Lauderdale, FLA Executive Airport. Lapayowker is chair of the National Business Aviation Association's tax and regulatory committee, vice-chair of its regulatory working group, and a member of the aviation law committee of The Florida Bar Association.

MARK A. MATTIOLI '89 has joined the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig in its Philadelphia office as a shareholder in the health and FDA business practice. Mattioli joins the firm from Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, where he chaired the health care practice group.

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MICAH U. BUCHDAHL '91 of Moorestown, NJ has been appointed chair of the American Bar Association's standing committee on continuing legal education. Buchdahl is president of the law marketing consultancy HTMLawyers.

PATTY (POWERS) BOUJOUKOS '92 has assumed the position of Chief Compliance Officer for Sungard Availability Services, a provider of IT production and recovery services based in Wayne, PA.

In September 2015, **ANTHONY LAKAVAGE '93** became senior vice president of global external affairs of the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), a scientific nonprofit organization that sets standards for medicines, food ingredients, and dietary supplements manufactured, distributed and consumed worldwide. Lakavage joins USP from the position of worldwide vice president of public affairs at Becton Dickinson & Co.

MARY PORTER '94, who has worked as a Manhattan prosecutor and an assistant Suffolk County (Long Island, NY) attorney, has been named executive director of the Suffolk Human Rights Commission.

KEVIN STEELE, LL.M. IN TRIAL ADVOCACY '95, has been elected Montgomery County, PA district attorney. Steele has been serving as the first assistant to outgoing District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman.

HEATH GOLDEN '99 has been named president of the neckwear and jewelry division of Randa, a men's accessories company. Golden was most recently president of Bendon Group. Prior to Bendon, he served in various positions with Hampshire Group, including several years as its president and CEO.

2000s

Easton, PA officials have named **CASSANDRA WILLIAMS '00** as the city's new finance director. Williams will leave her post as finance director in Lower Macungie Township.



BENJAMIN J. GINSBERG '02 was named Director of Institutional Advancement at AIM Academy in Conshohocken, PA where he will oversee development and communications for the private, independent grades 1-12 school, focusing on children who learn differently.



Grant Rawdin '87: Industry leader in financial planning inducted into Gallery of Success

Grant Rawdin '87 has been selected to represent the law school in the 2015 Temple University Gallery of Success. The Gallery is a

collaborative effort between Temple's Career Center and the Office of Alumni Relations, showcasing Temple alumni who have utilized the skills and knowledge learned at Temple to chart their own paths in their fields of study. These inspirational alumni from each of Temple's 17 schools and colleges are honored every fall during Homecoming weekend and highlighted for one year in the gallery's exhibit space in Mitten Hall.

Rawdin is the founder and CEO of Wescott Financial Advisory Group, a firm he founded in 1987 in partnership with the law firm Duane Morris, where he began his tax and business practice. Wescott is a wealth management firm, managing portfolios for high net worth investors and institutions, with offices in Philadelphia, Miami and San Francisco. In 2015, Rawdin was named to the Top 25 Financial Advisors in the U.S. by Barron's, Forbes and CNBC.

Rawdin currently serves as a member of the Beasley School of Law Board of Visitors, president of the Temple Law Foundation, and chair of the board of the Urban Affairs Coalition. In 2014, he was awarded the prestigious Doer Award, given by former Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, for substantial and long-standing contributions to the Philadelphia region.

Temple University Gallery of Success Beasley School of Law graduates

- 2015 Grant Radwin '87
- 2014 Doneene Keemer Damon '92
- 2013 Ajay K. Raju '96
- 2012 Meagan E. Hassan '07
- 2011 Elena Park '98
- 2010 James A. Walden '91
- 2009 Steven E. Angstreich '70 and Carolyn Chernick Lindheim '87

Hilco Merchant Resources, based in Northbrook, IL, has named **IAN FREDERICKS '03** to senior vice president of strategic growth/client development and chief legal officer. Fredericks has most recently been serving as the vice president and assistant general counsel at the holding company, Hilco Global.

CHRISTOPHER SORIANO '03 received the inaugural Duane Morris Pro Bono Leadership Award. Soriano is a partner in the firm's Cherry Hill, NJ office, where he represents stakeholders in the gaming industry. In his pro bono work, he represents the parents of young, autistic students, as well as mentoring colleagues in New Jersey court-appointed parole revocation cases.

GAETANO PICCIRILLI '04 has joined Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg as a partner in the litigation department. He was formerly a partner at Dilworth Paxson. For five He also serves as a board member of The Caring People Alliance and The Second Chance Foundation.

MARK M. LEE '04 has returned to Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis as a partner in the firm's litigation services department in the Philadelphia office. Lee rejoins the firm after serving for four years as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Delaware.



PETER J. THOMPSON, LLM IN TRIAL ADVOCACY '04, founded a sole practitioner immigration law firm in Philadelphia in 2014. Thompson was previously director of the Defender Immigration Project at the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

HEIDI WUSHINSKE '04, a prosecutor in the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, was selected as a delegate for a peer review on performance standards and regulatory monitoring in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The peer review is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's power sector program.



ANDREW L. MACKERER JD '05, LLM IN TAXATION '14, launched a law firm in Moorestown, NJ, where he practices taxation, estate and probate law. Mackerer is also an active volunteer with the Wills For Heroes program in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and for displaced individuals and families of disasters through Temple Law's Wills for Survivors program.

LIAM J. RILEY '08 has joined the law firm of Krasner & Long in Philadelphia. The firm specializes in criminal defense and civil rights litigation.

ROY COPELAND, LLM IN TRIAL ADVOCACY '09, an assistant professor of business law at Valdosta State University, has been appointed to Georgia's Criminal Justice Reform Council. Copeland also sits on the boards of the Lowndes County Industrial Authority and 100 Black Men of America.

Thompson & Knight announced that **KATHLEEN E. GERBER '09** has joined the firm's Houston, TX office as an associate in the tax practice group.

CRYSTAL BROWN '05 is currently serving as counselor and senior policy advisor to the General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget at the White House, in Washington DC. Prior to holding that position, Brown was senior director of the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs.



MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN '09 was recently promoted to partner at Oliver Price & Rhodes, a law firm in Clarks Summit, PA. O'Brien concentrates his practice primarily in business and civil litigation, oil and gas litigation and criminal defense. In addition, O'Brien is a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

2010s



Blank Rome attorney **MELANIE S. CARTER '11** has been elected to the board of directors of the Education Law Center of Pennsylvania. Prior to law school,

Carter worked in public education through Teach For America and was the 2014 recipient of Blank Rome's Pro Bono Hero Award for her work on behalf of indigent clients.

JIM MALONE, LLM IN TAXATION '11, recently joined Post & Schell as co-chair of the firm's tax controversy practice group.

DANIELLE NEWSOME '15 has joined the Philadelphia labor, employment and workers' compensation law firm, Willig, Williams & Davidson, as an associate. Before entering law school, Newsome worked as a labor organizer for Change to Win Labor Union Federation, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, and American Federation of Teachers, among others.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph R. Danella '53
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