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## **NDLS Communicator**

**Week of 4.26.21**

Good morning! Please read below for the latest Law School news and events.

### **The Latest News**

## **Notre Dame Law School announces new exchange program with Tel Aviv University**



Notre Dame Law School's [Global Lawyering Initiative](#), has created a new exchange program with the oldest and most prestigious law school in Israel. Learn more [here](#).

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## A New Lease on Life



Notre Dame Law students prepare expungement petitions for hundreds of local residents. Learn more [here](#).

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## Carter Snead, Dan Kelly, and Stephanie Barclay participate in Notre Dame Day



Carter talked about the Denicola Center for Ethics and Culture which he directs, and his recent book, "What It Means to Be Human: The Case

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for the Body in Public Bioethics," on the Notre Dame day broadcast. [Watch here.](#)



Dan joined the Notre Dame day broadcast to discuss the Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, where he serves as faculty director. He also directs the Law School's Program of Study in Real Estate Law. [Watch here.](#)



Stephanie spoke about Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative on the Notre Dame day broadcast. [Watch the video](#) to learn more about the important work that the Religious Liberty Clinic is doing to protect religious freedom for people of all faiths.

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**Lloyd Mayer quoted by CNN,  
guest on Bloomberg's  
podcast, and interviewed for  
Notre Dame News**



Lloyd was quoted by CNN in, "Supreme Court poised for another historic spring." Read the article [here](#).

Lloyd was a guest last week on Bloomberg's "Talking Tax" podcast, "Supreme Court to Weigh in on State Charity Oversight." [Listen here](#).

Lloyd says the Supreme Court donor privacy case could have ramifications for dark money in elections in Notre Dame News article. Learn more [here](#).



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## **Rick Garnett quoted by Deseret News**

Rick was quoted by Deseret News in "Conservative justices aren't alone in supporting religion at the Supreme Court." Read the article [here](#).



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## **Nicole Garnett spoke with National Catholic Reporter**

Nicole spoke with NCR for "Closures of Catholic schools in Black neighborhoods provoke sense of abandonment." Read the article [here](#).



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## **Stephanie Barclay was quoted by EarthBeat**

Stephanie as quoted by EarthBeat in "Conservative legal experts take up Apache Oak



Flat religious freedom case." Read the article [here](#).

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## Faculty News

**Stephanie Barclay** will host "Protecting Oak Flat and Other Indigenous Sacred Places" at noon on Thursday, April 29, featuring Brigham Young University Law Professor Michalyn Steele, Suzan Shown Harjo, Stephen Pevar of the ACLU, and The University of Colorado Law School Professor Kristen Carpenter. Register [here](#).

On April 22, **Felicia Caponigri** participated in the virtual event "Piracy Paradox in an Era of Disruption" at Cardozo in New York. More information [here](#).

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## Commencement Information

Faculty tickets are required for the faculty section for the University Ceremony in Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday, May 22, and for the Law School's ceremony on Saturday, May 21 at Frank Eck Baseball Stadium.

Faculty wishing to attend the Mass and University Commencement Ceremony or the Law School's Ceremony should [complete this form](#) to obtain an electronic ticket to each event.

We hope that all of our faculty will join us for the Law School's Ceremony. We will share more details about our ceremony in the coming weeks.

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## Student News



### Congratulations to 2L Eric Leis!

Eric won the Institute for Energy Law's 2021 Hartrick Scholar Writing Competition with his paper on the regulation of Small Modular Reactors.



## Congratulations to 1L Moot Court Champions Courtney Klaus and Jeremy Wang

This year's champions are Courtney and Jeremy, with Courtney winning best overall oralist. Congratulations to all of the teams that competed in the Tournament!

Dear faculty and staff,  
We want to share your scholarship and other news and accomplishments with the ND Law community. If you have a new research piece, receive an award, or have anything else to share please let us know. You can email news [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, April 26

- Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights, "Justice for George Floyd? Unpacking the Verdict." Panelists will include ND Law student Silas Altheimer and Jennifer Mason McAward, who directs the Klau Center. Register [here](#).

### Tuesday, April 27

- Combating Child Slave Labor: A Discussion About Nestle v. Doe, 12:30 p.m., 1140 Eck Hall of Law, maximum capacity 42.
- "The Role of Islamic Law in US Courts," 12:45 p.m., zoom, more information [here](#).

### Wednesday, April 28

- The Limitations of Positive Law in Bringing the Right to a Nationality to Full Effect, 12:30 p.m., zoom
- "Obergefell, Masterpiece Cakeshop, and Fulton: Harnessing v. Unleashing 'Armies of Compassion,'" zoom, more information [here](#).

## Thursday, April 29

- Religious Liberty Initiative: Protecting Oak Flat and Other Indigenous Sacred Sites, 12:00 p.m., zoom
- A Conversation with Jonathan Freiman, 2:00 p.m., 2171 Eck, maximum capacity is 14.
- IP in Practice Series: Tech Transactions within University Settings, Featuring Tommy Martindale and Tim Flanagan, 5:00 p.m., zoom

## Friday, April 30

- Law & Economics Seminar, 12:30 p.m., zoom
- An Introduction to Originalism and Textualism, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law

## Around the Watercooler

### Department Feature

In our feature this week, we are excited to highlight and get to know our Administrative Assisitants!

**Name:** Julie Shook

**Job Title:** Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties, full responsibility of the Dean's calendar and arranging all of the Dean's meetings. I prepare a number of historical charts, assist faculty committees, organize faculty meetings, expense reports, arrange various staff/faculty lunches, dinners, meetings, etc., prepare correspondence, memoranda, itineraries, prepare annual reports, etc., faculty reappointment/promotions packets, various conference arrangements and a variety of other responsibilities. I do my best to keep the Dean on track and organized.

**Family:** Husband, David, five children and five grandchildren.

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** We are always doing projects around the house. We love to travel and ride our Indian Roadmaster.

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**Name:** Debbie Sumption

**Job Title:** Faculty Administrative Assistant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I support faculty

**Family:** My daughter Brooke

**What do you like to do outside of work?** Spend time with my daughter,

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travel, dine out, and shop (of course pre-Covid). I love to drive my convertible in the summer with the top down and the music up!

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I have worked at NDLS for over 26 years.

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**Name:** Beth Ferrettie

**Job Title:** Office Coordinator

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** Administration for several of the law school's externship programs: Appalachia, Law in Chicago, Law in D.C., Judicial, and a new summer externship this year in Dublin. Administration for our Chicago law office space. I work together with Prof. Bob Jones and student leaders on Galilee. Faculty support to Bob Jones, Nell Newton, and Dory Durham. I also support our Annual Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute.

**Family:** Married to Rob (7 years this October) and we have two daughters: Gemma (3), Jade (1).

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** Shopping! Right now my favorite things to hunt down are rare houseplants/succulents and Rae Dunn pottery.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** In my early 20's I decided to drop everything here at home and move to the Bay Area in California with a friend of mine. I sold my car, moved out of my apartment, quit my job and school (I did go back!), and bought a one-way ticket to San Francisco. I didn't have a job lined up or even a place to live of my own. We stayed with my friend's aunt until we were able to find our own apartment. Of course, my parents thought I was crazy and they didn't think I would last more than a couple of weeks out there, but once I got there everything fell into place for me and I ended up living there for 4 years. It was a great "growing up" experience.

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**Name:** Bethann (Beth) Smith

**Job Title:** Faculty Administrative Assistant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I provide faculty support to 9 professors teaching 12 classes which means I get to know over 300 wonderful students this semester.

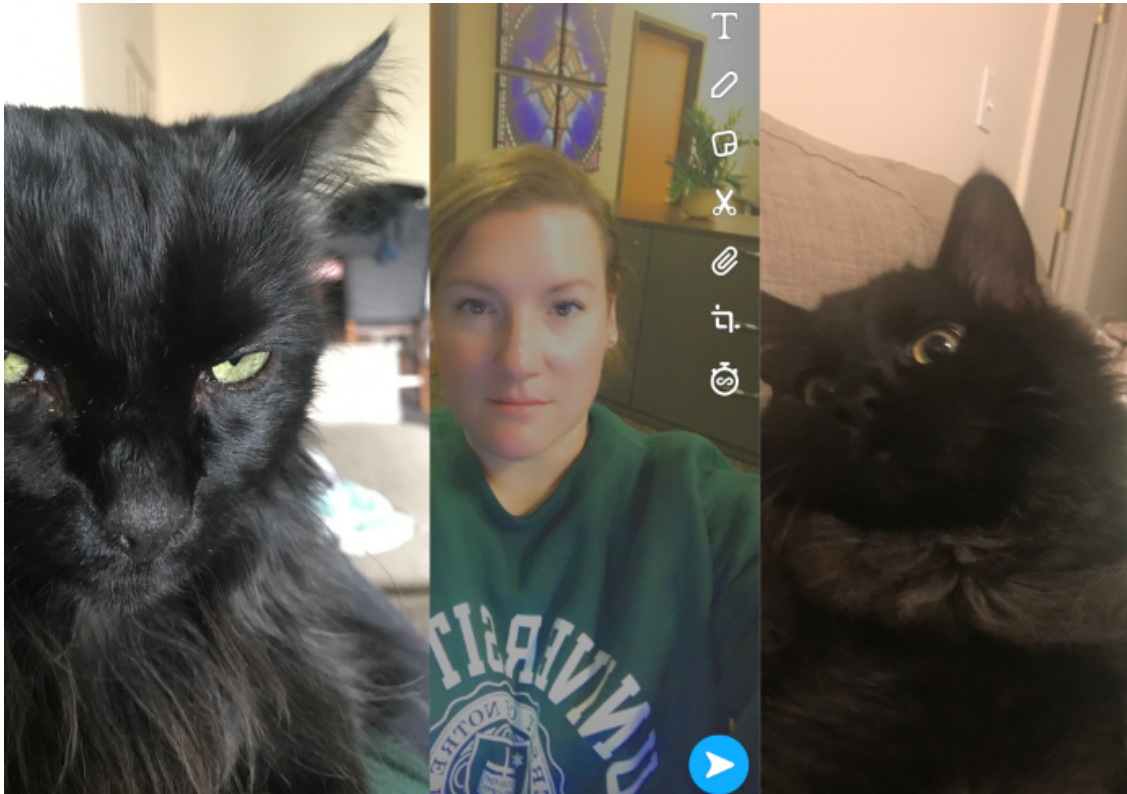
**Family:** I will be married to Tony for 30 years in September. We have 2 daughters and 1 son who are all on their way to becoming first-generation, college graduates!

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** I attend 5 am workout classes twice a week and run on the weekends. To relax, I enjoy boating in the summer at the lake we live on in Elkhart.

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**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I'm an only child who once played Mary Poppins in the school play.

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**Name:** Kirsten Niederer

**Job Title:** Faculty Administrative Assistant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I support faculty members with different tasks throughout the year.

**Family:** Me and my cat!

**What do you like to do outside of work?** I love to read all things history but specifically Civil War history with a particular interest in President Grant, General Sherman, and the Antebellum South.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** Mayor Daley from Chicago opened his car door right in front of me on the street and I ran into it. When I realized who it was all I could stutter was "oh hello."

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**Name:** Carla Siler

**Job Title:** Law School Administrative Assistant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** My responsibilities include supporting the Clinicians at Howard St. and the IP Clinic with all areas of their academic needs. I also support them with any needs they have with their clients and their legal matters.

**Family:** I am married to Scott Siler who works in Notre Dame OIT as Manager of Training and Transitions. We have 4 children. Three are done with college, married, and starting their own families. Our youngest is a junior at Adams High School very involved at school with Quiz Bowl, NHS, Marching Band, and Theater (pre-covid). We also have a granddaughter in California that covid has kept us from visiting in person. We are hoping to see her in June. We currently have 3 cats in the house. Two are grand-kid-tens that will be heading back to



their relocated Army "parents" this summer.

**What do you like to do outside of work?** Outside of work life, I mostly enjoy family time, doing projects around the house and yard, and learning to cook healthier food. Other personal interests are in health and fitness. I can often be found with my headphones on listening to those kinds of audiobooks.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** Last fall, I was challenged to skip a step as I walk up the flights of stairs at Eck - it's a great leg workout! I still climb them 2 at a time. (I apologize if you are caught behind me). I'd love to hear other people's exercise "hacks" if you have any.

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**Name:** Maria Gonzalez-Diaz

**Job Title:** Administrative Assistant of International and Graduate Programs

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I have quite the dynamic role being an Administrative Assistant. I support my faculty and staff on a daily basis. Not a day goes that an unexpected situation comes up, but I'm always eager to come up with solutions on the fly. Some days I'm helping students or visitors with their visa statuses and other days I'm on a zoom call with colleagues in Argentina discussing technical difficulties in the classroom.

**Family:** My family lives in Bloomington where both my parents are faculty at Indiana University. I have a sister who is currently a Sophomore studying Art History, Latino Studies, and French at IUB.

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** I enjoy going on Covid-safe adventures, usually to local state parks.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** Since my graduation from IUB in May 2020, I have taken up the hobbies of gardening and general DIY projects. Right now, I am building a raised garden bed in an attempt to ensure a more successful growing season as last year's soil spoiled my crops.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine

Faculty and staff should document their vaccination **after completion of the second dose** of the Moderna or Pfizer regimen, or the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. [Faculty and Staff - How to Document Your Vaccination](#).

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**Notre Dame Covid-19 Dashboard**

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Have a great week!



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