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Faculty in the News.

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NDLS Communicator
Week of 2.27.23

Good morning! Please read below for the latest law school news.

The Latest News



Religious Liberty Initiative supports criminal complaint against Chinese government for Uyghur genocide

The Religious Liberty Initiative filed an amicus brief in support of the criminal complaint filed by The World Uyghur Congress and The Uyghur Human Rights Project against China for genocide and crimes against humanity, invoking Argentina's universal jurisdiction over those crimes as set out in the Argentinian Constitution. Read more [here](#).

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan case tomorrow. An amicus brief filed by **Sam Bray**, along with William Baude of the University of Chicago, about the case was mentioned in several media outlets including:

New York Times: [Student Loan Case Before Supreme Court Poses Pressing Question: Who Can Sue?](#)

Washington Post: [Supreme Court oral arguments for Biden student loan forgiveness plan](#)

Market Watch: [What you need to know about Tuesday's student-debt relief Supreme Court showdown](#)

Huffington Post: [The Fate Of Biden's Student-Loan Relief Plan Rests With The Supreme Court](#)

Mary Ellen O'Connell was quoted by Our Sunday Visitor



in "Putin's Suspension Of Key US-Russia Nuclear Arms Treaty Increases Global Risk, Say Experts." Read more [here](#).

Mary Ellen was also on the Southern California Public Radio podcast, "It's Been A Year Since Russia Invaded Ukraine. Reflecting On What's Happened Since And What's To Come." Listen [here](#) (scroll to second story).



Nicole Garnett wrote, "Losing a Lifeline" for the City Journal about the closure of more than a dozen New York City Catholic schools. Read her piece [here](#).

Nicole was also on the AEI Report Card podcast to discuss religious charter schools and ESAs. Listen [here](#).



Sherif Girgis has published, "Living Traditionalism." Read his paper [here](#).



Rick Garnett wrote "Why Liberalism and Constitutionalism Need Christianity, " for Law and Liberty. Read his piece [here](#).



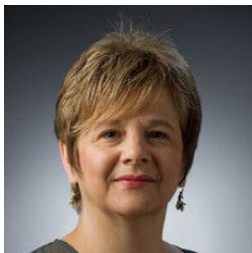
A video of **Diane Desierto's** presentation, "Governance and Community Participation Rights in Investment, Use, and Management in Water Resources," at the 4th Session of the Nov 2022 UN Social Forum is available [here](#) (at 28:38 mark).

Diane is one of the authors of "Water and Human Rights, Unlocked: A Guide for Water-Intensive Industries." Published by the Pulte Institute for Global Development, the team's research was chosen to be presented at the UN 2023 Water Conference on March 23. Out of 1300 applications, the team is one of five selected universities, and the only one from the United States.

Diane has been awarded the Justice and Asia Grant from the Liu Institute of Asia and Asian Studies, to co-author field-based research with a Notre Dame undergraduate student on "Environmental Activism and Legal Action: Holistic Climate Justice in the Philippines."



Stephanie Barclay gave a keynote fireside chat at the Law & Freedom Conference in Toronto. She spoke with Justice Bradley Miller of the Court of Appeal for Ontario about the role of the judiciary.



Judy Fox was quoted in an ABC 57 report calling on the city of South Bend to respond to ongoing housing issues. Listen [here](#).

The Eviction Clinic's [recent report](#) was cited in an article in the Indiana Capital Chronicle. Read more [here](#).

Student News



Congratulations to the Notre Dame American Bar Association Team for making it to the finals of the ABA Regional National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Oklahoma City this past weekend. Ian McKay and Jorge Rios were the brief writers and Matt Lazaski, Dominique Marino, Caleb Perez, and Estella Serrano were the oralists. Ian McKay was recognized for writing the 4th Best Brief in the Region.

Alumni News

Man sentenced to life in prison walks free after Missouri judge vacates his conviction

A Missouri man's conviction was vacated after he spent 28 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. ND Law graduate **Charlie Weiss '68 J.D.** served as one of Johnson's attorneys and sat next to him at the decision. Read more [here](#).

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](#).

Events

Monday, February 27

Law & Economics workshop, Wendy Epstein, DePaul, "The Effects of Price Transparency and Debt Collection Policies on Intentions to Consume Recommended Health Care: A Randomized Vignette Experiment," 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law

Athletes and the NIL Landscape, 12:30 p.m., 3130 Eck Hall of Law
ND law Alum, Christopher Stewart will moderate the panel.

Evening with Dean Cole, 5:30 p.m., McCartan Courtroom
Join First Generation Professionals for a discussion with Dean Marcus Cole on his background, path to Law School, and journey to Notre Dame. A reception in Eck Hall of Law Atrium will follow the event.

Tuesday, February 28

Catholic Social Teaching and the Law: Immigration with Professor Andrew M. Yuengert, Pepperdine University, 12:30 p.m. in 1130 Eck Hall of Law

Balenciaga Event: Lois Herzeca, University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the Balenciaga fashion campaign and how it affects children, 12:30 p.m., 1140 Eck Hall of Law

BLSA Day of Solidarity

The Black Law Students Association invites the law school community to participate in a Day of Solidarity. They will wear black to celebrate the conclusion of Black History Month, acknowledge the systematic inequality that remains pervasive throughout the US, and honor those who lost their lives due to structural and institutionalized racism.

Wednesday, March 1

Property Rights in Space, with Joanne Gabrynowicz, University of Mississippi School of Law and director emerita of the school's Air and Space Law Program, 12:30 p.m., 1140 Eck Hall of Law

Justice Mary Yu, '93 J.D., Washington State Supreme Court, 5 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law

Justice Yu will discuss her path to the judiciary and answer questions regarding other causes important to her via Zoom.

Thursday, March 2

Breakfast with Judge Margarette Macauley, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women, 9:45 a.m., 3108 Eck Hall of Law

Protecting Women's Rights in the Developing World, 11:30 - 12:45 p.m., 3130 Eck Hall of Law

This special session will focus on the rising challenges against the recognition and full protection of women's rights in the developing world, especially in Latin American and authoritarian rule in besieged Islamic countries such as Afghanistan and Iran. Panelists include:

- Commissioner and former Judge Margarette Macauley, formerly Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Tahmina Sobat '20 LL.M., Ph.D. candidate
- Roqia Samim '22 LL.M., Senior Research Associate, Notre Dame Law School LL.M.
- Christine Venter is the discussant and Diane Desierto will moderate.
- [Register here.](#)

International IP: Trademarks with Jenna-Marie Tracy, Lowenstein Sandler, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law

Friday, March 3

Different Kind of Lawyer Day for admitted students, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., throughout Eck Hall of Law

2nd Annual Champions for Justice Ceremony, 5:15 p.m., Foley's, O'Neill Hall
We will honor our third-year students who have exhibited an exemplary commitment to public service during the course of their time in law school. This reception is being held in conjunction with the Different Kind of Lawyer day reception.

Looking Ahead: Commencement 2023

Friday, May 19, 2023

1:30 p.m., *Law School Awards Ceremony*

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:45 a.m., *Law School Prayer Service*

10:30 a.m., *Law Diploma and Hooding Ceremony*

12:00 p.m., *Law School Lunch Reception*

Please see the [full schedule here](#).

If you do not already have robes, please visit <https://undfaculty.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome>. Deadline to order is April 8.

Around the Watercooler

Welcome Baby Hugo!



Congratulations and welcome to Maria and Damon's new son, Hugo Fidelis Maciá Smith. Hugo was born on February 20 and was 7 lbs 13 ounces.

Happy Birthday!



Alicia Sachau--March 1

We would like to celebrate your birthday too! We need your permission first, so please fill out the form [here](#).

Memorial for Barbara Szweda

The memorial for **Barbara Szweda**, a former ND Law faculty member, is today at 1 p.m. You can watch the memorial online [here](#).

Weekly Adoration

A holy hour of Eucharistic adoration will be held in the St. Thomas More Chapel every Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient Catholic practice of prayer before a consecrated host—the Blessed Sacrament—where Jesus is present body, blood, soul, and divinity. All people of all (or no) faith traditions are welcome to come and go throughout the hour.

We would love to share more news, milestones, and accomplishments of our Law School colleagues. Drop us a note [here](#).

Have a great week!



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