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NDLS Communicator

Week of 11.20.23

Good afternoon! We express our thanks and gratitude to our ND Law School community. Warm wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving to you and your families!

The Latest News

Notre Dame Law School establishes new Global Human Rights Clinic

Notre Dame Law School has announced the establishment of a new [Global Human Rights Clinic](#). Launching in the spring of 2024, the new clinic will be the experiential learning unit of the Law School's LL.M. Program in Human Rights Law and will be open to J.D. and Human Rights LL.M. students.

The clinic will represent cases at institutions such as the International Court of Justice, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, International Criminal Court, and the U.N. Human Rights Treaty Bodies. It will also undertake research and

advocacy projects in collaboration with the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. In addition, the clinic will address cases challenging authoritarianism in the Global South, advocating for individuals who may not typically be represented by other human rights clinics. Read more [here](#).



Diane Desierto will be the founding faculty director of the new clinic.

Fighting to Defend Human Rights



Diane Desierto is currently representing Nobel laureate Maria Ressa in her defense against cyber libel charges at the Philippine Supreme Court. Her work with Ressa, as well as her dedication to human rights, was highlighted in Saturday's "What Would You Fight For?" video, showcased during halftime of the ND game. Read more [here](#).



Religious Liberty Clinic files amicus brief supporting church's freedom to serve those in need

The Religious Liberty Clinic filed an [amicus brief](#) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon case [St. Timothy's Episcopal Church et al. v. City of Brookings](#), advocating for religious organizations' freedom to serve the hungry. The brief was filed in support of the church, which has long served those in need in Brookings, Oregon. The city has now discriminated against St. Timothy's by applying its land-use regulations to burden the church's religious exercise, including its provision of meal services and other ministries. Read more [here](#).

Religious Liberty Clinic files amicus brief in favor of religious liberty protections for the Yanaguana, an Indigenous sacred site

The Religious Liberty Clinic filed an [amicus brief](#) in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, urging the court to protect a sacred site in San Antonio, Texas, that is of great spiritual significance to many Indigenous tribes. The brief was filed in support of Gary Perez and Matilde Torres, two practicing members of the Lipan-Apache Native American church, in the case *Perez v. City of San Antonio*. Read more [here](#).



Reverend Marian Edmonds-Allen advocates for a balanced approach that preserves religious liberty protections and LGBTQIA+ rights

The Religious Liberty Initiative recently hosted “Religious Liberty: The Key to Healing LGBT Divides.” Reverend Marian Edmonds-Allen, the executive director of Parity, a New York City-based national nonprofit that works at the intersection of faith and LGBTQIA+ concerns, shared about her faith journey as a member of clergy and the LGBTQIA+ community. She also spoke about working with homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, and the unlikely ally she found in a legislative aide. Read more [here](#).

Notre Dame Law School alumna Judge Cristal Brisco '06 J.D. nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana



St. Joseph Superior Judge Cristal C. Brisco, a 2006 graduate of Notre Dame Law School, has been nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana by President Joe Biden. Read more [here](#).



Mary Ellen O'Connell was quoted in the America Magazine article, "What a Catholic peace studies expert thinks is the way out of war in Gaza." Read more [here](#).

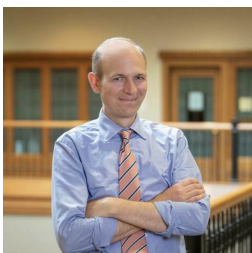
She was also quoted in an OSV article, "Move To Update Nuclear Gravity Bomb Concerns Catholic Leaders, Peace Advocates" calling for diplomatic resolutions to military conflict. Read more [here](#).



Derek Muller was quoted by the AP in "Colorado judge finds Trump engaged in insurrection, but rejects constitutional ballot challenge." Read more [here](#).

In addition he was quoted in the AP story, "Closing arguments set for lawsuit to bar Trump from Colorado ballot." Read more [here](#).

Both stories were picked up by several other news sources.



Sam Bray wrote a blog post for The Volokh Conspiracy, "Standing Doctrine and the Supreme Court." Read more [here](#).

Lloyd Mayer was quoted in an article in The Chronicle of Philanthropy about proposed IRS regulations of charitable giving. Read more [here](#).



Paul Miller has written "The Concept of Personality in Private Law," forthcoming in *Interstitial Private Law*, ed with Bray, Goldberg, and Smith. His chapter advances an integrative theory of legal personality, rejecting reductive and nominalistic models. Read more [here](#).



Paolo Carozza spoke at the annual Feast of St. Edmund at St. Edmund's College at the University of Cambridge on Saturday.



Satvinder Juss was interviewed by BBC World News about the UK Supreme Court's Rwanda decision. Watch [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, Nov. 20

- Law & Econ Workshop, Peter Salib, University of Houston Law Center, Abolition by Algorithm, 12:30 p.m., Faculty Meeting Room
- The Ongoing Efforts to Protect LGBT Rights: A Conversation with Ken Falk, Legal Director of the ACLU of Indiana, 12:30 p.m., 3130 Eck Hall of Law

Wednesday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 24

- Early dismissal for staff at 2 p.m. on Wednesday
- Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, Nov. 25

- Notre Dame at Stanford, 7 p.m.

Looking ahead:

The Rising Tide of Antisemitism on American Campuses and Beyond

Thursday, Nov. 30

12:15 p.m.

McCartan Courtroom

[More information here](#)

Around the Watercooler



November Birthdays

Last week, we celebrated our faculty and staff with birthdays this month!

Happy birth-month:

Susan Azyndar

Sam Bray

Alicia Cummins

Suzanne Dunne

Michael Francus

Rick Garnett

Meredith Kessler

Bridget Lautaru

Wendy Noecker

Roquia Samim

Claire Shely

Laura Sniadecki

Christine Venter



Tonga's New Basketball Uniforms

Patti McLaughlin's son, Tommy, designed new basketball uniforms for the team representing the Kingdom of Tonga over the summer. The team will showcase the new uniforms in the FIBA Pacific games, which started on Friday, November 17. Tonga played its first game of the tournament on Saturday.

You can preview more of the uniforms and matching apparel on the team's website, [here](#).

Free Access to New York Times

In partnership with Notre Dame's student government and the Kresge Law Library, Hesburgh Libraries now offers full digital access to the New York Times for the Notre Dame community.

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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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