

Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy

at Cardozo School of Law

Floersheimer Center Spring 2019 Events:

Spring 2019 Visiting Scholar: Professor Saul Cornell (Fordham)

Professor Saul Cornell, the Paul and Diane Guenther Chair in American History at Fordham University, was a Visiting Scholar at the Floersheimer Center in Spring 2019. Professor Cornell is one of the nation's leading authorities on early American constitutional thought. His work has been widely cited by legal scholars, historians, and has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and several state supreme courts. He shared his work with the Cardozo community during an event on Second Amendment jurisprudence in April 2019.

Spring 2019 Pop-up Course: Power, Constraint, and the 45th President

During the Spring semester, the Center's co-directors, Professors Pearlstein and Shaw, convened an every-other-week reading group to discuss various legal challenges to President Trump's policy initiatives; readings included both classic works on presidential power and checks on that power, as well as complaints, op-eds, and news coverage of current events.

1/28/19: Title IX and Due Process (P*Law Week event)

The Center sponsored a P*Law week event on Title IX and Due Process, with the following panelists: Katherine McGerald, Executive Director of SurvJustice; Susan Kruth, Senior Program Manager for Legal and Public Advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE); and Professor Bennett Capers, Brooklyn Law School.

1/28/19: Finding Home in America: A Screening and Discussion of *REFUGE: Hombres*

***Nuevos* with Luis Mancheno** (co-sponsored with the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic and Cardozo OUTLaw) (P*Law Week event)

Episode 6 of the AT&T original series *REFUGE* tells the story of former Cardozo Law instructor Luis Mancheno. Now an award-winning attorney in New York City, Mancheno survived anti-gay conversion therapy and a murder attempt in his native Ecuador before receiving asylum in the United States. Professor Kate Shaw interviewed Mancheno and moderated a Q&A following the screening.

2/13/19: Evaluating the Non-Partisan Movement for Supreme Court Reform (co-sponsored with the Cardozo ACS and Federalist Society chapters)

The Center hosted Gabe Roth, the founder of Fix the Court, a national and nonpartisan grassroots organization that advocates for reforms to the Supreme Court intended to increase transparency and accountability. Gabe discussed the proposed reforms with Professors Matthew Seligman and Kate Shaw. A Q & A with students followed.

3/7/19: Duncan Hollis Talk (co-sponsored with the Cardozo Data Law Initiative and the students of the Cardozo Data Law Society)

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Professor Duncan Hollis (Temple University) discussed his background in international law and cybersecurity in conversation with Professor Deborah Pearlstein. Many topics were covered, including Hollis's involvement with the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, the first global multi-stakeholder document on cybersecurity. [Read a Cardozo News write-up of the event.](#)

3/15/19: Ten Years of Iqbal Conference (co-sponsored with the Cardozo Law Review)

In conjunction with the Cardozo Law Review, the Center hosted an all-day symposium on the impact of *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, a significant Supreme Court opinion (argued by Cardozo Professor Alex Reinert) that changed the pleading standards in federal court. Panelists included numerous leading legal scholars and the lawyers, including the parties for both sides before the Supreme Court. Panelists examined the decision's influence on pleading doctrine, pleading practice, and approaches to federal rulemaking, as well as substantive areas of law including national security and civil rights. The symposium's keynote was given by Arthur R. Miller, Professor at NYU Law, and a leading scholar in the field of civil procedure.

3/28/19: The Democratic Courthouse with Professor Linda Mulcahy and Hon. Dennis G. Jacobs

(talk organized by Professor Peter Goodrich and former Cardozo Dean Monroe Price)

This event was a discussion of courthouse architecture moderated by former Cardozo Dean Monroe Price. Professor Linda Mulcahy, a Professor of Socio-legal Studies at Oxford, presented her scholarship in conversation with the Hon. Dennis G. Jacobs. Professor Peter Goodrich also contributed to the discussion.

3/31/19 – 4/1/19: IACL Roundtable: A Passion for Civil Liberties: Honoring the Legacy of Norman Dorsen (co-sponsored with the [International Association of Constitutional Law](#) in conjunction with the U.S. Association of Constitutional Law)

The Center hosted a 2-day roundtable honoring the life and legacy of Norman Dorsen (1930-2017), a preeminent civil libertarian scholar, advocate, and organizer, and former President of the ACLU. The roundtable was comprised of a keynote, personal introductions to Norman Dorsen by former colleagues, and three panels. Honored guests (panelists) included Stephen Breyer, Justice, U.S. Supreme Court; Lady Brenda Hale, President, UK Supreme Court; Susanne Baer, Justice, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany; and András Sajó, past Vice President, European Court of Human Rights. [Read more about the conference here.](#)

4/15/19: Lawyers, Guns, and Money: The State of the Second Amendment (with Visiting Scholar Saul Cornell)

Professor Saul Cornell spoke with Kate Shaw about the current state of Second Amendment jurisprudence and answered students questions. Professor Cornell's presentation was informed by his work on early American Constitutionalism and his new book [The Partisan Republic: Democracy, Exclusion, and the Fall of the Founders' Constitution, 1780s-1830s.](#)

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4/30/19: Evaluating The Mueller Report (co-sponsored with the Burns Center)

Floersheimer Co-Directors Deborah Pearlstein and Kate Shaw combined forces with Burns Center Co-Directors Jessica Roth and Anthony Sebok to break down the Mueller Report for students and members of the Cardozo community. Each professor spoke to their area of expertise and questions were taken at the end. [Read a Cardozo News write-up of the event here.](#)

July 2019: The 4th Annual International Law/National Security Roundtable

The Center co-sponsored Professor Gabor Rona's 4th annual roundtable event, which gathered a small group of military and civilian experts in international law related to national security issues. Five authors presented works-in-progress on contemporary issues such as the regulation of autonomous weapons, and the application of human rights law to targeting activities abroad.

Floersheimer Center Fall 2018 Events:

9/27/18: Streaming Video Event: Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Confirmation Hearings

The Floersheimer Center secured a room in order to broadcast the second round of confirmation hearings for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh; there was no formal program, but snacks were provided and students, staff, and faculty came and went throughout the day.

9/28/18: First Monday: Supreme Court Preview

Professors Shaw, Pearlstein, Pollack, and Reinert previewed the upcoming Supreme Court term, one week before the first arguments of the year. Topics discussed included the Kavanaugh confirmation hearings, the upcoming Supreme Court Term, and the future of the Supreme Court including Kavanaugh's potential effect on decision-making dynamics.

11/5/18: Hustle GOTV Text-Banking

After being trained by Common Cause on how to text-bank, the Center held a text-banking event where students were trained to do nonpartisan "get-out-the-vote" work by texting voters across New York State to remind them to vote.

11/6/18: Election Protection in Philadelphia—Volunteer Opportunity for Students

Six students and Floersheimer Administrator Maura Gingerich traveled to NE Philadelphia where they served as nonpartisan election observers at different polling stations for the day.

11/12/18: The Future of the Fourth Amendment: Carpenter v. United States & Law Enforcement's Use of Emerging Technologies (co-sponsored with the Cardozo Data Law Initiative and the students of the Cardozo Data Law Society)

Panelists, including Nathan Freed Wessler (Staff Attorney at the ACLU's Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project), who argued and won *Carpenter* at the Supreme Court; the Hon. James Orenstein; and Samritha Komatireddy of the USAO, EDNY, discussed the landmark Supreme

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Court decision's implications for the intersection of technology and the law. Moderated by Professor Ekow Yankah.

11/13/18: To End A Presidency: Book Talk and Discussion

Joshua Matz, a widely published constitutional scholar and former clerk for Justice Anthony Kennedy, discussed his new book with Professor Kate Shaw. The book, [To End a Presidency: The Power of Impeachment](#), provides a measured guide to prior impeachment efforts and argues that we must re-think impeachment as an option for the twenty-first century.