Designed for students interested in an academic career and for lawyers with an interest in legal theory, the LL.M. in Comparative Legal Thought juxtaposes legal thought with philosophy, political science, economics and other disciplines. With a comprehensive range of courses spanning jurisprudence, law and philosophy, critical legal studies, comparative constitutionalism, and law and literature, students and faculty wrestle with some of the most pressing cultural, philosophical and theoretical legal questions of the day.

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Michel Rosenfeld
Justice Sydney L. Robins Professor of Human Rights
Director, Program on Global and Comparative Constitutional Theory

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Constitutional Law
Contemporary Conflicts and the Law

Family Law
First Amendment
Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology
From Socrates to Dr. Spock: Treason, Sedition, Protected Speech
Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic
International Human Rights
International Law
Jewish Law
Jurisprudence

Law and Film
Law & Literature
Law & Religion
Law and Psychoanalysis
Multiculturalism and the Human Rights of Women
Sexual Orientation, Gender and the Law
Theories of Punishment