

Faculty React

LARRY GIBSON

Professor of Law

“What the 1968 Riots
Can Tell Us About This Week”

“Maryland Morning,” WYPR-FM

April 28, 2015



“There are some lessons being learned that maybe Baltimore is teaching the rest of the nation. I don’t recall when I’ve seen this unanimity between law enforcement and other leaders in the community in dealing with a crisis of this sort...ministers, public officials, young people all working together with the police. ...There have been no shots fired, no one has been killed. Because when bullets start to fly you see recrimination back and forth and a division develops between the community and the police.”



“We should be as concerned with adherence to process as we are to methodically investigating the police officers and their responsibility for

Freddie Gray’s death. Sitting in jail for days, with no indication of what charges are against you, should not be something we are seeing in the American criminal justice system.”

RENÉE HUTCHINS

Professor of Law and co-director, Clinical Law Program

“Baltimore Courts Struggle to Handle Protest Arrests”

BuzzFeedNews

April 29, 2015

“I think that we really saw the value of black leadership [Tuesday] night. To have [Congressman] Elijah Cummings on the streets, to have much of the African-American leadership on the streets, has made a very significant difference in how this could have gone...”



MICHAEL MILLEMANN

Jacob A. France Professor of Public Interest Law

“Black Power in Baltimore: When African-American Leaders Confront Racial Unrest”

The Los Angeles Times

April 29, 2015

“If you dissect this from the initial pursuit to the initial detention to the arrest to the transfer to the vehicle, that’s a pretty complicated timeline, and I think we’re going to hear lots of defense from individuals basically that will distill down to, ‘It wasn’t my job. I was just following orders.’

Those are not frivolous defenses in a context like this. Not everybody is necessarily responsible for everything.”



ANDREW LEVY ’77

Adjunct Professor

“Experts: Convictions Will Be Tough to Win in Baltimore Case”

Associated Press, published in *Jet*, *The Boston Globe*, and other publications
May 2, 2015

SHERRILYN IFILL

Professor of Law and president & director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.

“Face the Nation,” CBS News

May 3, 2015



“...How do you engage with the mentally ill? How do you de-escalate an encounter...with a teenager? How do you deal with your own racial bias that makes you believe that a young African-American man is a criminal? That’s the training I think police officers across the country are missing and they have to have it.”

Baltimore's troubles, grounded in inequality are the nation's troubles. At Freddie's funeral on April 27th my congressman, Elijah Cummings, asked whether 'anyone recognize[d] Freddie when he was alive?'

TAUNYA LOVELL BANKS

Jacob A. France Professor of
Equality Jurisprudence

"The Untimely Death of Freddie Gray
and Baltimore's 'Troubles': A Few
Comments from the Trenches—Part I"

The Faculty Lounge

May 7, 2015

"As many have learned in light of Freddie Gray's death, Baltimore's criminal justice system bears down on its black residents with particular might and fury. ... The urgency of holistic criminal reform is essential and, indeed, urgent."



MICHAEL PINARD
Professor of Law and co-director,
Clinical Law Program
Op-ed in *The Baltimore Times*
May 8, 2015

"Police officers are accustomed to the local prosecutor finding their actions justified or otherwise finding insufficient evidence to charge a crime. **That explains why nationally 98 to 99 percent of police killings result in no charges being filed at all**—no indictment, no criminal proceedings. Our prosecutor here in Baltimore City has taken a different tack and she ought to be recognized and applauded for creating an independent investigation, independent of the police."

DOUGLAS COLBERT
Professor of Law
"As Feds Probe Baltimore Police, Cops in Freddie Gray Case Seek Removal of Prosecutor Marilyn Mosby"
Interview with Amy Goodman of "Democracy Now"
May 11, 2015



DAVID GRAY
Professor of Law
"Baltimore Officers Plan to Challenge Prosecutor's Basic Accusation"
The New York Times
May 14, 2015



"I think [the charges] reflect [State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby's] view that there was nothing about this situation, from the initial engagement to the final admitting of Mr. Gray to Shock Trauma... that she regarded as an appropriate use of police powers. I can't imagine a stronger condemnation."

"We're studying through this course a broad range of issues: housing, education, health care, policing, criminal justice. Each of those subjects begins with a legal framework. ... We believe that through the class, we will identify the actions that need to be taken as legal matters. And it will help us identify what further support we can give to the Baltimore inner-city community."



MICHAEL GREENBERGER
Professor and director, Center for Health and Homeland Security
"Off the Streets and Onto the Syllabus: The Freddie Gray Course"
"All Things Considered"
National Public Radio
Aug. 22, 2015