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Last fall, **Max Stearns**, **Martha Ertman**, and **Michael Van Alstine** were honored as the Venable, Baetjer & Howard Professor of Law, the Carole & Hanan Sibel Professor of Law, and the Francis King Carey Professor in Business Law, respectively.



UMB Researcher of the Year

Professor David Gray was named “**Researcher of the Year**” by University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Jay Perman.

Widely recognized for his influential scholarship, Gray’s research focuses on criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional theory and transitional justice. He is among the most cited authors from Maryland Carey Law since joining the faculty in 2008. Arguments from his trailblazing 2017 book, *The Fourth Amendment in an Age of Surveillance*, were adopted in a brief filed by the Constitutional Accountability Center as amicus curiae to the Supreme Court in the landmark 2018 case *Carpenter v. United States*.

Additionally, he is co-editor of the 2017 *Cambridge Handbook of Surveillance Law*, and has published dozens of articles and book chapters in prominent journals. This year he joins the leading textbook *American Criminal Procedure: Cases and Commentary*.

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JOINING THE ALI RANKS

Professors **David Gray** and **Leigh Goodmark** were elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) in November 2018. With the addition of Gray and Goodmark, Maryland Carey Law now boasts 27 full-time and emeritus faculty members in the ALI.

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For the first time in 22 years, UMB has a student on the **University System of Maryland Board of Regents** thanks to Maryland Carey Law’s **Drew Needham ’21**. In this role, Needham advocates on behalf of the 176,000 students in the system.



Dispute Resolution Builds Bridges

Community Mediation Maryland honored Professor Deborah Eisenberg and Barbara Grochal of the **Center for Dispute Resolution at Maryland Carey Law (C-DRUM)** with the **Bridge Builders Award** for their role in leading the Maryland Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices. The commission released its Final Report and Collaborative Action Plan in January 2019, after spending 18 months studying school discipline in Maryland public schools.



Demonstrating a Commitment to Workers’ Rights

The **Peggy Browning Fund** awarded a 10-week fellowship to **Kevin Hendley ’20**, affording him the opportunity to work at O’Donoghue & O’Donoghue LLP in Washington, D.C. during summer 2019. Peggy Browning Fellows are distinguished students who have excelled in law school and demonstrated their commitment to workers’ rights through their previous educational, work, volunteer, and personal experiences.

Excellence in Public Service

Professor Maureen Sweeney received the **USM Board of Regents Faculty Award** for Excellence in Public Service. As head of the Immigration Clinic, Sweeney works to address the under-met need for legal services among some of society’s most vulnerable members. She combines her legal expertise with a sophistication for real-world solutions, working to ensure that state and federal laws are applied fairly and that individuals have adequate representation.



Addressing Gun Violence: UMB'S Role as an Anchor Institution

Zachary Lee '20 was a UMB President's Fellow during the 2018-19 school year. The fellows researched and presented recommendations to the University on ways UMB could curb gun violence in Baltimore City. Among the group's recommendations was a proposal to create a dedicated Center at UMB. As a follow-up to their work, President Perman asked Dean Donald Tobin to take the lead in creating the UMB Center to Prevent Gun Violence, an interdisciplinary initiative intended to leverage the expertise of all the UMB schools in an effort to reduce gun violence.



A Career of Promoting Racial Equality, Justice, and Opportunity

Professor Larry Gibson received the **Outstanding Faculty Award** at the UMB Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Recognition Awards on February 6, 2019, for his career of promoting equality, justice, and opportunity. He was also inducted into *The Baltimore Sun's Civic and Business Hall of Fame* on June 6, 2019, along with 11 other business and civic leaders who have spent their careers working to transform and improve Maryland.



Advising the HHS Secretary

Professor Frank Pasquale was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) **National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics**. In this role, Professor Pasquale will advise the HHS secretary on issues related to health data, statistics, and privacy, as well as the implementation of certain provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). He also serves on the Subcommittee on Privacy, Security, and Confidentiality as co-chair.



A Stand-out Year for the Environmental Law Program

Last year, the Environmental Law Clinic, led by Professor Seema Kakade, was named the **American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 2018 Law Student Program of the Year**. The award is "given in recognition of the best student-organized educational program or public service project of the year focusing on issues in the field of environmental, energy, or natural resources law."

The program's Transnational Environmental Accountability (TEA) Project was selected as a **finalist for the World Justice Challenge's 2019 Access to Justice Award**. The TEA Project, directed by Lecturer in Law Jingjing Zhang works to develop strategies to hold multinational companies accountable for the environmental harm they cause in developing countries.

Professor Robert Percival, director of the program, won the 2019 **Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award** given by the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) Law. The award recognizes individuals who have contributed significant leadership in improving the substance, process, or understanding of environmental protection and sustainable development.



New Co-director of the Clinical Law Program

Professor Leigh Goodmark was appointed as the new co-director of the Clinical Law Program in March 2019. She will join Professor Michael Pinard in leading the program and carrying on the school's strong heritage of providing access to justice while training the next generation of great lawyers.



“Maneka is a superb, client-centered lawyer and a lifetime public defender,” says Michael Pinard, professor and co-director of the Clinical Law Program. “... She is truly a leading light in the public defender community. Our students, clients, and colleagues will be fortunate to work with her.”

Sinha’s research focuses on the intersection of forensic science evidence, which, she contends, is often faulty, and the outcomes of criminal cases. Pointing to the famous 2004 Madrid train bombing case in which an American lawyer was detained by investigators for two weeks based on a false fingerprint match, Sinha warns of the fallibility of evidence generated even from forensic science techniques long understood to be reliable.

“Those are very subjective disciplines,” she says, “that are not as reliable as people, including judges, think they are.”

Sinha sees teaching the Maryland Carey Law Criminal Defense Clinic as an opportunity to nurture attorneys who will be invested in a system that yields just outcomes, which, she rues, is often not the case, especially within a criminal justice system that disproportionately targets people of color in impoverished, urban areas.

“Teaching and mentorship,” she adds, are “my path to build some momentum toward justice.”

At PDS, she gained prominence as head of the Forensic Practice Group, training and supervising lawyers involved in forensic science litigation nationwide. In 2017, Sinha was a fellow for the International Legal Foundation, which was working to establish a public defender agency in Nepal. In 2015, she served as a Brian Roberts Fellow in the West Bank, training and supervising Palestinian public defenders.

Sinha holds a JD from New York University School of Law and a BS in mechanical engineering with a minor in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley. ■

NEW FACULTY: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW MANEKA SINHA

THE MARYLAND CAREY Law community is pleased to welcome Assistant Professor Maneka Sinha to the faculty.

As leader of the Criminal Defense Clinic, Sinha will guide student-attorneys representing clients through every phase of a criminal case. She will offer the clinic beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year.

“We are delighted Maneka will head up our Criminal Defense Clinic,” says Dean Tobin. “Among a field of outstanding candidates, she stood out for her impressive experience in criminal litigation and nationally recognized expertise in forensic science. We look forward to the impact she will have in preparing the next generation of ethical, client-centered attorneys here at Maryland Carey Law.”

Sinha comes to Maryland Carey Law directly from the renowned Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) where she spent a decade as a litigator and special counsel to the director for forensic science. In her time at PDS, she represented children

and adults in juvenile delinquency, misdemeanor, and felony cases. Most recently, she has litigated an abundance of high-profile homicide and sexual assault cases involving forensic science evidence, such as DNA, fingerprints, and ballistics. She also managed the service’s use of experts and assisted with the admission and courtroom presentation of expert testimony.

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- Dean Donald B. Tobin



NEW FACULTY: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW NATALIE RAM

NEW TO THE Maryland Carey Law faculty this year is Associate Professor Natalie Ram.

“Natalie is a thought leader in biotechnology and the law,” says Dean Donald B. Tobin. “She brings a wealth of distinguished scholarship and experience as a judicial clerk, private practice litigator and law professor. We are thrilled she is joining the Maryland Carey Law family and know she will be a vital contributor going forward.”

A Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics, Ram is an expert on the intersection of genetic privacy and the law, publishing groundbreaking research in *Harvard Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Northwestern Law Review* and *Iowa Law Review*, among others, over the past 10 years.

Most recently, she has gained national acclaim for her work on issues related to law enforcement access to consumer genetic databases like 23andMe, GEDmatch, and other DNA repositories.

“It’s really important to make clear the stakes that are involved when law enforcement can exploit genetic data in new ways,” says Ram. “We should carefully consider those stakes before we rubber stamp these new kinds of forensic methods and then find that we’ve sacrificed a whole lot of privacy that we did not intend to sacrifice.”

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- Professor Diane Hoffmann

Since investigators cracked the decades-old Golden State Killer case in 2018 using familial identification DNA evidence obtained from GEDmatch, Ram has been consulted regularly by national media outlets. She has appeared on CNN, national radio broadcasts “Science Friday” and “Here & Now,” and been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *BuzzFeed News*. She also has written several op-eds for *Slate* and published articles in the scientific journal *Science and Nature Biotechnology*.

“We are very excited to have Natalie join our faculty. She will be a wonderful addition to our Law & Health Care Program,” says the program’s director Diane Hoffmann. “Her scholarship on the use of consumer genetic databases for law enforcement purposes raises profound privacy issues for individuals and families. Her work is at the cutting edge of health law and criminal law and has significant policy implications.”

Ram earned her JD at Yale Law School and AB in public and international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

After law school, she clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. Subsequently, she worked in the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Group at Morrison & Foerster in Washington, D.C.

Ram joins Maryland Carey Law after teaching civil procedure, property, and law and biotechnology, at the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she was also associate director of the Center for Law & Medicine.

“Maryland Carey Law has one of the best law and health care programs in the country,” says Ram. “For someone with my interests, it’s an extremely exciting place to do work.”

Ram will begin teaching courses at Maryland Carey Law in spring 2020. ■

RETIRING FACULTY



BARBARA BEZDEK

Professor of Law

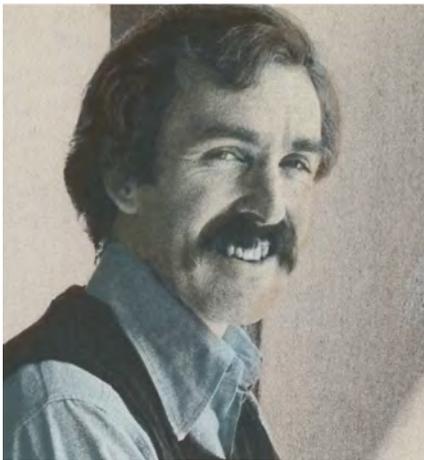
BA, 1975, University of South Carolina

JD, 1978, Columbia University

LLM, 1986, Georgetown University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1988 after serving as a public interest attorney in Washington, D.C., and teaching at City University of New York Law School.
- Taught Property and Real Estate Transactions; Community Development: Legal Theory and Practice; Contemporary Issues in American Housing Law; and Law, Lawyering and Social Movements.
- Founding faculty advisor for the *Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class*.
- Named U.S. Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer in Law (2010-2011).



ROBERT CONDLIN

Professor of Law

BA, 1966, Siena College

JD, 1969, Boston College

LLM, 1976, Harvard University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1980 after creating the University of Virginia School of Law's clinical law program.
- Represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in *Massachusetts v. Laird*, an original action in the United States Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the Vietnam War.
- Published more than 20 journal articles.
- Served as a consultant to the AALS Law Teachers Clinic and Clinical Teachers Training conferences, and to the Canadian Law Teachers Clinic.



SUSAN HANKIN

Law School Associate Professor

BA, 1980, University of Pennsylvania

JD, 1986, University of Virginia

MPH, 1990, Johns Hopkins University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1996 after clerking for The Honorable Collins J. Seitz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and working as a staff attorney for the Whitman-Walker clinic AIDS program in Washington, D.C.
- Taught Tort Law, Public Health Law, Animals and the Law, and analysis and writing courses.
- Ran the Teaching Fellow program.



KAREN ROTHENBURG

Marjorie Cook Professor of Law

BA, 1973, Princeton University

MPA, 1974, Princeton University

JD, 1979, University of Virginia

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1983; founded the Law & Health Care Program.
- Dean of the law school 1999-2009.
- Served as senior advisor to the director on genomics and society at the National Human Genome Research Institute/National Institutes of Health.
- Past president of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.



DEBORAH WEIMER

Law School Professor

BA, 1975, State University of New York at Old Westbury

JD, 1978, New York University

LLM, 1987, Temple University

Professional Highlights

- Joined Maryland Carey Law in 1988 after practicing public interest law and teaching at Brooklyn School of Law and Temple University School of Law.
- Taught Landlord Tenant Clinic: Legal Theory and Practice, and Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic.
- Won the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award (2009).