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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

A looping shuttle will be provided between the law school and the Draftsman hotel in downtown Charlottesville (1106 W Main St., Charlottesville, VA 22903) during the following times:

1. Friday, February 22 - 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
2. Saturday, February 23 - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
3. Saturday, February 23 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:30 p.m.	Registration Opens	Caplin Atrium
3:00 p.m.	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Featuring remarks by:</p> <p>Vice Dean Leslie Kendrick, University of Virginia School of Law J. Richard Cohen, Southern Poverty Law Center</p> <p>Introduced by Candace Square, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, '20</p>	Caplin Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Opening Leadership Sessions	WB 101, 102, 103, 104
5:30 p.m.	<p>Kickoff Remarks by Dean Risa Goluboff, University of Virginia School of Law</p> <p>Introduced by William Tucker, University of Virginia School of Law, '20</p>	Caplin Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	<p>The State of ACS</p> <p>Remarks by Zinelle October, American Constitution Society</p>	Caplin Auditorium
6:15 p.m.	<p>Fireside Chat on Declining Comparative Democracy</p> <p>This fireside chat will employ a comparative perspective of the imperial presidency and judicial nominations between the United States and France. Both nation-states have a very strong presidency, but to what extent, if any, has the increasing strength of a unitary executive influenced their respective legislative and judicial bodies? How have these developments weakened the checks and balances within these two democracies?</p> <p>Caroline Fredrickson, American Constitution Society Vincent Michelot, Sciences Po Lyon and University of Virginia</p> <p>Introduced by Marissa Ditekowsky, American University Washington College of Law, '19</p>	Caplin Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Group Picture	
7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Darden Atrium

7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Darden Hall
	Remarks by Hon. Cyrus Habib , Lieutenant Governor of the State of Washington	
	Introduced by Naomi Martin , University of Denver Sturm College of Law, '20	
9:00 p.m.	Student Mixer at Renewal (located inside the Draftsman)	1106 W Main St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Discussion on Mindfulness in the Law	Caplin Atrium
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Law school and the practice of law can be stressful, historically but especially given our current moment. Practicing mindfulness can help law students reduce stress, improve productivity, increase focus, be more open and compassionate, and begin the process of interrupting biases. This discussion aims to provide an introduction to mindfulness, its benefits, and ways to integrate mindfulness into your everyday life. This will help not only in law school but in your law practice.

Susanna Williams, University of Virginia Mindfulness Center

9:00 a.m.	Plenary Panel 1: Beyond Litigation: Being a Progressive Attorney in a Complex Battleground	Caplin Auditorium
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This plenary panel will explore how attorneys can be effective advocates beyond litigation and change how traditional “lawyering” looks. Through a surveying discussion of scholarship, media engagement, community organizing, and legislative advocacy, panelists will examine how attorneys can proactively strategize and achieve results outside of the courtroom.

Featuring:

Garrett Epps, University of Baltimore School of Law and *The Atlantic*

Andrew Hairston, Advancement Project

Micah Schwartzman, University of Virginia School of Law

Amy Woolard, Legal Aid Justice Center

Moderator:

Jeryl Hayes, If/When/How

Introduced by **Peter S. Gonzales**, Notre Dame Law School, '19

10:30 a.m. Breakout Discussions on **Beyond Litigation**

Breakout Discussion A: Community Organizing and Movement Lawyering

WB 101

Organizing is a key component of social change. From police accountability to voting rights, organizers have shown that the collective “people power” of movements can enact meaningful social change. What role do lawyers play in social movements? During the discussion, we will analyze this question and highlight the partnerships that movement lawyers must build with community organizers.

Andrew Hairston, Advancement Project
Jennifer Kwon, Legal Aid Justice Center

Breakout Discussion B: Progress and Equity in Media

WB 102

The media is a powerful tool for progressive social change—it can highlight often unseen instances of abuses of power, shed light on issues of social significance, and change hearts and minds. During this breakout, we will provide tips on framing persuasive and compelling arguments and discuss how you can engage the media to bring about local and national change.

Garrett Epps, University of Baltimore School of Law and *The Atlantic*
Peggy Li, American Constitution Society

Breakout Discussion C: Advancing Progressive Goals Through Scholarship

WB 103

Many of the increasingly-accepted legal theories making headlines today – originalism, textualism, the unitary executive theory – were developed and cultivated through academic scholarship. During this breakout, we will discuss the evolution of ideas and the role scholars play in advancing progressive goals.

Debra Perlin, American Constitution Society
Micah Schwartzman, University of Virginia School of Law

Breakout Discussion D: Legislative Advocacy

WB 104

Legislative advocacy is an essential tool for using the law as a force to improve the lives of all people. This breakout discussion will use the Virginia 2019 legislative session as a case study, exploring how advocates prepare for and strategize during a legislative session.

Ashna Khanna, ACLU of Virginia
Amy Woolard, Legal Aid Justice Center

12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Scott Commons
1:00 p.m.	<p>Keynote Remarks</p> <p>Dahlia Lithwick, <i>Slate</i></p> <p>Introductory Remarks by Traci Buschner, Guttman, Buschner & Brooks, PLLC</p>	Caplin Auditorium
1:45 p.m.	<p>Plenary Panel 2: Progressive Federalism: Advocacy and Strategy on the State and Local Level</p> <p>This panel will serve as a broad overview of “Progressive Federalism,” the concept that states, cities, and municipalities can serve as vehicles for progressive social change. Our esteemed panel of speakers will discuss how progressive federalism applies to the areas of immigration, voting rights, reproductive justice, the environment, and criminal justice.</p> <p>Sylvia Albert, All Voting is Local Kami Chavis, Wake Forest University School of Law Trevor Cox, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP Ryan Park, North Carolina Department of Justice Galina Varchena, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Richard Schragger, University of Virginia School of Law</p> <p>Introduced by Cameron Crump, North Carolina Central University School of Law, ‘19</p>	Caplin Auditorium
3:15 p.m.	<p>Breakout Discussions on Progressive Federalism</p> <p>Breakout Discussion A: Protecting and Advancing Reproductive Freedom</p> <p>As conservative lawmakers attempt to restrict access to reproductive health services in many states, and the Trump administration continues to reshape the judiciary at an unprecedented speed, reproductive rights are under threat at both state and national levels. In this discussion, speakers will discuss methods of promoting reproductive justice locally, using Virginia as an example, with a particular focus on the importance of centering people of color in these efforts.</p> <p>Margie Del Castillo, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health Jeryl Hayes, If/When/How Galina Varchena, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia</p>	WB 101

Breakout Discussion B: **Advancing Voting Rights Protections Through State Constitutions and Legislation**

WB 102

Litigating federal voting rights cases is only one aspect of ensuring the right to vote, and promoting fair and effective elections for all. This discussion will discuss the importance of advancing voting rights at the state and local level through advocacy, community organizing, and engagement with government entities and administrations.

Sylvia Albert, All Voting is Local
Bobby Hoffman, ACLU

Breakout Discussion C: **Rethinking Community Policing and Police Accountability**

WB 103

The 2016 Presidential Election had a significant impact on the federal government's approach towards criminal justice and policing. This discussion will provide background on the federal government's approach to policing, provide an overview on what states and localities are doing to hold police departments accountable, and highlight how students can get engaged in these issues to make a positive difference in their local communities.

Kami Chavis, Wake Forest University School of Law

Breakout Discussion D: **Working at State Attorneys General Offices**

WB 104

As states' chief legal officers, state attorneys general are sworn to uphold the U.S. and state constitutions and to enforce federal and state laws. These vital institutions rely on the work of talented, public service oriented lawyers to carry out these objectives. Panelists will discuss the work they do and provide insights to students considering careers in a state attorney general's office.

Loren L. AliKhan, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Trevor Cox, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Ryan Park, North Carolina Department of Justice

4:30 p.m.	<p>Plenary Panel 3: Thinking Ahead: The Judiciary</p> <p>A panel of distinguished judges will share their paths to the bench, discuss why courts matter, and provide advice for clerkship seekers.</p> <p><i>Featuring:</i> Hon. Anita Earls, Supreme Court of North Carolina Hon. Pamela Harris, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Hon. Carlton Reeves, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Hon. L. Felipe Restrepo, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Caroline Fredrickson, American Constitution Society</p> <p>Introduced by James Mayer, New York University School of Law, '19</p>	Caplin Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Keynote Remarks by Khizr Khan</p> <p>Introduced by Ava Gerami, University of Virginia School of Law, '20</p>	Caplin Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Closing Reception	Caplin Pavilion and Clay Hall
7:00 p.m.	Optional Off-Site Networking Dinners	

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Sylvia Albert, National Campaign Manager, All Voting is Local
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Sylvia Albert is the National Campaign Manager for All Voting is Local. Prior to joining the campaign, she worked to protect vulnerable populations from housing and lending discrimination at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Albert got her start in voting by serving as the Nevada Deputy Voter Protection Coordinator for the 2008 Obama presidential campaign, where she created and managed a strategic program to ensure voters' rights were safeguarded. As a pro bono attorney for Project Vote, she worked with the Government Agency Voter Registration Program litigation team to ensure public assistance agencies complied with their obligations under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Albert is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and Georgetown University Law Center.



Loren L. AliKhan, Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Loren L. AliKhan is the Solicitor General for the District of Columbia. In this capacity, she oversees the District's appeals in the D.C. Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Before joining the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, AliKhan was an attorney in the Supreme Court and Appellate practice group at O'Melveny & Myers LLP. AliKhan has also served as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice; a Temple Bar Scholar in London, England; and a law clerk to both the Honorable Louis H. Pollak on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She is a graduate of Bard College at Simon's Rock and Georgetown University Law Center, where she was an ACS student chapter president.



Traci Buschner, Partner, Guttman, Buschner & Brooks PLLC

Traci Buschner is a founding member of Guttman, Buschner & Brooks PLLC in Washington, DC. A former state prosecutor, Buschner has spent two decades representing plaintiffs in complex litigation ranging from class actions to government contract fraud under the False Claims Act (FCA). She has handled some of the largest successful FCA actions including a \$280 million settlement, on the eve of trial, against Celgene in 2017 and a \$1.5 billion settlement against Abbott in 2012; both involving allegations of unlawful payment of kickbacks and marketing of drugs paid for by Medicare and Medicaid. Buschner serves on Miami University's Pre-Law Alumni Board and the Trial Lawyers Association of D.C.'s Board (TLA-DC). She also teaches pre-trial and trial skills programs for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and Emory Law School (Trial Techniques). Buschner is a graduate of Miami University and the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.



**Kami Chavis, Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives,
Director of the Criminal Justice Program, Professor of Law,
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Kami Chavis is a professor of law and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Wake Forest University School of Law. Chavis frequently presents on law-enforcement issues and is a leader in the field of police accountability. Her research focuses on using Cooperative Federalism principles and stakeholder participation to implement sustainable reforms in the criminal justice system. She writes in the areas of police and prosecutorial accountability, federal hate crimes legislation and enforcement, and racial profiling. Her articles have appeared in several legal journals. She is a frequent contributor to national and international media outlets, including *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *BBC News*, and other outlets regarding police accountability and the structural reform of law enforcement agencies. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School. Chavis is the Co-Faculty Advisor for the ACS Student Chapter at Wake Forest University School of Law.



J. Richard Cohen, President, Southern Poverty Law Center

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J. Richard Cohen is the president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization dedicated to fighting hate, teaching tolerance, and seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society. He has been involved in a wide variety of civil rights litigation, including cases against neo-Nazi groups for the violence of their members. He has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as in state courts throughout the country, and has testified many times before Congress on the increase in hate group activity in the U.S. Cohen oversees the Center's educational initiatives and serves as the executive producer for the Center's documentary films; four have garnered Academy Award nominations and two have won Oscars. A Virginia native, Cohen is a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Virginia School of Law.



**Trevor S. Cox, Counsel, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Former
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Trevor S. Cox is counsel on the issues-and-appeals team of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, in the firm's Richmond office. He previously served in the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia in numerous roles (Deputy Solicitor General & Counsel to the Executive Division, Acting Solicitor General, and Senior Appellate Counsel), arguing regularly in Virginia and federal appellate courts, and advising the Attorney General, Governor, and other officials on matters of state governance. Cox is active in community and bar activities, including the VBA Appellate Practice Section Council, and teaches a course at the University of Richmond School of Law on "The Constitution and the State Attorney General." He is a graduate of Harvard College, Trinity College, Cambridge, and Harvard Law School, where he assisted on the inaugural volume of the Harvard Law and Policy Review, ACS's official law journal. Cox is a member of ACS's Virginia Lawyer Chapter.



Margie Del Castillo, Director of Field and Advocacy, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

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Margie Del Castillo serves as the Director of Field and Advocacy for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, where she is responsible for building the base of activists willing to take action on issues; developing community leadership; building relationships with key local, state, and national stakeholders; and advancing civic engagement strategies. She previously served as a National Field Coordinator at the Alliance for Citizenship, where she coordinated local and national field events to promote common sense immigration reform. She has dedicated her career to promoting access to reproductive health services, immigration reform, and community health in the DMV area for years, from her start as a social worker to co-founding DC, Maryland, Virginia – Latinas Organizing for Leadership and Advocacy (DMV – LOLA). Del Castillo is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and George Washington University.



The Honorable Anita Earls, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina

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Justice Anita Earls was elected as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 2018. She previously founded and served as the Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a nonprofit organization dedicated to partnering with communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities in the south to defend their political, social, and economic rights. Justice Earls previously served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. She has served on the Equal Access to Justice Commission and the North Carolina Board of Elections. Justice Earls is a graduate of Williams College and Yale Law School. She is a frequent speaker at ACS National and North Carolina chapter events.



Garrett Epps, Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, Contributing Editor, *The Atlantic*

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Garrett Epps is a professor of law at the University of Baltimore School of Law and U.S. Supreme Court Correspondent for *The Atlantic* online, where his coverage appears four to five times a month. He is the author of five books about the Constitution and two novels. He taught for 16 years at the University of Oregon School of Law, where he was Orlando John and Marian H. Hollis Professor of Law. At the University of Baltimore, he teaches Constitutional Law, First Amendment, and twin seminars in Fiction Writing for Law Students and Nonfiction Writing for Law Students. He is a graduate of Harvard College, Hollins University, and Duke University School of Law. He is a member of the ACS National Board of Directors.



Caroline Fredrickson, President, American Constitution Society
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Caroline Fredrickson is the president of the American Constitution Society. In this capacity, she has helped grow the organization, and has spoken for ACS and the progressive movement on issues such as civil and human rights and the rule of law. Fredrickson has published works on many legal and constitutional issues and is a frequent guest on television and radio, including noteworthy appearances on “All in with Chris Hayes” on MSNBC in 2018 discussing the Russia investigation. She is the author of *Under The Bus: How Working Women Are Being Run Over* and *The Democracy Fix: How to Win the Fight for Fair Rules, Fair Courts, and Fair Elections*. Before joining ACS, Fredrickson served as the Director of the ACLU’s Washington Legislative Office, and as General Counsel and Legal Director of NARAL Pro-Choice America. In addition, she served as the Chief of Staff to Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington, and Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. During the Clinton Administration, she served as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. She also served as a law clerk for Hon. James L. Oakes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Yale University and a graduate of Columbia Law School.



Risa Goluboff, Dean, University of Virginia School of Law
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Risa Goluboff is the 12th, and the first female, dean of the University of Virginia School of Law. She is a nationally renowned legal historian whose scholarship and teaching focuses on American constitutional and civil rights law, and especially their historical development in the 20th century. Goluboff is the author of two award-winning books, *The Lost Promise of Civil Rights* and *Vagrant Nation: Police Power, Constitutional Change, and the Making of the 1960s*. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Law Institute, and the recipient of fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies. Prior to joining the Law School faculty in 2002, Goluboff clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. She also served as a Fulbright Scholar to South Africa. She is a graduate of Harvard University, Yale Law School, and Princeton University, where she earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D.



The Honorable Cyrus Habib, Lieutenant Governor, State of Washington
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Hon. Cyrus Habib is the Lieutenant Governor of Washington State. In that role, he serves as Senate President and acting-governor in the governor’s absence, and works on issues related to economic development, trade, and higher education. Lt. Governor Habib is the son of Iranian immigrants, and is the only Iranian-American elected to statewide office in the country. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. A cancer-survivor, he became fully blind at the age of eight, but went on to graduate from Columbia University, Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and Yale Law School.



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Andrew R. Hairston is a staff attorney at Advancement Project. Hairston works to secure equitable public education opportunities for children from all backgrounds and advance the right to vote and the power of people to advance change through movement building. He refined his commitment to racial justice work as a law student. He worked as a law clerk for the LSU Parole and Reentry Clinic and subsequently served as a student attorney for the LSU Juvenile Defense Clinic. As a third-year student, he was appointed to the Trial Advocacy Board and won the Dean's Cup Senior Appellate Challenge during his final semester at LSU Law Center. During his time at LSU, he also served as President of the Black Law Students Association and as a member of the Law Center's Diversity Task Force. Hairston is a board member of a school integration nonprofit called Learn Together, Live Together, and he is a 2018-2019 Scholar of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Division. Prior to joining Advancement Project, he served as the George N. Lindsay Fellow and Associate Counsel at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He is a graduate of Howard University and the Louisiana State University Law Center.



The Honorable Pamela Harris, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Judge Pamela Harris is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, appointed in 2014 by President Obama. Previously, Judge Harris worked in private practice as a U.S. Supreme Court and appellate litigator with the firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP. She served twice at the U.S. Department of Justice, as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy from 2010 to 2012, and as an Attorney-Advisor at the Office of Legal Counsel from 1993 to 1996. Judge Harris also taught Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Georgetown University Law Center, served as Executive Director of Georgetown University Law Center's Supreme Court Institute, and was a Co-Director of Harvard Law School's Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy Clinic. She previously served as a law clerk to Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Harry T. Edwards of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Harris is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School. Judge Harris was a founding board member of ACS, and a featured speaker at the 2016 ACS National Convention.



Jeryl Hayes, Movement Building Director, If/When/How
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As the Movement Building Director at If/When/How, Jeryl Hayes's role is to shape movement building strategies, grow and evolve programs, and oversee the mobilization and networking of law students and legal professionals to champion reproductive justice within and beyond the legal system. Prior to working with If/When/How, Hayes worked as the director of Public Policy for Physicians for Reproductive Health, and as the Domestic Policy Analyst with Advocates for Youth. Hayes focused her legal training on reproductive health, rights, and justice, and engaged with If/When/How while in law school, both as a legal intern and chapter leader. After earning her Masters in Law in Law & Government with a specialization in Gender and the Law from American University Washington College of Law in 2012, Hayes completed the If/When/How Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program with placement at the Black Women's Health Imperative. In 2017, Hayes became the Board President of the DC Abortion Fund (DCAF), an all-volunteer nonprofit that makes grants to pregnant people in the DC area who cannot afford the full cost of an abortion. Hayes previously served as the Chair of the Women's Information Network (WIN), DC's premier professional, political, and social network dedicated to empowering young, pro-choice, Democratic women. She is a graduate of Denison University and Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.



Bobby Hoffman, Advocacy and Policy Counsel, Voting Rights, ACLU

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Bobby Hoffman joined the ACLU in 2017 as Policy and Advocacy Counsel focusing on voting rights issues. He works with state affiliates and state partners to pass legislation and ballot initiatives to protect and expand Americans' freedom to vote.

Prior to joining the ACLU, Hoffman worked on voting rights in a number of roles – most recently as the Voter Protection Director at the Democratic Party of Virginia, as a Senior Associate at the Pew Charitable Trusts, and as the Deputy National Director of Voter Expansion at the Democratic National Committee. Hoffman is a graduate of Purdue University Northwest and Valparaiso University School of Law.



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Leslie Kendrick is an expert in the First Amendment and freedom of expression, particularly the scope and structure of free speech rights. Before joining the faculty at the University of Virginia School of Law, Kendrick clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. She writes and teaches courses in torts,

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Khizr Khan, Constitutional Rights and National Unity Advocate

Khizr Khan, an advocate for constitutional rights and national unity and a Gold Star parent, migrated to the United States in 1980. He is licensed to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court of the United States and in Washington, DC and New York courts. He specializes in commercial civil litigation, health privacy law, and veteran's, women's and children's rights. He is the author of two recent books published by Random House, *An American Family - Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice*,

and *This is Our Constitution - for Middle School Students*. Proceeds from both books are allocated for the need-based Captain Humayun Khan Memorial Scholarship at the University of Virginia. He is the 2017 recipient of the Terezin-Legacy Award. With Ghazala Khan, he is a parent of three, including the late U.S. Army Captain Humayun Khan. The family resides in Charlottesville, Virginia. Khan is a graduate of Harvard Law School. He was a featured speaker at the 2017 ACS National Convention.



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Ashna Khanna is the legislative director at the ACLU of Virginia, where she advances a proactive, intentional legislative agenda in collaboration with other team members, building power and effective change in Virginia. She works to solidify diverse coalitions and grow grassroots presence in order to center the work around impacted communities and ensure successful policy outcomes. Prior to her position at the ACLU of Virginia, she was the Civil Liberties Fellow at the ACLU of Michigan, responsible for community outreach and policy identification needed to improve institutions, legislation, and education throughout Michigan. In that role, Khanna cultivated relationships by partnering across public, private, and municipal sectors in order to further public policy agendas and improve communities. Khanna is a graduate of the University of Michigan.



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Jennifer Kwon currently serves as an attorney in the Immigrant Advocacy Program at the Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC). Kwon specializes in immigration, civil rights, and education law. Prior to joining the LAJC, she worked for a civil rights organization specializing in impact litigation, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, and an immigration organization in Arizona, assisting detained immigrants in removal proceedings. She also served as a judicial clerk at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and developed and taught a civil rights course at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. She is a graduate of Hampshire College and George Washington University Law School.



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Peggy Li is Associate Director of Chapters at ACS. She assists in managing ACS's chapters and facilitates chapter programming. Li strengthens our progressive network by cultivating and supporting our next generation of progressive leaders, empowering members to create a constructive dialogue for change, and promoting diversity and inclusion throughout our work. Before joining ACS, Li served as a staff attorney at Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), working primarily with rural seniors. Li also served as a coordinator for LSNC's Race Equity Project, providing trainings on framing, implicit bias, and social cognition. She has been published in the ACSblog, the *Akron Law Review*, and the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*. She is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She is an ACS Next Generation Leader.



Dahlia Lithwick, Senior Editor, *Slate*

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Dahlia Lithwick is a senior editor at *Slate*, where she writes about U.S. law and politics in her “Supreme Court Dispatches” and “Jurisprudence” columns. She hosts the *Slate* podcast, “Amicus.” She previously served as a contributing editor at *Newsweek*, and her work has appeared in many outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Washington Post*. Before joining *Slate*, Lithwick worked for a family law firm in Reno, Nevada and clerked for the Hon. Procter Hug, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She won a 2013 National Magazine Award for her columns on the Affordable Care Act, the 2017 Golden Pen Award from the Legal Writing Institute, and she has been twice awarded an Online Journalism Award for her legal commentary. Lithwick was the first online journalist invited to be on the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press. She is the co-author of two books: *Me v. Everybody: Absurd Contracts for an Absurd World* and *I Will Sing Life: Voices from the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp*. Lithwick has testified before Congress about access to justice in the era of the Roberts Court. She is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School. Lithwick is the 2018 recipient of the ACS Progressive Champion Award.



Vincent Michelot, Professor of American Politics, Sciences Po Lyon, Visiting Professor, University of Virginia

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Vincent Michelot is Professor of American Politics at Sciences Po Lyon, a school of government and public affairs of which he was the director of international relations and then the president. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Virginia, as well as a visiting professor there in 2017. Professor Michelot is the author of three essays on the U.S. presidency, a political biography of JFK, and multiple articles on U.S. institutions and elections. He is a frequent commentator on the French and European media of U.S. politics. A member of the board of Fulbright France, Michelot is the vice president of the scientific advisory committee of the Institut des Amériques, a consortium dedicated to scholarship and policy analysis on the Americas. He is a graduate of Ecole Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud and Université de Provence, where he wrote his doctorate thesis on the politics of U.S. Supreme Court appointments.



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Zinelle October joined ACS in November 2010 and currently serves as the vice president of Network Advancement. In this capacity, she oversees and strengthens the work of the lawyer chapters and student chapters, the State Attorneys General Project, and ACS’s pro bono and volunteer projects. She also facilitates the connection of members with ACS’s substantive initiatives. Before joining ACS, October served as a National Urban Fellow at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, where she focused on voting and election reform issues. Before the fellowship, October practiced law for six years at firms in Florida and New York. October currently serves as a board member of the Society of American Law Teachers and is a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) and the National Bar Association (NBA). She is a graduate of Columbia University, Baruch College, and the Florida State University College of Law.



Ryan Park, Deputy Solicitor General, State of North Carolina Department of Justice

Ryan Park is Deputy Solicitor General for the State of North Carolina, where he focuses on appellate and constitutional litigation. Previously, he practiced at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP and at the U.S. Department of State. Before the firm, he served as a law clerk for Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David H. Souter (ret.) of the U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the Second Circuit, and Judge Jed S. Rakoff of the Southern District of New York. He has also written on law and society for *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other publications. He is a graduate of Amherst College, where he was President of the student government for three years, and a *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School. After college, he lived and worked in South Korea on a Fulbright Fellowship.



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Debra Perlin joined ACS in June 2017 and currently serves as Director of Policy & Program. She oversees the development of policy on national security, separation of powers, and administrative law issues. This portfolio includes extensive work on topics related to workers' rights and economic justice, environmental law, and technology law, among others. Before joining ACS, Perlin was the Supreme Court Fellow in the Office of the Counselor to the Chief Justice at the U.S. Supreme Court. She has also worked as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a Justice Advisor at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and a Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Perlin is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Brandeis University and a *cum laude* graduate of Boston College Law School.



The Honorable Carlton W. Reeves, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

Judge Carlton W. Reeves, a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, assumed office on December 30, 2010. Immediately prior to his nomination by President Barack Obama, Judge Reeves was engaged in private practice with Pigott Reeves Johnson, P.A., a law firm he co-founded in 2001. The focus of his practice was state and federal litigation. Judge Reeves's career began as a law clerk to Justice Reuben V. Anderson of the Mississippi Supreme Court, where he later served as a staff attorney to the Court. He was an associate with the Phelps Dunbar law firm before serving as Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief of the Civil Division for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Reeves is a member of the American Law Institute and a former president of the Magnolia Bar Association. He is a graduate of Jackson State University and the University of Virginia School of Law. Judge Reeves was a featured speaker at the 2018 ACS National Convention.



The Honorable Luis Felipe Restrepo, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Judge Luis Felipe Restrepo was born in Medellin, Colombia, and raised in Northern Virginia. He took the oath of U.S. citizenship on September 7, 1993. President Barack Obama nominated Judge Restrepo to the U.S. District Court in 2012, and to the Circuit Court in 2016. Last year, Judge Restrepo was nominated by President Trump to serve as a Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Restrepo worked as a defender in Philadelphia in both

local and federal courts and was a partner in the firm of Krasner & Restrepo. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the Temple University Beasley School of Law and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Judge Restrepo is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of his efforts with the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's federal prisoner Re-Entry Program. He is a past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and has served on numerous boards, including the Make a Wish Foundation for Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley and the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Tulane Law School.



Richard Schragger, Perre Bowen Professor of Law, Joseph C. Carter, Jr. Research Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law

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Rich Schragger joined the University of Virginia faculty in 2001 and was named the Perre Bowen Professor in 2013. His scholarship focuses on the intersection of constitutional law and local government law, federalism, urban policy, and the constitutional and economic status of cities. He also writes about law and religion.

He has authored articles on the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses, the role of cities in a federal system, local recognition of same-sex marriage, takings law and economic development, and the history of the anti-chain store movement. Schragger has been published in the Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Virginia, and Michigan law reviews, among others. He teaches Property, Local Government Law, Urban Law and Policy, and Church and State. He is the author of *City Power: Urban Governance in a Global Age*. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, University College London, and Harvard Law School. He is the Faculty Advisor to the ACS Student Chapter at the University of Virginia School of Law.



Micah Schwartzman, Joseph W. Dorn Research Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law

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Micah Schwartzman is the director of the Karsh Center for Law and Democracy and the Joseph W. Dorn Research Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law. A scholar who focuses on law and religion, jurisprudence, political philosophy and constitutional law, Schwartzman joined the UVA Law faculty in 2007. Prior to joining the faculty, he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Columbia

University's Society of Fellows in the Humanities. Schwartzman clerked for Judge Paul V. Niemeyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In addition to publications in several academic and legal journals, Schwartzman co-edited *The Rise of Corporate Religious Liberty* and is co-authoring a forthcoming casebook on constitutional law and religion. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia; the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar and earned his Ph.D.; and the University of Virginia School of Law. He is a member of the ACS Board of Academic Advisors.



Galina Varchena, Policy and Communications Director, NARAL Virginia

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Galina Varchena leads NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia's General Assembly and local government policy work, and fosters relationships with partner organizations and local communities. She has a deep drive to promote social justice in all its forms, especially with respect to women's reproductive freedom. She has worked as an attorney in private practice, represented clients in civil, criminal and administrative proceedings, and worked for legal nonprofits fighting for social and environmental justice and women's rights. Varchena is a graduate of American University Washington College of Law and the American University School of International Service.



Susanna Williams, Associate Director, University of Virginia Mindfulness Center

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Susanna Williams, Ph.D., is a multidisciplinary faculty member and researcher, primarily for the University of Virginia's Mindfulness Center in the Medical School. She has also been teaching Mindfulness for Law Students at the law school for over five years. She teaches courses that explore the neuroscience behind meditation and wellbeing – class time is divided between learning about the mechanisms within the brain that are impacted by contemplative practice, and practicing meditation and mindfulness to experience them. Her research explores the impact of the practical application of mindfulness practices within the context taught. Relative to the semester-long mindfulness course taught at the University of Virginia School of Law, two years of data were gathered and analyzed revealing a remarkable improvement in students' wellbeing, coping skills, and quality of life. Williams is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and the University of Virginia Curry School of Education.



Amy Woolard, Attorney and Policy Coordinator, Legal Aid Justice Center

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Amy Woolard currently serves as Attorney and Policy Coordinator at the Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC). Woolard represents children in education, foster care, and juvenile court matters. She has over a decade of experience in administrative and legislative advocacy, policy research and writing, and coalition-building. Prior to joining the LAJC, she worked with Voices for Virginia's Children as the state's lead advocate on child welfare and foster care policy. She has successfully led legislative campaigns to curb exclusionary school discipline, broaden access to the Children's Services Act, extend foster care support and services to age 21, and improve school stability for youth in foster care. She frequently presents on child welfare and juvenile justice policy topics. She writes on a broad array of social policy topics for publications such as *Slate*, *The Guardian*, and the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and is an award-winning poet. Woolard also serves on the board of Remote Area Medical (RAM) Virginia. She is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the University of Virginia School of Law.

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ACS Volunteer Opportunities

ACS has volunteer opportunities to fit every schedule and area of interest. Work remotely on research projects, submit comments on key regulations from federal and state agencies, teach members of your community through Constitution in the Classroom, and more! In addition, through our partnerships, you can participate in projects like volunteering at expungement clinics or researching voting laws and restrictions for voter guides. Please email us at LCEmails@acslaw.org to get involved, and visit our website at <https://www.acslaw.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/> to learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities.

Announcing the 2019 ACS Program Guide on Progressive Federalism

ACS is pleased to announce the release of our 2019 Program Guide: Progressive Federalism. The Program Guide examines how states, operating as laboratories of democracy, can offer a path toward more progressive policies at a time when the federal government seems dedicated to rolling back progressive gains and enshrining harmful, retrograde policies. The Program Guide examines a range of areas in which states might act, including immigration, voting, the environment, and police accountability. It also includes resources, discussion questions, and a list of over 130 experts on a range of issues, from across the country, who might serve as possible speakers for chapter events. To learn more and start planning, download the 2019 Program Guide at <https://www.acslaw.org/analysis/acs-program-guides/2019-program-guide-progressive-federalism/>.

ACS Next Generation Leader and Board Member Applications

ACS student members have two exciting opportunities to enhance their engagement in ACS's work: the ACS Next Generation Leaders (NGL) program and a two-year term on the ACS Board of Directors. The NGL program identifies and provides support to recent and forthcoming law school graduates who have demonstrated special leadership in their work with ACS's student chapters, and who have the interest, skills, and ability to remain vital members of the ACS community. For more information and to download the application form, visit: <https://www.acslaw.org/membership/careers/next-generation-leaders/>. The submission deadline is Monday, March 11, 2019.

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Continue your engagement with ACS after you graduate! See below for our lawyer chapters around the country. There is room for recent graduates on the boards. Wherever you land, lawyer chapters would be pleased to welcome you. If there isn't a lawyer chapter where you will practice, contact us at LCEmails@acslaw.org to help start one or get connected with our At-Large Lawyer Chapter!

Alabama	Georgia	Minneapolis - St. Paul	Richmond
Arizona	Hoosier (IN)	Missouri - Central Missouri	Sacramento
Athens	Houston	Missouri - St. Louis	San Diego
Austin	Iowa	Nashville	South Florida
Bay Area	Kentucky	Northeast Ohio	Tallahassee
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Attention 2019 graduates: Sign up for the ACS New Lawyer Membership

As you embark on your new career, lawyer chapters provide great opportunities to build a professional network and strengthen your leadership skills. Chapter members interact with senior lawyers, judges, and policy makers in their communities. Continue to stay active in an ACS lawyer chapter around the country! ACS offers a Discounted Young Lawyer Membership rate of \$10 to 2019 graduates; be sure to take advantage of this deal. Your membership will be good through December 2020! Sign up here: <https://www.acslaw.org/membership/joinacs/>.

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ACS is extremely grateful to our host school, the University of Virginia School of Law, for its tremendous support of our 2019 Student Convention!



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2019 ACS National Convention

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Let us connect you with other ACS members throughout the country! Share your summer plans with ACS at campus@acslaw.org, or fill out our Job Update form using the QR code to the right. The form is also available at <http://bit.ly/2UOPV9Q>.



THANK YOU!

The American Constitution Society would like to thank you for attending the 2019 ACS Student Convention at the University of Virginia School of Law. As future members of the legal profession, you are well-equipped to advance social justice and equity in the courtroom and beyond, and at the federal, state, and local levels. We hope that you depart the convention with new ideas for informing discourse at your schools and in your communities. We also hope you have strengthened your network with new friendships and professional connections. We face many challenges ahead, but together, we can make sure that the law is a force to improve the lives of all people.

We would love to get your feedback about the convention to benefit future student members. Please fill out our survey at <http://bit.ly/2WWox8N>, or use the QR code below. Feel free to contact us at any time at campus@acslaw.org!

Thank you again for joining us. If you are new to ACS, we hope to forge a lasting relationship with you. For our returning members, thank you for helping to make a difference in the constitutional, legal, and public policy debates that shape our democracy. The ACS Staff looks forward to working with all of you in the future.



