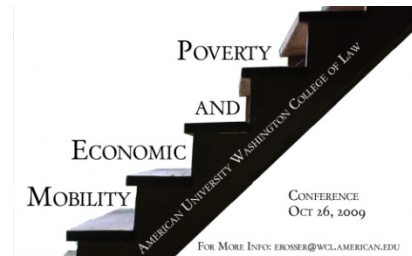


Poverty and Economic Mobility

Oct. 26, 2009

Preliminary Schedule

American University Washington College of Law



- 8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast (Arrival and Registration)
- 9:00-9:30 Davida Finger (Loyola University New Orleans School of Law)
Poverty and Immobility: Economic Fragility and Housing on the Gulf Coast
- 9:30-10:00 Rebecca Dixon (Enterprise Corporation of the Delta/Mississippi Economic Policy Center)
“Holding Back to Hold on: Current Dilemmas in Economic Mobility, a comparison between Low-Income Families and High Poverty States”
- 10:00-10:30 Ann Shalleck (American University Washington College of Law)
“The Interpenetration of Family and State: Structural Connections between Family Law and Social Welfare Law in Assignment of Rights to Child Support - Consequences for Anti-Poverty Policy”
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:15 Michael Diamond (Georgetown University Law Center)
“Tenant Ownership, Mixed Income and the Realities of Geography: A Social Dilemma Concerning the Spatial Concentration of Poverty”
- 11:15-11:45 Karen Czapanskiy (University of Maryland School of Law)
“Families Raising Kids with Chronic Illnesses and Disabling Conditions: Exploring the Relationships Between Legal Invisibility and Poverty”
- 11:45-12:15 Deval Desai (Harvard Law School)
“‘Riches revolve like the wheels of a chariot’: Judicial imaging of the poor in United States and Indian narratives of economic development”
- 12:15-1:00 Peter Edelman (Georgetown University Law Center)
Lunch Speaker – Please gather your food quickly.
- 1:00-1:30 Jonathan Barry Forman (University of Oklahoma College of Law & Professor in Residence IRS Office of Chief Counsel 2009-2010)
“Using Refundable Tax Credits to Help Low-income Taxpayers: What Do We Know and What Can We Learn From Other Countries?”

- 1:30-2:00 Kami Kruckenberg (Poverty & Race Research Action Council)
“Promoting Improved Health Outcomes for Low Income Children Through Mobility”
- 2:00-2:30 Barbara Bezdek (University of Maryland School of Law)
“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Seismic Economic Times Reveal our Need for Shared Equity Housing”
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:15 Derek Black (Howard University School of Law)
“The Misdirection of Federal Education Funds: Helping Poor Kids or Pushing Educational Agendas?”
- 3:15-3:45 Daniel L. Hatcher (University of Baltimore School of Law)
“Poverty’s Iron Triangle: The Conversion of Fiscal Federalism and Federal Grant-in-Aid Programs”
- 3:45-4:15 Daniela Kraiem (American University Washington College of Law)
“Cash and Counseling: Long-Term Care Policy, Poverty and Family Life in the United States”
- 4:15-4:30 Break
- 4:30-5:00 Michele Gilman (University of Baltimore School of Law)
“The Class Differential in Privacy Law”
- 5:00-5:30 Eleanor Brown (George Washington University Law School)
“Visa as Collateral: Making Labor Mobility Bankable for the Migrant Poor”
- 5:30-6:00 Ann Piccard (Stetson University College of Law)
“Poverty in the United States: Can the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Pave a Path toward Economic Mobility?”
- 6:00-6:30 Ezra Rosser (American University Washington College of Law)
“Poverty Credits/Poverty Off-Sets”
- 6:30-8:00 Closing Dinner

Barbara Bezdek is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. Professor Bezdek combines her interest in the legal foundations of social change with her flair for helping students put theory into practice. She previously taught at the City University of New York Law School at Queens College and, as a graduate fellow, at the Georgetown University Law Center. As a public interest attorney in Washington, D.C., she represented tenants' associations and housing cooperatives and litigated cases related to public health & safety issues and corporate responsibility. Professor Bezdek regularly teaches the clinical seminar, Legal Theory and Practice: Community Development. Students in the seminar assist clients in low-income communities by developing legal strategies that support the community's own revitalization objectives. Professor Bezdek is founder and chairperson of the Faith Fund, Inc., a community development loan fund that lends in the Baltimore area in innovative ways to generate fair and inclusive housing and economic opportunity. In operation since 2003, the fund has made loans to a number of organizations such as The Sylvan Beach Foundation (operates small businesses as a means of job training for disadvantaged youth) and the Episcopal Housing Corporation (renovates neglected housing stock and promotes homeownership).

Derek Black is an Associate Professor at Howard University School of Law and Director of its Education Rights Center. He founded the Center to study the causes and extent of educational inequalities in public schools and also to provide advocacy resources for parents. He teaches Education Law, Social Justice Lawyering, Torts and Evidence. His scholarship focuses on educational inequalities and racial discrimination. His outside endeavors have included serving as pro bono counsel in civil rights cases, a consultant to civil rights campaigns, and a member of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team. Prior to teaching, he was a staff attorney at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. He attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a member of the Law Review for two years, was awarded the Dan Pollitt ACLU fellowship in his third year, and graduated with High Honors.

Eleanor Brown is an Associate Professor of Law at the George Washington University School of Law. She was previously the Reginald F. Lewis Fellow at Harvard Law School. Ms. Brown was a Senior Executive at the Caribbean Investment Fund, L.P., the first pan-Caribbean private equity fund in the British Commonwealth Caribbean and was Chairman of the Trade Board, the government entity with historical responsibility for aspects of Jamaica's importation policies. She also has served on the Boards of several publicly traded Caribbean companies. Eleanor writes about the intersection of U.S. immigration and global development policies. She has been published in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* among other

publications. Eleanor is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School, as well as a former Rhodes Scholar.

Karen Czapanskiy is a professor on the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law since 1983. She writes in the areas of family law and welfare reform, and is a co-author of the 7th Edition of Ellman et al., *Family Law: Cases, Texts, Problems*. She was a Fulbright Lecturer in South Africa, held the Meier Chair at the West Virginia College of Law, and served on the faculties of the Washington College of Law, the Catholic University of America and the University of Hawaii School of Law. She clerked for the Honorable Rita C. Davidson. Professor Czapanskiy was the co-reporter for the Maryland Joint Special Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts and currently serves on the Charter Review Commission of Montgomery County. In response to welfare reform, Professor Czapanskiy helped create the FIP Legal Clinic through which her students worked with lawyers from the Homeless Persons Representation Project doing individual and systemic advocacy around issues such as ensuring medicaid coverage for welfare leavers, disability screenings and administrative appeals.

Deval Desai is a researcher on community development and human rights, particularly in the context of multinational corporations. He has worked on these issues for the World Bank, the Initiative for Policy Dialogue and the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. He has a B.A. from Oxford and an LL.M. from Harvard.

Michael Diamond is Professor of Law at Georgetown Law where he is the Director of Georgetown's Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development and Director of its Housing and Community Development Clinic. He has previously taught at American University's Washington College of Law, Antioch University School of Law, the University of Puerto Rico Law School and at Gonzaga Law School. Over his career, Professor Diamond has taught Contracts, Business Associations, Administrative Law, Housing and Economic Development and Sociology of Law and he has written extensively in these fields. He has served as a consultant to the American Bar Association, the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative on proposed housing laws in Russia and Bosnia, and as a legal education specialist on a team conducting a mid term evaluation of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Economic Law and Improved Procurement System project in Indonesia. He has also been of counsel to the law firms of Goldfarb & Singer and O'Toole, Rothwell, Nassau, and Steinbach. He has authored several books on corporations and real estate law and has written numerous articles on poverty, property and community development.

Rebecca Dixon holds a Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law and both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in English from Duke University. Presently she is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Mississippi Economic Policy Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Her main area of focus is public policy supports for low-income working families. Accordingly, Dixon researches and monitors economic policies that impact Mississippi's low-income working families; drafts policy reports; drafts model legislation; conducts outreach and training on state budget and tax policy as it relates to broader segments of social policy; researches state best practices for adult education, workforce training, access to postsecondary education, child care funding, unemployment insurance, and TANF. In her work she develops relationships with key state legislators, agency staff, and other stakeholders, testifies at legislative hearings and committee meetings, and serves as the center's liaison to the Chairman of the Select Committee on Poverty in the State House of Representatives. Dixon is interested in obtaining a teaching fellowship or becoming a full time law professor. Her primary fields of interest in teaching are administrative law, contracts, property, poverty law, and law and social policy.

Peter Edelman is a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and has been on the faculty since 1982. He took leave during President Clinton's first term to serve as Counselor to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala and then as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Professor Edelman has been Associate Dean of the Law Center, Director of the New York State Division for Youth, and Vice President of the University of Massachusetts. He was a Legislative Assistant to Senator Robert F. Kennedy and was Issues Director for Senator Edward Kennedy's Presidential campaign in 1980. Earlier, he was a Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and before that to Judge Henry J. Friendly on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He also worked in the U.S. Department of Justice as Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General John Douglas. Professor Edelman's book, *Searching for America's Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope*, was published by Houghton-Mifflin in January 2001. He co-authored *Reconnecting Disadvantaged Young Men*, which was published by the Urban Institute in 2006, and is the author of many articles on poverty, constitutional law, and issues about children and youth. His article in the *Atlantic Monthly* entitled, "The Worst Thing Bill Clinton Has Done" received the Harry Chapin Media Award. Peter Edelman has chaired and been a board member of many organizations and foundations. He is currently chair of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, board chair of the Public Welfare Foundation and the National Center for Youth Law, board president emeritus of the New Israel Fund, and a board member of the Center for Law and Social Policy, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, and a half dozen other nonprofit

organizations. He has been a United States-Japan Leadership Program Fellow, was the J. Skelly Wright Memorial Fellow at Yale Law School, and has received numerous honors and awards for his work. He grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

David Finger joined the Loyola Law School Clinic in 2006 to work with the Katrina Clinic. She now teaches the Community Justice Clinic and the Law & Poverty course. In collaboration with community organizations, Professor Finger has worked extensively on disaster-related cases and policy matters to improve government accountability in rebuilding and on distribution of disaster funds. Prior to joining the clinical faculty at Loyola, she practiced law in Seattle focusing on consumer, land use, and human rights cases. During 2008-09, Professor Finger was a Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard Law School and an “Effective Leadership” fellow with Duke University's Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy in its inaugural program for emerging Louisiana leaders. She is also a 2009 teaching fellow with the Neighborhood Partnership Network's first capacity college in New Orleans designed to develop community members' advocacy and organizing skills. Seattle University Law School named her an inspiring alum in 2007.

Jonathan Barry Forman is the Alfred P. Murrah Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma, where he teaches courses on tax and pension law. Professor Forman is also the Professor in Residence for the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel for the 2009-2010 academic year. He has more than 250 publications, including *Making America Work* (Urban Institute Press 2006). He earned his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1978, and he has Master's degrees in both economics and psychology. Also, prior to entering academia, it was his privilege to serve in all three branches of the federal government, most recently as Tax Counsel to the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

Michele Gilman is a Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Professor Gilman directs the Civil Advocacy Clinic, where she supervises students representing low-income individuals and community groups in a wide range of litigation, legislation, and law reform matters. She also teaches evidence, federal administrative law, and poverty law. Professor Gilman writes extensively about social welfare issues, and her articles have appeared in journals including the California Law Review, the Vanderbilt Law Review, and the William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal. She is also a co-director of the Center on Applied Feminism, which works to apply the insights of feminist legal theory to legal practice and policy. Prior to joining the University of Baltimore School of Law faculty in 1998, Professor Gilman was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C., and a law clerk to the Hon. Frank A. Kaufman of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. She received her B.A.

from Duke University, and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. At Michigan, she was on the editorial board of the Michigan Law Review and was awarded the Helen L. DeRoy Memorial Award. Professor Gilman was a visiting professor at the William and Mary School of Law during the 2005-2006 academic year and taught Comparative Human Rights at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland in the summer of 2009.

Daniel L. Hatcher is an associate professor of law at the University of Baltimore where he teaches the Civil Advocacy Clinic, health care law, a law & poverty seminar, and Contracts II. His recent scholarship has addressed the conflicts between state agencies' revenue maximization strategies and the agencies' core missions to serve low-income children and families – including the practice of state foster care agencies converting foster children's Social Security benefits into state revenue, welfare cost recovery policies in the TANF program, and foster care cost recovery through child support enforcement. Prior to joining the faculty at UB in 2004, Professor Hatcher was in a statewide position with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, serving as the assistant director of advocacy for public benefits and economic stability. He previously worked as a staff attorney for Legal Aid, representing abused and neglected children and representing adults in all areas of civil poverty law. He was also a senior staff attorney with the Children's Defense Fund's Family Income Division.

Daniela Kraiem is the Associate Director of the Women and the Law Program and a Practitioner in Residence at American University Washington College of Law. Prior to joining WCL, she was an associate with McCarthy, Johnson and Miller, where she practiced labor and employment law, and a staff attorney at the Child Care Law Center.

Kami Kruckenberg is a Policy Associate at the Poverty and Race Research Action Council (PRRAC). Her responsibilities at PRRAC encompass many areas, including PRRAC's health mobility project, environmental justice, and educational equity initiatives. Ms. Kruckenberg is a 2008 graduate of Harvard Law School and has also worked with California Food Policy Advocates, The Nature Conservancy, and the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Ann Piccard is an assistant professor of legal skills at Stetson Law. Professor Piccard graduated from Stetson University College of Law in 1985. While a student at Stetson Law, Piccard was a member of the Law Review staff, and served as a research assistant and a teaching assistant. Upon graduation, she received a Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellowship from the Legal Services Corporation for 1985-86. From January 1987 to May 1995, Piccard was employed by Bay Area Legal Services in

Tampa, where she coordinated the Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program and litigated in both state and federal courts. From 1995-98, she was an adjunct instructor of both applied ethics and American government at St. Petersburg Junior College. Piccard joined Stetson's faculty in August 1999. She has completed an LL.M. degree, with Distinction, from the University of London, concentrating in the area of international human rights law.

Ezra Rosser is an associate professor at American University Washington College of Law. He has taught Poverty Law, Housing Law, Federal Indian Law, and Property. He has served as a 1665 Fellow at Harvard University, a visiting scholar at Yale Law School, and a Westerfield Fellow at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law. While in law school, he clerked at the DNA-People's Legal Services, at the Office of Native American Programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and at the Native American Rights Fund. Ezra was recently selected AALS Poverty Section's Chair-Elect and is a member of Equal Justice Works' National Advisory Committee.

Ann Shalleck is director of the Women and the Law Program; the Women in International Program and professor of law at American University Washington College of Law. She holds expertise in clinical legal education, legal theory, Family Law and child welfare. Shalleck has been presenter at many conferences on clinical legal education; gender & the law; gender and international human rights. She organized a symposium on domestic violence and achieving gender equality. She has authored many books and articles on clinical education, child welfare and women's rights.

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