Human Rights Program Kicks off with a Bang

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Costa Rican attorney Victor Madrigal-Borloz began his legal career making copies at the International Court of Human Rights; now he is a senior visiting researcher at Harvard Law School’s Human Rights Program and the United Nations (“U.N.”) independent expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In this capacity, he works to assess the implementation of international human rights standards across a variety of relevant stakeholders.

Madrigal-Borloz also provides advisory services, technical assistance and capacity-building to help address violence and discrimination against people on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender activity. Last Thursday, when he spoke at Human Rights Program’s Roundtable1 and was not concerned with his own stages of the legal battle for Human Rights Program, Madrigal-Borloz began with a stage emphasized the fun- tion of the participants of the LGTBQ+ movement over the last fifty years.

Madrigal-Borloz began by describing the various stages of the legal battle for LGTBQ+ rights. The first stage focused on the de-criminalization of homo- sexuality, where activists fought to keep government out of the bedroom—a de-volution that Madrigal-Borloz contrasted with the work of women’s rights groups who were trying to combat domestic violence by demanding the govern- ment provide more protec-tion for women by entering the perceived private, family-oriented sphere. In the second stage the emphasis was on fundamental roles LGBTBQ+...
"Live purposefully and be passionate," advised Professor Timothy Lovelace '06.

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On Tuesday, September 17th, Professor Timothy Lovelace joined myself, Leah Donen and Grace Tang for "the first Law Weekly faculty lunch of the semester. Professor Lovelace is a quadruple 'Hoo (B.A., J.D., M.A., Ph.D.), is a visiting professor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Professor Lovelace is teaching Critical Race Theory at the Law School. He also teaches a class on Main Grounds.

Professor Lovelace is originally from Roanoke, VA and is closer to his family than he was a year closer to family there. Professor Lovelace is also excited to be back in Charlottesville because it "feels like home." He really enjoys his students and colleagues—some of whom were his peers in law school like Professor Elizabeth Barron '05. Leslie Kendrick '06 and Micaiah Schwartzman '05. Professor Lovelace is also excited to take advantage of some of the local Charlottesville attractions. Professor Lovelace enjoys Pippin Hill and Carter Mountain. Because Professor Lovelace lives close to Carter Mountain, he can often be found relaxing and reading a book on the mountain top. He also noted that the scenery will change of pace from Indiana, which is very flat.

Professor Lovelace is a legal historian. He wasn't originally interested in academia but entered law school to pursue a career in public service. Professor Lovelace founded the private law firm bug and spent one summer in private practice. During that summer, Professor Lovelace enjoyed his work but realized his heart wasn't in it. He was spending his evenings printing out law review articles and reading them at night. A colleague pointed out that didn't seem like a typical hobby for big law attorneys. He decided to apply to graduate school and pursue a degree in history in one of the country's best programs—UVA. Professor Lovelace was accepted to the program and wrote his dissertation on how the American Civil Rights Movement impacted the International Human Rights Movement. Dean Goluboff sat on Professor Lovelace's dissertation committee. Professor Lovelace noted that Dean Goluboff is one of the most eminent legal historians and having her sit on his dissertation committee was an honor.

As a dedicated UVA alum, Professor Lovelace is a big Cavaliers sports fan. Professor Lovelace is also a supporter of the Women's Basketball Team. During his last year in law school, the professor Lovelace played on the scout team, which is a group of female players that practice against the Women's team, impersonating specific members of the opponent to help the team prepare. He's hoped for another great season for both teams this year.

I was impressed by Professor Lovelace's passion for legal history and teaching. He told us that when your work is your passion, it makes hard work much easier. Professor Lovelace also told us he appreciates his passionate students and the interesting in-class conversations. He only handed out a syllabus for the first half of the semester in Critical Race Theory, so the second half can be specifically tailored to his students' interests. Professor Lovelace encourages discussion in class and allows his students to take control of their education. For example, Professor Lovelace wanted students next time you think those moments are simply for someone to get a thought out to score points for a professor and impress their fellow students, check yourself. In law school, details matter, and sentences starting with "I feel" are the ones that change the world.

**NOT mess up firm receptions**

How to become the center of attention at a reception. Professor Lovelace told us to get invited to, or attend, a reception that you, in fact, are going to a reception that you, in fact, were invited to. That is the key. The reception should be if you couldn't have friends talking about the food. Fast forward and picture two scenarios: Either you get invited to, or attend, a reception that you, in fact, were invited to. That is the key. The reception should be if you couldn't have friends talking about the food.

**Imagine your high school day, if you can remember back that far. But imagine that, instead of hearing the Jana Minich '20 Guest Writer bell between classes, the slam of the locker, and the ring I asked Professor Lovelace if he saw any differences between teaching first-year and upperclassmen. He told me it was pretty much the same, although upperclassmen are less career-oriented. I was surprised, and a bit concerned, to hear the big egos of law students would survive this revelation. However, Professor Lovelace softened the blow a little bit by praising the merits of trying to break away from the graduate student—some of the finest in the country. Over the course of our interview, I appreciated the opportunity to get to know Professor Lovelace. I would highly recommend everyone consider his class in the Spring!

Professor Timothy Lovelace ’06 graciously sat down with the Law Weekly for the first faculty lunch of the semester. Photo credit: law.virginia.edu

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**Indispensable Advice for 1Ls: Part II**

As we start rolling into our fall semester, I want to dish out some more advice before mid-October,

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when the 1Ls begin to realize that they should've been socializing more while they were still in law school. Many may think that the law school is too cold, and if they give you dirty looks, it is just because the intimidation of the academic work is overwhelming. Many would say you sound like an idiot when you use the word intimidating or the term of the college quail "someone." Others would say you sound full of yourself and they're just pointing out the point of its sufficiency. "To that, I say nay! To the weaker mind that is bothered by this speech, I am putting on display a like a codepiece worn by Henry VIII. Oh, how they would tremble as you say, "What if one were to instead entertain this hypothetical I don't actually need to talk to the conversation"? Surely the professor must give you an A on this sentence or maybe he'll see how high above the rabble, the plebs who use the word intimidating like some uneducated dunce? They will look upon you and see your magnificence for what it is, an ENTI personable type with a couple of ENTP results thrown in. So, speak properly and carry a big stick, and when you are walking make no other noise in the future, I mean for the next six to ten minutes to waddle to class.

Any sentence starting with "I feel" is the most important sentence you'll listen to for your career and/or life. Many say that listening is just as important as talking in law school. I don't buy it, but the times when it rings true are when you hear a classmate say "I feel". It leads into an unrelated example. You may think that entire conversation is useless but you'll need to be further from the truth. The professors are in fact required to take notes, and you may have to be nervous for firm receptions, and never, EVER make good impressions on your law school or lawyering—that is a trap I have seen many fall for and never recover from.

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1. I would stress this isn't a word. But the editors are wrong because I just used it.

2. Look it up.

3. Basically a mix of Bill Gates and Margaret Thatcher. Ever heard of them?

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**Club Spotlight:**

**Amici Signatae Linguae**

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with the importance of solidarity and the need to combat the deeply engrained medical practice of “diagnosing” homosexuality and gender dysphoria rather than simply accepting an individual’s stated identity.

In addition to the difficulties still faced by LGBTQ+ individuals, Madrigal-Borloz addressed the progress the movement has achieved. Efforts to increase the acceptance and happiness of the LGBTQ+ community have resulted in increased openness and pride—a phenomenon Madrigal-Borloz identified as the exercise of people’s human rights, which is the key to contributing to society. He also finds solace in the steps taken by governments to eliminate formal discrimination.

Looking forward, Madrigal-Borloz called on governments to strengthen legal protections and frameworks for the LGBTQ+ community in education, employment, healthcare, and housing, among other areas. He encouraged partnerships with civil society organizations and businesses and remarked on the importance of celebrations like Pride, where LGBTQ+ individuals can proudly embrace their identities and exist openly in the public space that so often represses who they are. He concluded with the importance of solidarity and the need for action throughout society.

Madrigal-Borloz’s talk is a reminder of what makes UVA so special. Law school often leaves students feeling suffocated by doctrine as they try to figure out what consideration is and the difference between a §1404 and §1406 motion in Civil Procedure. But impactful speakers like this can break through the law school bubble and remind students of the world beyond Withers-Brown. While just being a measly law student can make us feel helpless before all of the injustice in the world, UVA’s wealth of speakers and experts provide an outlet for students to learn more about these issues and learn how they can give back to their community, starting now.

I left Madrigal-Borloz’s talk thankful to have learned more about a fundamental issue in human rights and eager to see what other programming the Human Rights Program will have this year. Most importantly, I came away with a renewed sense of what it means to be a lawyer. As law students, we are imbued with significant power and the ability to help those around us—be it by performing pro bono work as a law student or shaping the legal strategy for the continuing recognition and protection of LGBTQ+ student rights.

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UVA Law Split Second Sightings

With so many events happening every week at the Law School, the Law Weekly members are unable to attend every event and provide full coverage of all the incredible work done by student organizations every day. This section of the Virginia Law Weekly is a compilation of events seen and heard around the Law School, allowing readers to see more of the hopping happenings at UVA Law.

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R Tort class. Photo credit Jacob Jones ’21.

Left, top to bottom: Section J basks in the glow of victory. Batters are ready to swing for the fences. Section C fits with the warmth on a sweltering 90-degree day.

Right: Panic at the District Court! plays The Tin Whistle Irish Pub. Enigmatic pianist bangs out tunes in semi-darkness. Bandmates sing, drum, and strum all night long.

Below: Friendly snake joins Law School community and attends local Tort class. Photo credit Jacob Jones ’21.

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been a more perfect day for the 1L Tournament. The weather was awesome and gave us a great backdrop for what turned about to be an incredible atmosphere. I loved that 1Ls and peer advisors stayed throughout the day. It was also great to see Dean Goluboff make yet another appearance at a North Grounds Softball League event.” Regarding how the tournament prepared him for his future as a sports dad, he added, “I also thoroughly enjoyed preparing for fatherhood, sitting in a lawn chair next to Austin, wearing tennis shoes, and drinking the best carbonated, corn-syrup-free, adult beverage on the market.”

May gave a special shout out to Brooke Swann ’20, Corey Parker ’20, Eleanor Schmid ’20, Molly Cain ’20, Clay Phillips ’20 and many members of North Grounds Softball League for their help throughout the day. Austin Johnson ’20, co-tournament director with Ray, added, “As a 3L, it was great to get to see our new class in action, and (for the most part) the players and fans were humbled in victory and gracious in defeat. Without a doubt, the highlight of the day was all-star umpire (and 3L softball legend) Brooke Swann standing down a man twice her size after an intense call at home plate. Thanks to all the volunteers, players, fans, our firm sponsors (Bacchawell and Simpson Thatcher), and Dean Goluboff for making the day possible. To everyone except Section J: Better luck next year (oh, wait...).”

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Cold calls are bad enough when you’re sleepy! Why add cold classrooms to the mix?” J. Deskins

FACTS
Generations of UVA Law students have complained about the extremely cold temperatures in the classroom, causing physical distress among students. The justifications created for these conditions are not only during normal class meetings but also during exams. They also note that some individuals among the various defendants seem more prone to suffering from the cold temperature than others.

Deskins, J., delivered the opinion of the Court.

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Today’s opinion seeks to resolve an increasingly frustrating issue that is continually presented before the Court: the daily temperature in the Law School’s classrooms. A class of plaintiffs representing the Law School’s student body (especially people who seek to wear warm-weather clothing during the warm-weather months—not Canada Goose parkas, sweatshirts, gloves, or L.L. Bean’s flannel-lined jeans) alleges that the classroom temperatures are too darn cold. (Compl. ¶ 1.) Plaintiffs aver that the sub-zero classroom temperatures constitute a violation of their fundamental right to be free of physical distractions in class.

The Court defines “room temperature” using the Portland standard first articulated in Goldblouch v. Bear Family, 436 F. Tal. 311-12 (9th Cir. 2012), clarifying that an approriate bowl of porridge is “not too hot, and not too cold.” (Compl. ¶ 1.) The Court is tasked with applying the Justices, when applied to the status of their classrooms, is expected to be free from physical distractions in class.

The Court was recently presented with this issue, asserting that Plaintiffs did not have standing to bring their claim. 3 The Court finds that Plaintiffs have a strong claim. They’re CLEARLY demonstrating standing. They could easily avoid their classroom shivering by wearing a sweater, sweatpants, socks, mink coats, and thermal warmers + warm towels in the lockers to don upon entering the Law School. However, doing so would at least slightly inconvenience Plaintiffs, and because they want to “have it [their way]” without actual physical symptoms: shivering, cold hands, and numb toes.

9 LW professors will tell you not to use words like this in your memos and briefing. This article demonstrates that your audience that you have a strong claim. They’re CLEARLY wrong.

10 We know at least some students from the 1969 era at UVA Law can actually afford these.

11 The chapter is like 90 pages long. My clients didn’t have the time to read the book, so would at least slightly inconvenience Plaintiffs, and because they want to “have it [their way]” without actually fixing the issue.


13 This makes the Court cringe.

Faculty Quotes
M. Schwartzman (co-author of the casebook): “This chapter has chapters, not pages long. That’s appalling.”

M. Collins: “This is part of your social training. Literacy for lawyers.”

J. Bowers: “I’m under-mining the MPRE for my purposes. My clients didn’t have any funds to command.”

T. Nachbar: “The NCA is the name we give for the car-tel of schools.”

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A. Woolhandler: “It’s maximum security, it’s not a picnic.”

J. Harrison: “Processed cheese food spread will long outlast the human race. There will come a time when the world is inhabited only by cockroaches, Twinkies, and processed cheese food spreads.”

Heard a good faculty quote? Email editor@lawweekly.org

Clearinghouse

COLD CALLS ARE BAD ENOUGH WHEN YOU’RE SLEEPY! WHY ADD COLD CLASSROOMS TO THE MIX?” J. DESKINS

CLEARY demonstrated standing. They could easily avoid their classroom shivering by wearing a sweater, sweatpants, socks, mink coats, and thermal warmers + warm towels in the lockers to don upon entering the Law School. However, doing so would at least slightly inconvenience Plaintiffs, and by doing anything to deserve such an outcome, their claim thus qualifies as petty.

Additionally, Defendants’ supposed justifications for “uncomfortable situations” (as it has come to be known) fail as well. As for the “comfort” justification, multiple members of this Court have very unpleasant memories of being both very sleepy and very cold in the Law School’s classrooms. Cold calls back in the day when you’re sleepy? Why add cold classrooms to the mix? As the second justification, Lee v. The Law School, 323 UVA 99 (2019), makes it clear that the Law School needs no real justification for tuition increases. It does whatever it wants. Thus, we call bullshit on this. Plaintiffs should not have to suffer from both cold temperatures and unjustified, unannounced tuition increases. As for Defendant’s final proffered justification, we can assure them that nothing will make UVA Law students from their own inability to discuss anything but their “homework” (or did not learn in a particular class, their irrelevant issues about state accountability assessments, how much they grew professionally at their summer job,) and their plans to...
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spring semester, and a band of faithful students stuck with the weekly meetings through the end of the school year.

Because sign language doesn’t require complicated verb conjugations like spoken language (go, am going, went), it’s less confun-
ing to pick up. Intuitive signs also help the learning pro-
cess go more smoothly–you guess what the sign for “time” is? And of course, you can always fall back on finger-spelling in sign language, so nothing stops you from diving into simple conversations using the signs you know even if you’re just beginning. That’s not say that sign language is simple or easy. It’s a com-
plex and beautifully expressive language with nuances just like spoken language. But its unique attributes make it easier to begin using sign lan-
guage than a new spoken lan-
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clerk on the DC Circuit after graduation. KDon, there’s really no hope. Plaintiffs have presented a truly sad state of affairs to the Court. Finding that Defendants have professed no valid justifications for their actions, we hereby REVERSE the finding of the lower court, and we ORDER that Defendants operate the Law School’s HVAC system as to maintain a “room temperature” temperature.

It is so ordered.

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Solution

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Cartoon By Raphael

We heard there are aliens here."

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