VJSPL Symposium: Civil Rights and Public Health

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The Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law hosted its biannual symposium on January 30 and 31, titled “Healing Hate: A Public Health Perspective on Civil Rights in America.” The two-day event, split between the Law School and the Medical School, focused on the link between civil rights and public health. In the spirit of the interdisciplinary nature of the journal itself, the symposium brought together scholars and experts from a variety of backgrounds, including law, medicine, public health, and social science.

Panelists addressed a range of issues, including the intersectional effects on minority neighborhoods, the traumatic effects of racialized policing, and the effects of gun violence on mental health.

One of the sessions began with a welcome from Dean Risa Goluboff and was followed by an introduction by Professor Dayna Matthew ’87. Professor Matthew’s presentation focused on racial disparities in health care, remarked that she hoped to bring back the energy of the civil rights era. In particular, she wished to revive the movement’s interdisciplinary approach to tackling the social justice issues of the time. Building on that theme of continuity with our past, Professor Matthew posited that what happened in Charlottesville in 2017 with the Unite the Right rally was not new. Rather, the events of that weekend indicated that the hate, which was sometimes thought to be a relic of the past, is being carried forward.

The keynote speaker for the symposium was Angela Harris, a law professor at the University of California, Davis School of Law and prominent speaker

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2LS Meet in the Middle for Midway Toast

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Events Editor

Last Wednesday, members of the class of 2021 gathered in Caplin Pavilion to celebrate making it halfway through law school. Really this is quite the accomplishment. We’ve made it through a pass-fail LRW course, taken all of the 1L classes that would make us capable small-town lawyers in the 1980s, and worked at a summer internship that was at least tangential to actual legal problems in the world. For my classmates who are going into Big Law, law school was 95% over when they finished OGI and accepted their offers. For public service folks, some of the stress of 1L continues, but in a more chill atmosphere. The halfway mark was a bit of an approximation, but it was close enough. A few celebrated faculty members who rarely come to these events, like the members of the Office of Student Affairs and the Registrar’s Office, made it out to share in the merriment and free catered food.

Dean Goluboff spoke to commemorate the event. She talked about how we start law school, we are immersed in an environment where we are always around our classmates. We all do orientation together, we perform at Dunderdell together, and we cluster at firm events avoiding networking interactions together. Then, we go to different cities and states for our summer experiences, and most of us come back for OGI where we interview to go to different cities. During 2L, we all start to branch out on our different paths, with some of us still focusing on doctrinal classes, some others doing an intense study of why it’s ok or big fish to eat small fish, and, lastly, some people going full Hogsby and studying the mystical art of tax law. Because we don’t see each other as much, the Dean pointed out how each occasion we have to come back together at the same place and time is special. She emphasized that we probably won’t be back together in this way until graduation.

Dean Goluboff also stressed how the latter half of law school is still important, despite much of the emphasis on the first year or so. She said that during the recession, there was talk of shortening the ABA three-year requirement into only two years. Dean Goluboff was clearly 거른 ‘s right back to the corrupt law school because the extra year gives us the chance to broaden our horizons, become more informed lawyers, and gain a more holistic education. Dean Goluboff then encouraged us to look back and reflect on the changes we’ve made since we started law school. I encourage the reader to take a moment to look back and reflect. Take your time.

2 Also known as “mergers and acquisitions” and “anti-trust.”

3 The author of this piece takes no official stance on whether law school should be three years or two years. However, his wallet is strongly in favor of a two-year program.

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Diversity Week: Origins and Reflections

UVA Law's Diversity Week is coming up on its thirteenth year. Each year, the Law School comes together to affirm our shared commitment to equality and inclusion and to pledge a continued effort to create a diverse and inclusive community where diversity is always on life's agenda.

The Lambda Law Alliance and signed by twenty-one professors and 122 students. The Letter reported that the student who slurred and attacked the couple at Foxfield had apologized and called his action “a mistake.”

What strategies should law schools consider in the midst of this shift? How are they to litigate cases that use language that is no longer acceptable? The opening gambit: Should courts use legal precedents, or are there new interpretative methods to be considered in current cases?

I skip ahead a little bit: At some point during college, I learned that “diversity” was a good thing. But at the same time, while I knew it had benefits for others, I rarely thought about its effects or that it never really affected me. I assumed that while it had its benefits, they were just beyond my comprehension.

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I admit that “diversity” is a real, tangible way of verifying that the federal courts' opinions are resting more on originalism and textualist interpretations. It is a distinguishable shift in methodology that the courts are using to discover the original intent to reliance on original meaning, as District of Columbia judges are now being willing to rely on the plain meaning of the text even if the courts do not feel bound by the legislative history for the purpose. Judge Nalbandian believes that not only do courts have the power to impose their approach.

I think I was first exposed to the idea of “diversity” when I was in middle-school, when I realized that not everyone was exactly like me. I was often the only Mexican-American in a very small Jewish community. I had grown up in a keeping-up-with-the-Jones family, with people always blending in. Despite how much I’d like to, because the FOMO is truly terrible, and we need to find different ways to blend in. I thought that being different was a visible and that different is scary and stressful that I’m always going to Barrister’s this year.

Laura Deskins '21, Staff Editor

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I remember being shocked and amazed when I first learned that the sauce was “Obama” apparel. It was the fall of 2012, right after the Trayvon Martin case had stolen the national spotlight. Little did I know, there is a mysterious realm out there known as the “third world.” One of the things that life, that is an intensely uncomfortable situation.

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Virginia Law Weekly: Inaugural Arbitration Day

For the first time in UVA’s history, some of the top attorneys in the field of international arbitration filled the Purcell Reading Room on January 29 to address LLM students. Mathews Basu, a professor at Loyola University School of Law, argued that he could make a difference in the UVA Law community by illuminating the field of international arbitration through hosting the first Arbitration Day at UVA Law in collaboration with LALO.

The symposium included a discussion of international arbitration, young practitioners perspectives on how they approached the field, investment arbitration and human rights, state and non-state actors, and a closing keynote speech from Beth Purcell, a former executive director of the International Chamber of Commercepeacefully and justly.


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**HOT BENCH**

Arjun Ogale ’21

Hi Arjun! Let’s get the party going with some easy questions. Where are you from?

I’ve moved around a lot, but I lived in Texas for several years before coming to Law School.

So would you count yourself as Texan?

Yeah, with the boots and barbecue, no ten-gallon hat though.

Anything else uniquely Texan?

Fracking for oil and riding horses.

When did you start thinking about law school?

I watched *Suits*. No, that’s not what happened. Junior year of college, when I started working in the IP Patent office back at my college days and I realized that all but two of my college professors had been men. "Facepalm" Case in point.

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funds. It wasn’t a huge effect for me, admittedly—I still don’t really understand or love constitutional law (I’m more of a rules girl). But, it mattered, and I felt slightly more engaged in the class knowing that I could relate to a professor in a way I couldn’t relate to many other professors or role models.

The benefits of diversity don’t have to be so obvious that they slap you in the face. And society shouldn’t portray them as such. Nor do you need a grandiose experience with the value of diversity to feel its effects. It can make a difference even on a smaller scale.

Melina Sonis ’20

Guest Writer

“What does diversity mean to you?” After considering the question, I have found that there is no clear answer to this question. For each individual person, diversity means something different in the various situations of life. As a student, I want to learn from professors with different backgrounds. I would like to be trained to become a person who does not think in a biased way, but rather someone thinks diversely and asks questions critically. I want to debate and discuss various controversial topics, especially with people who do not share my opinion. As a woman, I want to be judged independently of my gender, only by my own performance. I want to have the same educational and promotional opportunities as people of other genders. As an LLM student, I wish to learn more about the different cultures and ethnic backgrounds of my fellow students. I would like to take the opportunity in this international environment to learn how lawyers from other countries think and work and thereby broaden my own perspective on law. As a German, it is important to me that we always remember that diversity means freedom and that this is one of our most important values. Last but not least, as a human being, I want to be treated independently of my origin, my appearance, my sex, and my cultural and religious background, but only on the basis of my own individual personality.

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Dang. I gotta play this song for you. [The Story of OJ]

If you could pick one song to play in the background of your life, what would it be?

_Started from the Bottom_ by Drake. Where’s that seven wonders question, I want to do that one. I tell you, I read these Hot Benches every week.

What’s your spirit animal?

Charles Barkan.

If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what would it be?

Hmmmm, so I’d be like king for this one rule? Huh. Man, I’d love to be a king. No one should put creamer in coffee. Black coffee is how coffee should be drunk. I would ban coffee creamers.

Zombie apocalypse, what’s your game plan?

Do all the rules from Zombieland. Most importantly, double tap.

What are the Seven Wonders of the Law School?

Mandy

Kevin Schunk’s softball batting ability, which is just incredible.

Dominique Fenton’s Hair

Jason Dugas putting dates in emails.

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echoed the correlation between communities of color and environmentally harmful sites like landfills.

Shifting from environmental determinants of health to those based on neighborhood, the next panelist examined the traumatic effects of racialized policing. Jeffrey Fagan, a law professor at Columbia, was the lead expert in the civil rights trial challenging the New York City stop-and-frisk policy. Noting the racial disparities in who was stopped under the policy, Fagan said that, in one year, 80% of those stopped black and in the city were stopped in a single year under stop-and-frisk. Fagan criticized the movement to emulate New York City stop-and-frisk and similar policies.

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