

## Inaugural Conference for Junior Researchers 2014

### Stanford Program in Law and Society

#### COMMENTATORS' BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Deborah R. Hensler, Judge John W. Ford Professor of Dispute Resolution and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Stanford Law School**

Deborah R. Hensler's empirical research on dispute resolution, complex litigation, class actions and mass tort liability has won international recognition. A political scientist and public policy analyst who was the director of the RAND Corporation's Institute for Civil Justice before joining the Stanford Law School faculty, she has testified before state and federal legislatures on issues ranging from alternative dispute resolution to asbestos litigation and mass torts and consulted with judges and lawyers outside of the United States on the design of class action regimes. At Stanford she teaches seminars on complex litigation, the legal profession, and the use of policy analysis in the law and serves as associate dean of graduate studies. Professor Hensler is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. She was the director of the Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation from 1998 to 2003. Before joining the Stanford Law School faculty in 1998, she was a professor at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law and held a variety of high-level positions at RAND where she was employed from 1973 to 2001. Professor Hensler is an associate research fellow of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, has taught at the University of Melbourne (Australia) and has been awarded a visiting professorship to Tilburg University by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

#### **Yifat Holzman-Gazit, Professor at the School of Law, College of Management in Israel**

Yifat Holzman-Gazit is a Professor at the School of Law, College of Management in Israel. She has a JSD ('97) from Stanford Law School and an LL,B (*cum laude* '89) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her areas of research are mass media and the law; land expropriations and history of Israeli land law. She is the author of *Land Expropriation in Israel: Law, Culture and Society* (Ashgate publishing 2007) and has published numerous articles on the formation of Israeli land law, and on media and the law. Prof. Holzman-Gazit has been a visiting professor at Stanford Law School as the Schusterman Israeli Visiting Professor (2007-2008). She is a member of the International Committee of the Law and Society Association and serves on the boards of the Israeli Law and Society Association and the Center for Media and Law at Bar-Ilan University. In addition, since 2010 Prof. Holzman-Gazit has served as the representative of the Israeli legal academy in the Advisory Committee for Land

Expropriation. In the spring semester of 2014, Prof Holzman-Gazit holds the position of a Senior Michigan Grotius Research Scholar at University of Michigan Law School.

**Michele Landis Dauber, Professor of Law and Bernard D. Bergreen Faculty Scholar, Stanford Law School**

A law professor and a sociologist, Michele Landis Dauber has written highly original historical and sociological studies about the relationship between welfare programs and disaster relief programs in the formation of the modern American welfare state. She has focused her scholarship on aspects of the history of the New Deal and the fate of the legal doctrines and policies it created. She has also written about such varied topics as abortion clinic conflict, social security privatization, affirmative action, and the early history of administrative law during the War of 1812. In addition to her scholarly work, Professor Dauber is an officer and director of "Building a Better Legal Profession", which was founded by Stanford Law students in 2007. The organization uses innovative data advocacy and Web-based social entrepreneurship strategies to mobilize market pressure for workplace reforms in large law firms, including better working conditions, work-life policies, and increased racial and gender diversity. Winner of the 2006 Walter J. Gores Award, Professor Dauber is only the second law professor to receive the highest teaching honor at Stanford University.

**Amalia D. Kessler, Lewis Talbot and Nadine Hearn Shelton Professor of International Legal Studies, Stanford Law School**

A scholar whose research focuses on the evolution of commercial law and civil procedure, Amalia D. Kessler (MA '96, PhD '01) seeks to explore the roots of modern market culture and present-day process norms. In 2007–08, she received a Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies, supporting research on her current book project concerning the 19th-century origins of American adversarial legal culture. In 2008, her book, *A Revolution in Commerce: The Parisian Merchant Court and the Rise of Commercial Society in Eighteenth-Century France* (Yale University Press, 2007), was awarded the American Historical Association's J. Russell Major Prize for the best book in English on any aspect of French history. Professor Kessler has been a visiting professor at, among other places, Tel Aviv University Law School, the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales. She is the Jean-Paul Gimon Director of the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and has an appointment (by courtesy) with the Stanford University Department of History.

**Bryant Garth, Chancellor's Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine**

Before becoming a member of UCI Faculty, Bryant Garth held a number of administrative positions. Most recently, he served as Dean of Southwestern Law School from 2005 until 2012. Before coming to Southwestern, he was Dean of the

Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law (1986-90) and Director of the American Bar Foundation (1990-2004). His scholarship focuses on the legal profession, the sociology of law, and globalization. Two of his books co-authored with Yves Dezalay, *Dealing in Virtue* (1996) and *Asian Legal Revivals* (2010), were given the Herbert Jacobs Award from the Law and Society Association as the best books in the field of Law and Society published that year. He also served as co-editor of the *Journal of Legal Education* from 2011-14. He is on the Executive Coordinating Committee of the "After the J.D." project, the first longitudinal study of the legal profession, and chairs the advisory committee of the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE).

**Lawrence M. Friedman, Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law, Stanford Law School**

An internationally renowned, prize-winning legal historian, Lawrence M. Friedman has for a generation been the leading expositor of the history of American law to a global audience of lawyers and lay people alike—and a leading figure in the law and society movement. He is particularly well known for treating legal history as a branch of general social history. From his award-winning *History of American Law*, first published in 1973, to his *American Law in the 20th Century*, published in 2003, his canonical works have become classic textbooks in legal and undergraduate education. Professor Friedman is a prolific author on crime and punishment, and his numerous books have been translated into multiple languages. He is the recipient of six honorary law degrees and is a fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Before joining the Stanford Law School faculty in 1968, he was a professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School and at Saint Louis University School of Law.

**Manuel A. Gómez, Associate Professor of Law, Florida International University College of Law**

Manuel A. Gómez has years of law teaching experience, both in the U.S. and in Latin America, and professional practice in Latin America. Before joining FIU, Professor Gómez was a Lecturer in Law and a Teaching Fellow at Stanford Law School, where he had academic responsibility for the Stanford Program in International Legal Studies. Professor Gómez also led a working group on Law and Policy in Latin America sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University. Since 1995 he has also been a member of the Faculty at the Universidad Central de Venezuela Law School (Caracas, Venezuela), and in different occasions, a visiting professor at the Universidad Católica del Táchira (1996), Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (2000-2001), Universidad Metropolitana Law School (2005), and Universidad Sergio Arboleda of Colombia (2009-present) Professor Gómez teaches, conducts research and writes academic papers in a variety of areas including the impact of social networks on dispute processing, private order, international arbitration, complex litigation in Latin America, legal and institutional reform in Latin America, legal education reform and the globalization of the legal profession.

**James Cavallaro, Professor of Law, Director of Stanford International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, and Director of Stanford Human Rights Center, Stanford Law School**

Professor James Cavallaro, the founding director of Stanford Law School's International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, has dedicated his career to human rights—in both his scholarly research and his legal practice. His extensive expertise is derived from active involvement in the defense of rights, in the development of international human rights law and the human rights movement, in work involving human rights issues in Latin America and the developing world, and in international human rights litigation, with emphasis in the Inter-American and United Nations systems. Professor Cavallaro is a prolific scholar and sought-after voice on international human rights issues, and is frequently called upon to offer his expertise by the media and civil society. In June of 2013 Professor Cavallaro was elected to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) at the 43rd General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Antigua, Guatemala.

**William H. Simon, Arthur Levitt Professor of Law, Columbia Law School**

Professor William H. Simon is the Arthur Levitt Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. He was a member of the Stanford Faculty from 1981 to 2003. He has been Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School and UC Berkeley Law School. He was also a visiting staff member of the National Center for Economic Development and Law in 1990, and a Guggenheim fellow in 1994. Professor Simon is a very prolific scholar, and has written extensively in the fields of professional responsibility and social policy. He is the author of "The Practice of Justice: A Theory of Lawyers' Ethics", published in 1998, and "The Community Economic Development Movement: Law, Business, and Social Policy", published in 2002. Recent publications include: "Contextualizing Regimes: Institutionalization as a Response to the Limits of Interpretation and Policy Engineering", published in the *Michigan Law Review* (2012) (with Charles Sabel), and "Where is the Quality Movement in Law Practice?", published in the *Wisconsin Law Review* (2012). Professor Simon received his AB from Princeton University and his JD from Harvard Law School.

**Robert W. Gordon, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School**

A preeminent legal historian, prolific scholar, and gifted teacher, Professor Robert W. Gordon's expertise in American legal history, evidence, the legal profession, and law and globalization spans four decades, his influence on generations of lawyers and legal scholars incalculable. He has written extensively on contract law, legal philosophy, and on the history and current ethics and practices of the organized bar. Professor Gordon is known for his key works, *The Legacy of Oliver Wendell Holmes* (1992), and *Storie Critiche del Diritto* (Critical Legal Histories) (1995), and is editor of *Law, Society, and History: Themes in the Legal Sociology and Legal History of*

*Lawrence M. Friedman*, which examines and celebrates the scholarship of Stanford's Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law Lawrence Friedman. Professor Gordon received his BA from Harvard University and his JD from Harvard Law School. Professor Gordon taught previously at Stanford Law School in 1983-1995, and most recently, he was the Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and Legal History at Yale Law School. He also taught at the University of Buffalo Law School SUNY and the University of Wisconsin, and was a visiting professor at Harvard University, Oxford University, the University of Toronto, and the European University Institute.