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## ***Georgetown CTLS Summer Scholars in Residence 2024***

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### ***J. Peter Byrne***

*John Hampton Baumgartner, Jr. Professor of Real Property Law; Faculty Director, Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Program; Faculty Director, Georgetown Climate Resource Center*

Peter Byrne holds the Baumgartner Chair in Real Property Law at Georgetown Law, where he teaches and researches in the areas of Property, Land Use, and Historic Preservation Law. He was Academic Co-Director of CTLS in 2020-21, and for Fall 2022. He will be researching UK law concerning the conservation of historic religious buildings for a larger project addressing the application of cultural heritage laws to religious sites.

### ***Victoria Nourse***

*Ralph V. Whitworth Professor in Law*

Victoria Nourse is the Whitworth Professor of Law at Georgetown where she studies and writes about constitutional and statutory interpretation. She will be working on a study comparing the U.S. Supreme Court's new and unprecedented turn toward historical models as compared to the use of history and tradition in interpretive practice in Britain.





## **Kevin Tobia**

*Associate Professor of Law*

Kevin Tobia is an Associate Professor of Law and Philosophy (by courtesy). His research focuses on legal interpretation and law and psychology. One strand of his law and psychology work examines how laypeople and legal experts evaluate central legal concepts, including reasonableness, intent, and procedural fairness. This research, along with that of other scholars in the field, often examines the judgments of English-speaking American populations. To explore whether these prior empirical findings generalize across some additional languages and cultures, Prof. Tobia and a team of international collaborators translated several studies into eight languages and recruited participants across ten countries.

As a Scholar-in-Residence at CTLS, he will work to develop the implications of these cross-cultural empirical legal studies. He will also present a chapter of his forthcoming book “Experimental Jurisprudence” to the Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group.

## **Urska Velikonja**

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Anne Fleming Research Professor*

Urska Velikonja is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. She has written extensively on securities regulation and securities enforcement. Urska will be studying the gap between perception and reality in legislation related to the regulation of capital markets.

