



Testimonials from Summer Scholars in Residence 2023



William W. Buzbee

Comparative Environmental Regulations

“I returned a few weeks ago from a week I spent in London due to this opportunity. As I explained in my application memo to Madhavi and Yvonne, I hoped to use the residence time to connect with experts on UK and EU law in the areas of climate change, environmental law, and linked administrative law. In particular, I’ve become interested in learning more how other legal systems deal with problems of regulatory dissembling, regulatory effects conjecture, and linked risks of lost climate and environmental progress and resultant risks of stakeholder and interjurisdictional distrust.

Given the opportunity provided by CTLS, I build outward from a London contact I made through a spring Georgetown roundtable on climate change litigation that Lydia Slobodian had helped organize along with student leaders. This contact, a professor at the London School of Economics (LSE) Grantham Institute (a climate change-focused institute), in turn corresponded with me about my interests and her work. She helped me identify others who might be interested in my own work, future linked research, and have scholarly ideas for other related scholarship and scholars. The CTLS linkage and Georgetown name quickly opened doors. I succeeded in setting up wonderful and informative, and often lengthy, face-to-face meetings with professors from LSE, Oxford University (including a visit to Oxford and dinner with two law professors there), University College London, and Reading University. Each meeting was, by design, a two-way conversation. I sought to learn, but so did the others. And, as a result, they all learned about Georgetown Law, US law, my scholarship and interests, and our Climate Center, and I learned about their related work and gained additional leads for future exploration. I also enjoyed meeting the CTLS staff and seeing the space, both of which were terrific.

I’m already using what I learned in scholarship underway, but I and those I met are also exploring future collaborations, a possible roundtable next summer, and perhaps also crafting a theme-based law review proposal if the opportunity arises.

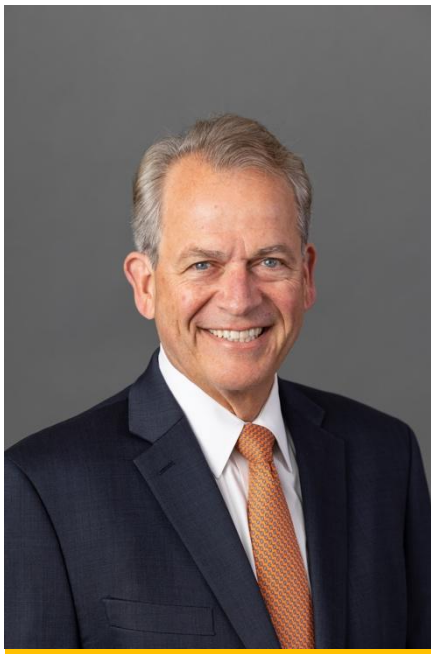
I should also add that the week in London was a delight. I had not been there for about a decade. Overall, the CTLS opportunity was one of those great experiences that makes being a professor especially stimulating and rewarding.”

Kathleen Claussen

New Frameworks for Transnational Corporate Accountability

7th – 27th June 2023

“My summer visit to CTLS was not just deeply useful to my current research but it has also prompted several additional research streams with colleagues based in the UK. [We were able to make good progress on our ongoing study of novel issues in US-UK trade policy and other projects will look at changing conceptions of economic security across the globe.] I look forward to continuing these conversations with my new colleagues and to hosting a series of future events at CTLS that we hope will further enhance this work in the coming year. I am indebted to the Scholar-in-Residence program for helping put all this in motion!”



Don S. De Amicis

The UN Business and Human Rights Treaty

19th – 29th June 2023

“I was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to London as part of the inaugural CTLS Summer Scholars in Residence program during the last two weeks of June 2023. My research project involves business and human rights, and in particular the negotiation and relevance of the proposed U.N. treaty on business and human rights that has been discussed and negotiated by States for over five years. This research involves consultations with (1) leading experts resident in London and elsewhere, including Professors Michael Addo of Notre Dame in London, Robert McCorquodale of the University of Nottingham, Damilola Olawuyi of Hamad Bin Khalifa School of Law, Qatar, Richard Trainor of Exeter College, University of Oxford, Dr. Isabella Bunn, Research Fellow, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, and (2) members of the bar and bar associations, including Mark Ellis, CEO of the International Bar Association, Stephen Denyer of the Law Society of England and Wales, Nicole Bigby, partner at Bryan Cave, and Douglas Cassel, professor emeritus at Notre Dame of counsel to King & Spalding. This research also includes (1) an analysis of the different roles played by the UN Human Rights Council and the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, (2) an examination of the status and prospects for successfully concluding the U.N. treaty negotiations and the subsequent ratification process, the evolution of soft law and the normative environment for human rights protection, the expansion of human rights protection by international businesses resulting from the adoption of the 2015 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, and the obligations of business lawyers to respect and protect human rights.”

Amanda Levendowski

Open-Source Perfume

24th – 30th July 2023

“Being a CTLS Scholar-in-Residence was a career highlight! My grant enabled me to interview British and French perfumers in person, in a perfume studio, where I smelled a highly successful commercial "open source" perfume alongside a vintage Chanel No. 5 from 1947. Those interviews provided fresh, first-person perspectives that informed (and improved) my scholarship about the legal and social barriers to democratizing perfumery. After my interviews, I worked from CTLS in a beautiful office alongside wonderful staffers. The CTLS experience is topped off by staying in the heart of London, just blocks from CTLS, where it's easy to explore the city between researching and writing.”

