

# GEORGETOWN LAW

## 2023 JD ORIENTATION

### FACULTY TALKS

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

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**Title of Talk:** Law School for Libertarians and Conservatives

**Speaker:** [Professor Randy Barnett](#)

**Room:** McDonough Hall, Room 202

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**Talk Description:** Whatever school they attend, libertarian and conservative law students face special challenges. In this session, Professor Barnett — who also directs the Georgetown Center for the Constitution — will candidly identify these challenges, and offer tips for meeting them at Georgetown Law, so you can get the most from your law school experience.

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**Title of Talk:** Public Interest Lawyering: Opportunities and Challenges

**Speaker:** [Professor Peter Edelman](#)

**Room:** McDonough Hall, Room 203

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

**Talk Description:** In the world of Thurgood Marshall, simple justice was available by a vote of 9 to 0. (Or was it?) In the world of John Roberts, lawyers who want to pursue the public interest (as defined by people like Justice Marshall) have to use multiple strategies, in multiple venues, involving multiple skills. What is justice — economic, social, or racial — is not so simple to articulate, and getting it actualized is not so easy (not that achieving *Brown* was so easy). This session will explore the evolution of public interest lawyering since *Brown* and what various public interest lawyering careers and roles look like in a new century.

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**Title of Talk:** Asylum and the Southern Border in the Trump and Biden Administrations

**Speaker:** [Professor Philip Schrag](#)

**Room:** McDonough Hall, Room 203

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Talk Description:** The right to have an asylum claim adjudicated is guaranteed by treaty and by the Refugee Act that Congress passed in 1980. For decades, both Republican and Democratic administrations honored the law, providing protection and safety in the United States for hundreds of thousands of people fleeing from political, religious, and other forms of persecution in their own countries. From 2018 through 2020, however, the Trump administration used several policies, regulations and programs, some of them in secret, to prevent migrants from seeking asylum in America. These actions included family separation, decisions barring asylum for victims of domestic and gang violence, and many other practices. This orientation talk will provide background on U.S. asylum law, details of how the Trump administration subverted it, and an assessment of what the Biden administration has and has not done to restore the asylum system so that the nation meets its obligations to refugees. It will also highlight roles that lawyers and law students have played and continue to play in representing asylum seekers and challenging restrictions on asylum.

Professor Philip Schrag is co-director of Georgetown's asylum law clinic, the Center for Applied Legal Studies, and the author or co-author of 17 books, including six books on asylum policy and adjudication.

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**Title of Talk:** TikTok v. Trump

**Speaker:** [Professor Anupam Chander](#)

**Room:** McDonough Hall, Room 202

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**Talk Description:** In 2020, President Trump declared TikTok a national security threat and announced that he was banning it because of its Chinese origins. But TikTok was the most downloaded app in the United States in 2022. How did a Chinese big tech company beat the President of the United States on his home turf? What should we learn from the 2020 TikTok Affair about how to regulate foreign technology?