

# GEORGETOWN LAW

## 2024 JD ORIENTATION

### FACULTY TALKS

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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**Title of Talk:** How Can You Represent Those People?

**Speaker:** [Professor Abbe Smith](#)

**Room:** McDonough 205

**Time:** 10:00AM

**Talk Description:** Professor Smith is Director of the Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic, which offers students an intensive experience in indigent criminal defense and prisoner advocacy. She will discuss her latest book, GUILTY PEOPLE, as well as her own evolution as a criminal lawyer.

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

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

**Room:** McDonough 203

**Time:** 10:30AM

**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:** Asylum and the Southern Border in the Trump and Biden Administrations

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

**Room:** McDonough 203

**Time:** 1:00PM

**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

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and law students have played and continued 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:** Exploring the Frontier of Generative AI's Legal Landscape

**Speaker:** [Professor Paul Ohm](#)

**Room:** MCD 205

**Time:** 1:30PM

**Talk Description:** In just a few short years, the rise of generative AI systems that can produce surprisingly compelling text, images, video, and audio, has transformed the landscape of content creation. It has also raised countless fascinating and tricky legal questions about copyright, speech, privacy, the future of work, and beyond. Join Professor Ohm, a technology law scholar and computer scientist, as we navigate the emerging legal challenges and opportunities presented by generative AI.