



## Research Centers Newsletter, September 2019



### Event Spotlight: Rethinking the Shareholder Franchise, September 12-13, 2019

Professor Yaron Nili will host a conference titled "Rethinking the Shareholder Franchise" on September 12-13, 2019 at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The role and power of shareholders in corporate America is at the core of many contemporary governance debates. Questions regarding dual class shares, mutual funds' voting, board structure and composition, and the role of institutional investors in promoting social cause are indicative of a larger underlying quest to set the proper boundaries of shareholders' role in the corporate governance ecosystem. Participants are invited to revisit the shareholder franchise paradigm through these recent debates.



The conference will begin at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 12 in Room 2260 with keynote speaker, **Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster**, Delaware Courts, two panels, and a reception for attendees. It will continue all day on Friday in Lubar Commons (Room 7200).

The conference is open to the public and CLE Credit for WI Attorneys is pending. The event is sponsored by the **University of Wisconsin Law School, Institute for Legal Studies,**

## University Lectures Fitch Fund, and the George Young Bascom Chair in Business Law.

More information about the event can be found here:

<https://law.wisc.edu/ils/2019shareholderfranchise/index.html>

Register for the event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rethinking-the-shareholder-franchise-tickets-68300064331>

### Event Spotlight: Fall 2019 Sofa Lecture



#### [Professor Charlotte Bunch](#)

writer and organizer in feminist, LGBT, and human rights movements. She has been active in national and international movements for change and served on the Board of directors of many women's and human rights organizations. She has been involved in many civil society efforts at the UN, including the Global Campaigns advocating for women's rights as human rights and for the creation of UN Women. Her many awards include the National Women's Hall of Fame, the White House Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights, and the "1000 Women Peace Makers" nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Fall 2019 J. Jobe and Marguerite Jacqmin Sofa Lecture will take place on Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00pm in the Alumni Lounge of the Pyle Center. The lecture, titled "The Dance of Feminism with Human Rights: Reflections on 3 decades of Global Women's Human Rights Organizing," will be delivered by **[Professor Charlotte Bunch](#)**, Founding Director and Senior Scholar at the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University.

Professor Bunch, Distinguished Professor in Women's and Gender Studies, is an activist,

**[Register for the Fall 2019 Sofa Lecture](#)**

**[Learn more about the Sofa Lecture](#)**

### Celebrating Constitution Day

The Institute for Legal Studies and the University of Wisconsin Law School are pleased to invite you to a series of events to celebrate Constitution Day

- Constitutional Law classes open to the public - **dates and times TBA.**
- **Wednesday, September 18th:** "Policing the Open Road: How Cars Transformed American Freedom," Ideas & Innovations speaker **[Sarah Seo](#)**, University of Iowa College of Law. This event is hosted by Professor Mitra Sharafi.



- Thursday, September 19th: "The Russian Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights: Conflicting Conceptions of Sovereignty in Strasbourg and St. Petersburg," Global Legal Studies Institute speaker **Jeffrey Kahn**, SMU Dedman School of Law School. This event is co-sponsored by CREECA and hosted by Professor Kathie Hendley.
- Friday, September 20th: "**The Founding Fathers and Public Leadership**," 11:00am - 3:30pm, Pyle Center Alumni Lounge. Sponsored by the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership.

Constitution Day is observed on September 17th by all universities that receive federal funding. The day allows universities to schedule programming that informs students about the U.S. Constitution.

## Selected Upcoming Events

- **September 11, 2019:** Law & Society Speaker Rohit De (ILS)
- **September 12-13, 2019:** "Rethinking the Shareholder Franchise" Conference (ILS/Dean's Office)
- **September 17, 2019:** Social Media for Faculty Workshop (Dean's Office)
- **September 18, 2019:** Ideas & Innovations Speaker Sarah Seo (Dean's Office)
- **September 19, 2019:** GLS Speaker Jeffrey Kahn (GLS)
- **September 25, 2019:** Ideas & Innovations Speaker Zohar Goshen (Dean's Office)

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit: <http://law.wisc.edu/researchcenters/events.html>

## Visiting Professor Spotlight

### **Dr. Michaela Hailbronner and Dr. Thilo Marauhn**

Dr. Michael Hailbronner, Professor of Public Law and Human Rights at the University of Giessen in Germany, and Dr. Thilo Marauhn, Professor of Public Law and International Law at the University of Giessen in Germany, will be in residence at the Law School this fall to teach under the UW Law - Giessen Exchange Program. While at the Law School, they will be teaching a course titled "Comparative Constitutional Law: Europe and the U.S." This course will address U.S. and European constitutional law, with a primary focus on constitutional rights. It will be taught jointly with Professor Anuj Desai.

Dr. Hailbronner's primary research projects focus on courts' responses to institutional failures; human rights; and comparative public law. She currently serves as a member of the Future Faculty at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin, and she co-founded the ICON-S Deutschland chapter.

Dr. Marauhn is an expert on international law, human rights, international environmental law, arms control, peace operations and international humanitarian law.



**Dr. Michaela  
Hailbronner**



**Dr. Thilo Marahun**

## Student Spotlight



**Amy Buchmeyer**

### **Amy Buchmeyer, 3L**

Amy Buchmeyer studied in Thailand during the 2019 spring semester at Thamassat University under the Exchange Program with the Law School. She is the first Law Student to study there under the Exchange Program. Her studies were supported by the East Asian Legal Studies Center. In the accompanying photo, she is about to eat a cricket. Over the semester, she was able to experience many adventures in Thailand. From the transportation available (her commute involved either a city bus, water ferry, or motorcycle taxi) to the many places to visit (mountains in the north and beaches to the south) to the politics (her visit coincided with a nationwide election and royal coronation), each day involved something new. Her semester in Thailand taught her that she could live in a country with a very different culture where she does not speak the language and still grow as a traveler and a student. She negotiated with taxi drivers and overcame cultural barriers with her classmates, met Burmese refugees and navigated

crowded bus stations, and learned that no matter how daunting the challenge, nothing remains entirely insurmountable.

## News and Announcements

- The dedication ceremony for the sculpture **Mildred** by **John Durbrow**, created in honor of Mildred Fish Harnack, was held this July. **Professor Heinz Klug** made remarks at the dedication. More information: [\*\*International Division Press Release\*\*](#)
- The **Wisconsin International Law Journal** has issued a call for proposals for the **2020 WILJ Symposium**. Proposals are due **October 15th**. Details will be available on the [\*\*WILJ webpage\*\*](#).
- **Save the Date:** The **Spring 2020 Mildred Fish Harnack Lecture** will take place on **Thursday, April 16th** at the Pyle Center.
- **Save the Date:** The **2020 ILS Midwest Law & Society Retreat** will take place **11/13 - 11/14** at the Pyle Center.



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