Leigh Bienen: 142 Death Eligible Murders in Chicago
My current research is on 142 death eligible murders in Chicago. Illinois abolished capital punishment in 2011, [a long process which involved litigation and advocacy on the part of Bluhm legal advocates and the Center on Wrongful Convictions and many others, over the course of years]; however, the remnants of capital punishment live on in the current practices and procedures in Cook County and elsewhere in Illinois. This is a detailed analysis of 142 murders from Cook County in which details of pretrial confinement and the disposition of cases has been collected and will eventually be put on the web and shared with interested persons everywhere.

Annie Buth: Reimagining Justice: Restorative Justice, Youth, and Community
Restorative justice is sometimes mischaracterized as a diversion program to the criminal legal system. This talk will examine restorative justice in practice and the ways in which a Chicago community is reimagining justice. It will explore the intersection of restorative justice, hip-hop, abolition, and healing through the work of young people.

Brian Citro: Health and Human Rights: Do You Have a Right to Health?
Do we have a right to health? If so, why? And what does it mean? What about a right to health care or to access life-saving medicines? The answers depend on where you live, what your constitution says, what your courts say, and much more. This talk will examine the intersection of health and human rights, laying out some of the core principles and challenges in an attempt to answer these deceptively difficult questions of life and death.

Zachary Clopton: Designing Courts for Complex Problems
It is easy to imagine a court resolving a dispute between two people. But what if the dispute involves a thousand people, or a million people? What if the dispute is not as simple as a two-car accident, but instead is something like the opioid epidemic or climate change? In this meeting, we will discuss how U.S. courts have tried to grapple with these complex situations, and we will think about what they could do better.

Charlotte Crane: Can Congress Tax Wealth?
Although virtually every state and local government can impose a tax based on wealth, for more than 200 years most observers have assumed that Congress cannot. More precisely, the assumption has been that although Congress has the power to impose a wealth tax if the tax is apportioned by population, such a tax would never fly politically because the tax would have to be imposed at a different rate in each state. Recent calls for a federal wealth tax seem oblivious to these long held assumptions about Congress’ power to tax. Who’s right?
Peter DiCola: Copyright in Sharp Focus: How Professional Photographers Use Law in a Digital World

Photos are everywhere on the internet. Formally, copyright law protects photographers’ work. But practically, copyright enforcement is a losing battle. So why do photographers still care so much about copyright law? What does it do for them? My co-authors and I interviewed 32 professional photographers to find out. We learned that copyright serves a variety of functions beyond suing for infringement, an interesting illustration of the complexity of law in action.

Ali Flaum: Kids Will Be Kids – Except When the Law Says They Can’t

This talk will explore the “adultification” of children – certain children – in the criminal context and the reasons why the law in this area is often at odds with both science and common sense. Are children really “categorically less culpable” than adults, as the Supreme Court has written? If so, how exactly should the law recognize this difference? And what can we do when the law refuses to do so?

Carolyn Frazier: Fighting for Children’s Rights at Home and Abroad

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, one of the most visionary and universally accepted human rights agreements in history. However, children remain one of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations worldwide, including here in the U.S. Youth around the globe who are placed in detention – for criminal or juvenile offenses, in the course of migration enforcement, with parents who are detained, as a misguided response to disability, or for other reasons – are especially vulnerable to human rights abuses. Come join Professor Frazier to hear about ways the global child advocacy community is coming together to help and protect detained youth, with a focus on the upcoming release of the landmark United Nations Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

Daniel Gandert: Justice Issues at the Court of Arbitration for Sport for Olympic Athletes

The Court of Arbitration for Sport is starting a new Anti-Doping Division. A flaw with the setup of the new division under the current rules is that for cases where three arbitrators hear a case, athletes are not given the opportunity to appeal the decision, while anti-doping organizations trying to prosecute athletes are given an automatic opportunity for an appeal if they are not happy with the decision. This presents fairness issues for the athletes. Additionally, there will be discussion about instances, such as where an athlete has tested positive for cocaine from kissing someone, where arbitrators have applied penalties for doping offenses that are less than what is allowed by the World Anti-Doping Code.

Emily Kadens: Digging Up the History of the Law

The law, naturally, has a past, and sometimes studying that past can shed light on the law of the present. Professor Kadens will discuss her research uncovering the complicated story behind a 1602 English case that is still cited today as a basis of the law of fraudulent transfers of property. In addition, 3L Annie Prossnitz will talk about her Law Review note that relies on archival research she did last year in the National Archives in London. Her note studies the history of
court-appointed lawyers for poor litigants in civil cases during the late-16th and early-17th centuries.

**John McGinnis: How Machine Intelligence Is Transforming the Legal Profession**
This lecture argues that machines are coming to disrupt the legal profession and that bar regulation cannot stop them. The relentless growth of computer power in hardware, software, and data collection capacity creates an accelerating force that will invade an ever-larger territory of legal practice and exercise an ever firmer dominion. I then describe five areas in which machine intelligence will provide services or factors of production currently provided by lawyers: discovery, legal search, document generation, brief generation, and prediction of case outcomes. That’s most of legal practice.

**Wendy Muchman: The Ethics of Becoming a Lawyer**
Passing the bar is more than just taking a test. Every prospective lawyer also has to go through a Character and Fitness review process. Of course, not everyone has been an angel all their lives. Maybe they got caught using a fake I.D., or they had a reckless driving conviction. Maybe there is even something in your background that is worrying you. Come and learn about the Character and Fitness process, and see what it entails. Hear about some cases of people who had serious concerns but who succeeded in making it through the Character and Fitness review, and find out how they did it.

**Daniel Rodriguez: The Evolving Landscape of Marijuana Law**
The legalization of cannabis for medical and (increasingly) for recreational use raises a wide range of important law and public policy issues. These include: What is the relationship between the continuing federal prohibition on marijuana use & possession and state legalization? What are the collateral consequences (criminal justice, employment, family law, etc.) of marijuana use in this messy state v. federal era? What is the business model for marijuana production, distribution, and sale? How should we think of the public health aspects of this issue?

**James Speta: Breaking Up or Regulating Internet Platforms**
The U.S. is finally discussing whether to breakup Google, Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft (and maybe others), or to regulate them as the “new public utilities.” Europe has been engaging in this debate for a number of years, having levied significant fines against several of these companies. Are these new companies, which are at the center of our lives and our commerce, really the new public utilities? How do we untangle the debate into some meaningful questions?

**Sam Tenenbaum: Fighting Reverse Mortgage Fraud**
125 African American homeowners were defrauded out of $10 million which represented the equity in their homes. Our Clinic has been fighting to protect their homes and punish the wrongdoers. This work has involved numerous lawsuits, appellate work, working with the US
Deborah Tuerkheimer: Credibility In the #MeToo Era
Since October 2017, when #MeToo sparked a global conversation around sexual misconduct, the movement has exploded. More than 19 million hashtags later, momentum has continued to build. In my current book project, I explore how we, as individuals and as a society, address allegations of sexual assault and harassment. I also examine the close, reciprocal relationship between culture and law—forces that powerfully shape our interpretations of who and what is credible.

Increasingly across the globe, nations and political leaders, even in countries long considered democratic bulwarks, are enacting or considering laws that suppress or threaten freedom of expression and the press or are failing to protect the safety of journalists. At the same time, vexing questions have arisen about whether governments, social media platforms and online media can or should have responsibility for striking a balance between free speech and the spread of “fake news” and hate speech in a digital environment. This talk will discuss some of the recent contexts and perils of a rapidly changing global landscape for freedom of expression and the press and my work with a network of human rights defenders, litigators, and academics tackling landmark cases and media law reform.

Cliff Zimmerman: Personal Narrative, Professional Identity, and ... American Indian Law??
The study of law will change you personally and professionally. What will happen to your story and your identity? Narrative and identity are core elements of who we are as people and how we engage the legal profession and the world. How can you make the most of this engagement and development so that you can be most successful (you define that term) in your life? The path starts with self-awareness and authenticity. Surprisingly, the journey can be strengthened by learning lessons from American Indian Law (AIL). At its core, AIL is about the cultural sovereignty, resilience, and unique identity of Native Nations. Come hear about the connections between personal narrative, professional identity, and the study of American Indian Law!
Julie Biehl: Elevating Youth Voice in Efforts to Address Mass Incarceration of Young People

For many years, youth of color – particularly black young men between 16 and 25 – have been over-represented in the United States juvenile and criminal justice systems. Despite this circumstance, individuals who have been impacted by the over-representation of brown and black youth in prison are often excluded from policy discussions about the issues that directly affect them. Come hear Professor Julie Biehl discuss the Children and Family Justice Center’s ongoing project to include the wisdom of youth in efforts to close Illinois’ youth prisons.

Alyson Carrel: The Delta Model: A New Competency Model For the 21st Century Lawyer

The delivery of legal services is changing. Clients are demanding that lawyers understand business practices and emerging technology to ensure that legal services are faster, cheaper, and better. We are working on a new dynamic competency model that reflects the types of skills knowledge and attitudes required given the increasing utilization of and reliance on technologies such as artificial intelligence. This new model provides a tool that students and practicing attorneys can use to plan for the future, reflect on the past, and be more prepared for the present.

Jason DeSanto: The Presidential Debates: How (Mostly) Lawyers Succeed and Fail in the Public Arena

The summer months featured the first sets of Democratic presidential debates, with the next round to follow in September. As we approach the Fall, which candidates have succeeded and why? What persuasive strategies have they used? What opportunities have they missed? And what, in the aggregate, does the success (or shortcomings) of the lawyers in the field tell us about attorneys as public advocates? Jason DeSanto – teacher of Law, Advocacy & Public Persuasion and a debate adviser for members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives – will provide his view as an advocacy strategist, and also as an analyst of lawyers in the public arena. He’ll ask your opinions, too.

Richard Hoskins: Hamilton and Madison: Friends and Enemies

Alexander Hamilton and James Madison collaborated closely to write arguably the most important document of political theory ever penned by Americans, the Federalist Papers. Yet, shortly thereafter, in the Administration of President George Washington, they became bitter political enemies. What prompted this change and what is its significance in U.S. political and constitutional history?

Tonja Jacobi: Empirical Legal Studies and Judicial Politics

Big data analysis of judicial decision making has become an important tool for understanding as well as predicting the law. We will look at a number of empirical projects, including Supreme
Court oral arguments, and show how we can know how the justices are going to rule by looking at what they say, who they say it to, whom they interrupt, and who gets the most laughs.

**Jay Koehler: Trial by Probability**

Twenty-four of 25 prisoners in a prison yard kill a guard. The 25th prisoner does not participate but cannot be identified by video cameras. An investigation fails to yield additional information because none of the prisoners will talk. Nevertheless, the District Attorney selects one prisoner (D) at random and charges him with murder. At trial, the DA presents uncontroverted evidence that (a) D was in the prison yard at the time of the killing, and (b) all but one prisoner participated in the killing. Would you convict D?

**Andrew Koppelman: Discrimination, Religion, and Bigotry**

Should religious businesspeople, who feel morally obligated not to facilitate same-sex marriage, be exempted from antidiscrimination laws that protect gay people? Opponents of such exemptions have argued that conservative condemnation of gay sex is as evil as racism and should likewise disqualify those who hold it from religious accommodations and even state funding. I argue that the racism analogy is sound, but that here as elsewhere, religion should be accommodated where this will not defeat the purposes of the law.

**Dan Linna: Technology, Innovation, and the Future of Legal Services**

Artificial intelligence and other technologies have begun to transform legal-services delivery, from legal aid organizations and courts to corporate legal departments and global law firms. Meanwhile, estimates are that 80% of the impoverished and more than 50% of the middle class in the U.S. lack access to legal services. Businesses, large and small, also have legal needs that go unmet. Lawyers must not squander the opportunity to leverage technology and innovation to improve legal-services delivery, legal systems, and the law for everyone.

**Nancy Loeb: Is There Poison In The Air Where You Live?**

In 2018 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released maps and data showing that more than 100 areas in the U.S. are exposed to very high cancer risks from chemicals being emitted into the air. The big surprise: one of the biggest cancer-causing chemicals is a gas few people know is being used close to their homes and schools. Learn how the Environmental Advocacy Clinic is fighting to eliminate cancer causing ethylene oxide from our communities.

**Shobha Mahadev: Juvenile or Adult? Using a New Law to Open the Doors to Juvenile Court**

Our 15-year-old client was charged with first-degree murder, even though an off-duty police sergeant—and not our client—had shot and killed our client’s friend during the incident that led to our client’s arrest. While the case was proceeding in adult criminal court, a change in the law occurred that would have allowed the case to be sent to juvenile court. Our client was not given the opportunity to benefit from the new law and was ultimately sentenced to 25 years in prison. This talk will explain the recent changes in Illinois law that impact youth in the justice
system and will discuss the strategies we are working on to help our client have his day in juvenile court.

**Bruce Markell: Reining in Runaway Lawyers’ Fees**

Lawyers charge money for their services. A lot. Some Wall Street lawyers charge up to $1,600 an hour. Normally, this is a private matter between the lawyer and her client, but not in bankruptcy. Federal law requires lawyers working in bankruptcy to obtain advance approval of the reasonableness of their fees and expenses. In big cases, this can really add up. In the Pacific Gas & Electric Company bankruptcy, one firm has asked for $6 million in fees – for their first three months’ work. I’ve been appointed as a Fee Examiner in the PG&E case to help the court review all fees requested in the case. I’ll discuss the background for my work, and how I’m using sophisticated data analytics to sort and sift the data.

**Amy Martin: Northwestern Law Students at the Southwest Border: Observations and Lessons Learned**

In January 2019, 15 law students and Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC) faculty/staff traveled to Tijuana, Mexico to conduct know-your-rights presentations to asylum-seeking migrants at the border. Join us for an overview of the border crisis and discussion about our experience volunteering in Tijuana. Learn about how recent developments in federal immigration policy have impacted asylum-seekers’ due process rights and journey through the backlogged court system. We will discuss how the CFJC Immigration Clinic grapples with these challenges in its representation of asylum-seeking youth.

**Laura Nirider: True Stories of False Confessions**

Over the last few years, the global media has become fascinated with wrongful convictions and false confessions. From When They See Us to The Confession Tapes to Making a Murderer – all shows and/or cases in which faculty at the Center on Wrongful Convictions have been closely involved – millions of people around the globe have streamed or downloaded content about false confessions. Here at Northwestern, though, it’s not just media buzz. Faculty and students at the Center on Wrongful Convictions are the legal epicenter of real-life work on false confessions – not only representing people who falsely confessed to serious crimes, but also working with partners ranging from police to psychologists to BigLaw in order to reform police investigations. Come spend a prof talk with Professor Laura Nirider, who will show you real video of an interrogation that resulted in an 18-year-old falsely confessing to murder – and learn about the global impact of the Center on Wrongful Convictions.

**Leonard Riskin: Don’t Believe Everything You Think: Managing Inner and Outer Conflict in Law School and Law Practice**

In law school and law practice, a person’s mindsets and internal maps of the world and of lawyering—whether conscious or subconscious—dramatically affect their interpretations, understandings, performance, and satisfaction. I study, write and teach about how law students, lawyers, judges, and mediators can become more aware of their mindsets and other aspects their consciousness, so that they can make choices about how to respond to these
phenomena and to the desires, thoughts, sensations, and emotions that arise in themselves and in others with whom they interact. More specifically, I study and teach about how to integrate Tools for Managing Conflict (e.g., trial, negotiation, mediation) and Tools of Awareness (especially mindfulness, qi gong, and other contemplative practices) to help members of the legal profession deal better with stress and feel and perform better.

**Meredith Rountree: Criminal Justice Policy Reform: What’s Happening? Everything!**
I’ve worked on criminal justice policy reform for a long time in some very different places. One thing I know for sure is that, right now, criminal justice reform efforts are the most dynamic and wide-ranging that I’ve seen in my career. I’d like to talk a little bit about what is happening nationally and in Cook County, and about some of the reform work I’m currently involved in in Cook County. I would also like to reflect with you on different reform strategies. Whether you’re just curious about what it takes to change the system or if you’ve already got your feet wet, I’d love to hear your ideas. Come join the conversation!

**Len Rubinowitz: Martin Luther King’s Lawyers**
Let’s talk about how many lawyers, who they were, and what they did for MLK, his colleagues, and those who joined them in movements. While they were mostly behind the scenes, let’s move them center stage and think about their importance in serving the activists in the Civil Rights movement.

**David Schwartz: Empirical Studies of Patent Litigation**
Patent law protects technical innovations with a brief period of exclusivity. Patent litigation is widely viewed as expensive and uncertain. To measure expense and uncertainty, we use a comprehensive dataset of U.S. patent litigation. The study uses Big Data techniques to analyze the factors that are correlated with when and why patent cases settle or reach legal judgments.