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Alston Distinguished Law Fellows named

Georgia Law has named the inaugural class of its Distinguished Law Fellows program, an elite fellowship initiative that will offer three law students the opportunity to receive a unique educational experience including externships and guided research experiences, opportunities to meet some of the country’s top legal leaders and a full-tuition scholarship. First-year student Lindsey R. Bunting, third-year student Katherine G. “Kate” Howard and second-year student Taryn P. Winston (pictured left to right above) have been named the Philip H. Alston, Jr. Distinguished Law Fellows for 2016-17.

Five jurists, including a U.S. Supreme Court justice, teach law courses

This academic year, Georgia Law students will have the opportunity to learn from a number of distinguished jurists, with two serving as Edenfield Jurists in Residence. The judges scheduled to teach include:

- Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Clarence Thomas
- Senior Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia David B. Sentelle (Edenfield Jurist in Residence)
- Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia Lisa Godbey Wood (Edenfield Jurist in Residence)
- Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama R. David Proctor
- Vice Chancellor on the Delaware Court of Chancery Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves

Georgia Law launches mentor program

The law school is ensuring that all first-year students have a network of support when they begin their legal studies. The Georgia Law mentor program will consist of a faculty member, an upper-level law student and a law school graduate or legal professional. This will be in addition to the Career Development Office counselor who will be appointed to each student.
**Entering class boasts highest median GPA in history**

Georgia Law has welcomed a record-setting Class of 2019, with 180 students enrolled in the Juris Doctor program. The median undergraduate GPA of this impressive class is the highest in Georgia Law history. Fourteen foreign-trained lawyers have enrolled in a two-semester course of study toward an LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree. Additionally, there are four Master in the Study of Law students. *All information as of Aug. 11, 2016.*

**Faculty highlights**

- Associate Dean for International Programs and Strategic Initiatives & Woodruff Chair in International Law **Diane Marie Amann**, in her capacity as special adviser on children in armed conflict to the International Criminal Court prosecutor, took part in a daylong consultation between the Office of the Prosecutor and representatives from various organizations including intergovernmental, nongovernmental and national governments regarding the office's draft Policy on Children.

- Associate Professor **Kent Barnett** was quoted in the *National Law Journal* regarding his recently released research on the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Chevron U.S.A. v. Natural Resources Defense Council*. Conducted with Ohio State's Christopher Walker, the pair examined more than 1,500 agency interpretations that the circuit courts reviewed from 2003 to 2013 to determine how the federal courts of appeals have reviewed agency statutory interpretations. Their article “*Chevron* in the Circuit Courts” will be published in Volume 115 of the *Michigan Law Review*.

- Distinguished Research Professor & Shackelford Distinguished Professor in Taxation Law Emeritus **Walter Hellerstein** served as an outside expert to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development as one of two facilitators of a two-day workshop on the design and operation of value added taxes and alternative consumption taxes for representatives of the Ministry of National Economy and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

- Associate Professor **Fazal Khan** has been awarded the Hartford Foundation's Health and Aging Policy Fellowship for the 2016-17 academic year. The goal of the program is to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to overcome the challenge of meeting the needs of a rapidly aging population in the United States. Khan’s research involves working with the Department of Justice and the National Institute of Justice to study the empirical impact of elder abuse laws.

**Spotlight: Third-year student Hannah S. Sells**

**Class Notes & In Memoriam**

**Upcoming Events** including the Conference on the International Committee of the Red Cross Commentaries (9/23), Chief Judge Lisa Godbey Wood's presentation “Reflections on Sentencing” (10/13) and Homecoming (10/15).
Georgia Law events are also promoted via the school's social media outlets, so be sure to connect with us.

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