

ELECTION 2008 SYMPOSIUM

Albany Law School
Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom

- 9:30AM** **Welcome Address**
- 9:40AM** **Keynote Speaker: Hon. Corey Ellis**
- 10:00AM-11:30AM** **Race, Immigration, and Foreign Policy**
Speakers: Dean James Thuo Gatii
 Dr. Steven Leibo
 Guillermo Perez, Esq.
Moderator: Alexandra Harrington, Esq.
- 1:00PM-2:30PM** **Religion, Privacy, and the Constitution**
Speakers: Udi Ofer, Esq.
 Paul Rapp, Esq.
 Dr. Andrea Stanton
Moderator: Professor Anthony P. Farley
- 3:00PM-4:30PM** **Health Care, Individual Autonomy and Fundamental Rights**
Speakers: Professor Stephen Clark
 Patricia A. McGeown
 Dr. Martin A. Strosberg
Moderator: Professor Alicia Ouellette
- 5:00PM** **Debate on Energy Policies and the Economy**
Tracy Brooks, Representative from the Barack Obama Campaign
John Faso, Representative from the John McCain Campaign
Moderator: Dr. Alan Chartock
- 6:15PM** **Reception in East Foyer**

A Special Thanks to:

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hon. Corey Ellis is the Albany Common Councilman for the 3rd Ward. He serves on the Community Accountability Board of the District Attorney's office, on the Board of Directors for Albany County Opportunities Inc. and is a mentor, coach and one of the organizers of the "Bring it to the Courts" program in partnership with the DA's office. He was also an organizer for health care workers and a community organizer for over 10 years. He's been recognized for his community work by receiving the Hudson Valley Distinguished Alumni Humanitarian award in 2007, and in 2008 Corey was awarded the NAACP Award for his public service to the city of Albany.

DEBATERS

Tracey Brooks is an active community leader and attorney involved with numerous charitable and community organizations including Girl Scouts, the New York State Bar Association, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and CYO Basketball. She is a Capital Region attorney, practicing at Brown and Weiraub, and believes in public service. As Regional Director for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Brooks represented the Senator in her work with government, political, and community leaders in 15 counties in New York State. She received her JD from Albany Law School where she was an Edgar and Margaret Sandman Fellow and received the school's inaugural Kate Stoneman award for gender equity and policy.

John Faso's experience focuses on local, state and federal political and government advocacy in the healthcare, energy, transportation, financial services and insurance industries. He was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1986, and served as Minority Leader between 1998 and 2002. In the Assembly, he gained a reputation as a proponent of fiscal responsibility and budget reform. He received his JD from Georgetown University Law Center and is a Presidential appointed Trustee of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. He has also been awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, and the Guardian of Small Business Award by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Dr. Alan Chartock, Debate Moderator, is the President and CEO of WAMC/Northeast Public Radio, the Executive Publisher and Project Director of the Legislative Gazette, the newspaper of state government, and a Professor Emeritus at the University at Albany. He hosts the weekly *Capitol Connection* series, heard on public radio stations around New York State. Dr. Chartock also appears each week on *The Media Project* on WAMC and offers commentary on other WAMC programs such as *Midday Magazine*. He is executive producer of WAMC's National Productions and his syndicated column on politics appear in newspapers throughout New York State. A second column, *I Publius*, appears in The Berkshire Eagle each Saturday.

SPEAKERS

Professor Stephen Clark is a Professor of Law at Albany Law School. Since 2004, he has been a member of the board of directors of the NYCLU. He earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was the Notes Editor of the Yale Law & Policy Review. Following law school, he clerked for the Indiana Supreme Court and then was an associate at Winston & Strawn in their labor and employment relations department. Professor Clark's current research interests include employment discrimination, gay rights, constitutional law, and federalism.

Dean James Thuo Gathii is the Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship and the Governor George E. Pataki Chair of International Commercial Law at Albany Law School. His research and expertise are in the areas of public international law, international economics, international intellectual property and trade law as well as on issues of good governance and legal reform as they relate to the third world and sub-Saharan Africa in particular. He has published over 40 articles and book chapters, and is ranked as one of the top 300 Law Authors based on total downloads on the Social Science Research Network.

Dr. Steven A. Leibo specializes in the relationship between Asia and the West. He is currently a Professor of Modern International History & Politics at The Sage Colleges, is Al Gore's District Manager for the Climate Project in Upstate New York and Vermont, and is an International Affairs Commentator for WAMC Northeast Public Radio. He has also authored several scholarly articles on the topic of international foreign policy.

Patricia A. McGeown is the President and CEO of Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood. She holds a Master's Degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan and a faculty appointment at the University at Albany School of Public Health. She has had a distinguished career including having served as Assistant Commissioner for Medicaid for the State of New York. In 2004, Ms. McGeown was recognized by the YWCA of Schenectady as a *Capital District Woman of Achievement*. She is a highly respected speaker on the issues of women's health, reproductive rights, and health planning.

Udi Ofer, Esq. is the Advocacy Director at the New York Civil Liberties Union. Prior to joining the NYCLU, he was a Skadden Fellow at *my Sisters' Place*, where he initiated the organization's immigration practice and created a clinic to represent battered women on their immigration and public matters. He received his JD from Fordham University School of Law, where he was a Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law and Ethics, and a Crowley Advocate in International Human Rights

Guillermo Jorge Perez, Esq. has worked as a labor educator for the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) in Albany since May 2000. He received his JD from the Illinois Institute of Technology and is currently the president of the Albany/Capital District Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) as well as chief steward for the United Union Employees of New York (UUE-NY) an independent union that represents CSEA staff.

Professor Paul Rapp teaches art & entertainment law at Albany Law School. He writes about music, art, and the law for *The Artful Mind*, *Metroland*, and *Berkshire Living* magazines and appears regularly on WAMC's *VoxPop* program as a copyright expert. He is currently on the boards of The Storefront Artist Project in Pittsfield and WBCR-LP in Great Barrington. He lectures widely on intellectual property issues for organizations such as The New York Folklore Society, The New York State Writer's Institute, and the School for the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston).

Dr. Andrea L. Staton is the Assistant Director for the Center for Dialogues at New York University. She was the News Editor for the *Journal of the Middle East Broadcasters*, and has conducted several workshops regarding relationship of media and Islamic/Middle Eastern cultures. She has also published several articles discussing the dialogue between East and West. She received her PH D and Masters from Columbia University.

Dr. Martin A. Strosberg teaches Bioethics at the Graduate College and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, is a professor of management at Union Graduate College and professor of Political Science at Union College. He has been active in national professional associations and government advisory bodies. He is currently Principal Investigator and Co-Program Director on a training grant from the National Institute of Health entitled *Advanced Certificate in Research Ethics: Central and Eastern Europe* and is a widely published author in the field of health resource.

MODERATORS

Professor Anthony Farley teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure and Legal Theory at Albany Law School. He has been recognized as a James Campbell Matthews Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, was honored as the 11th holder of the Haywood Burns Chair in Civil Right at CUNY School of Law and was honored by the Boston College Black Law Student Association as the first recipient of *The Anthony P. Farley Excellence in Teaching Award*. He is a respected author and received his JD from Harvard Law School.

Alexandra Harrington, Esq. is Doctor of Civil Law candidate at McGill University, where her dissertation topic addresses the impact of peacekeeping forces on the legal and socio-legal systems of recipient and sending states. She received her JD from Albany Law School and in 2008 she graduated summa cum laude with a LL.M. in International Law from the school. She has written over fifteen law review articles on a variety of international and domestic law topics, including military law, human rights law, and international organizations.

Professor Alicia Ouellette is an Associate Professor of Law at Albany Law School and a Professor of Bioethics in the Union/Mt. Sinai School of Medicine Bioethics Program. She earned her J.D. magna cum laude, from Albany Law School, where she was the editor-in-chief of the Albany Law Review. She previously clerked for Judge Levine on the N.Y. State Court of Appeals, and served as an Assistant Solicitor General for the State of New York. Her research interests include end-of-life decision making, disability & pediatric ethics, disparities in health care, confidentiality of medical information, human reproduction, women's health care, and ownership of the human body.