



GET TO KNOW THE LPS FACULTY AND STAFF

Welcome to fall semester of the 2020/2021 academic year! Though this semester is nothing like any of us anticipated, the Drake University Law, Politics, and Society Department is still here to guide you through this unique and challenging time. First, we'd like to introduce you to the amazing educators and staff members who run this department. If you're a returning student, you may be interested to learn about the your professors' latest projects and greet a new face, our new visiting assistant professor, Ali Malek! If you're new to LPS, welcome! Get to know the people that run the department, learn about upcoming events, and get acquainted with the various political/ special interest groups on campus!

RENEE CRAMER, PROFESSOR & CHAIR

Professor Cramer earned her Ph.D. in Politics from New York University in 2001. Since 2004, she has been engaged in ethnographic and participant-observation field work with homebirth midwives, advocates for midwifery, and families who have had out-of-hospital births. Her new book on this work, titled *Birthing a Movement: Midwives, Law, and the Politics of Reproductive Care*, is under contract with Stanford University Press. It should be in print by February of 2021. Stanford published her previous book, *Pregnant with the Stars: Watching and Wanting the Celebrity Baby Bump* in 2015.

Professor Cramer teaches a wide range of LPS courses - including the introductory course (LPS 001) and the senior seminar (LPS 190). Her special topics courses include Law and Social Change, Reproductive Law and Politics; Critical Race and Feminist Legal Theory; and Contemporary American Indian Law and Politics, which draws on her prior research on federal tribal acknowledgment. Her first book, on that topic, was published in 2005 by University of Oklahoma Press, under the title *Cash, Color, and Colonialism: The Politics of Tribal Acknowledgment*, and re-released in paperback in 2008.

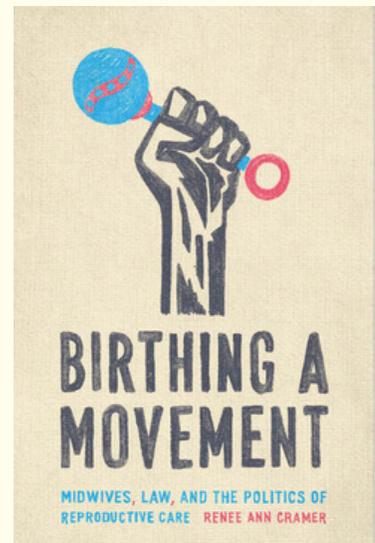
When not teaching, she enjoys hanging out with her family: her husband and son, and their two dogs. She enjoys running and biking, gardening, reading, cooking, and going to see live music. Professor Cramer directs The Slay Fund for Social Justice, and served, for the 2018/2019 academic year, as Faculty Senate President.



Professor Renee Cramer

WILLIAM GARRIOTT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

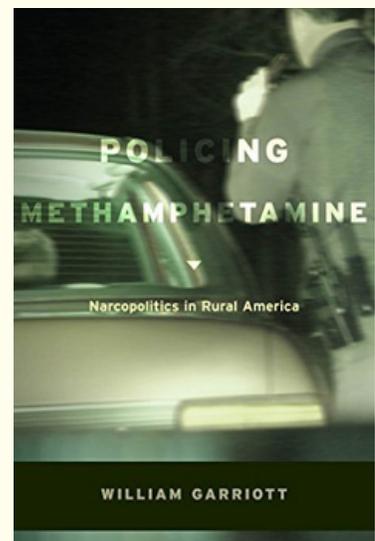
William Garriott is an Associate Professor with the LPS department. He holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Princeton University and an M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School. His research and teaching focus on the relationship between law, crime, and criminal justice, broadly conceived, with specific interest in drugs, addiction, policing, and governance. He is the author of *Policing Methamphetamine: Narcopolitics in Rural America* as well as several edited volumes on policing and addiction. He is former coeditor-in-chief of PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review. He currently serves as coeditor of the book series, *Police/Worlds: Studies in Security, Crime, and Governance* with Cornell University Press. Professor Garriott teaches courses in the core LPS curriculum, including Introduction to Law, Politics, and Society; Critical Concepts in Law, Politics, and Society; and Senior Seminar. His elective courses include Law and Order, Crime and Film, and Drugs, Law, and Society. He is currently on sabbatical.



Professor Cramer's newest book



Professor William Garriott



Professor Garriott's book

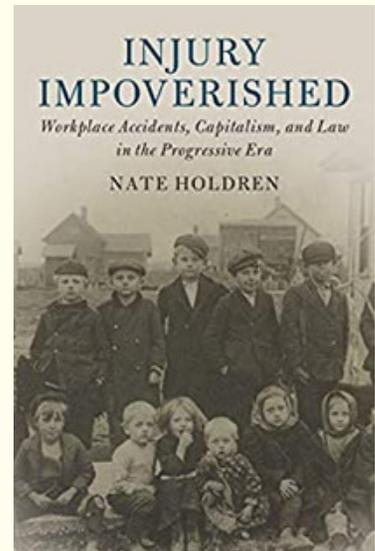
NATE HOLDREN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Nate Holdren received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Minnesota in 2014. Before coming to Drake, he was a Jerome Hall Fellow at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law. His courses at Drake include broad introductions to Law, Politics and Society, socio-legal perspectives on U.S. constitutionalism, law and employment, the role of law in the exclusion of social minorities, law and slavery, and markets in morally charged things. Professor Holdren's teaching places a heavy emphasis on writing instruction, with a focus on writing as a developmental process that requires a lot of practice. He enjoys working with newer writers and has taught repeatedly in the First Year Seminar program. He especially enjoys working with first generation college students, having been one himself. Holdren also co-facilitates a writing group for Drake faculty.

As a scholar, Professor Holdren is broadly interested in legal history, critical theory, and the relationships between law, class, and capitalism. His work investigates questions about when law produces justice and injustice, how people who govern think about their actions, and how those ideas affect the people governed. He published his first book, entitled *Injury Impoverished: Workplace Accidents, Capitalism, and Law in the Progressive Era*, in 2020 with Cambridge University Press in the series Cambridge Historical Studies in American Law and Society. The book examines the creation and early operation of workers' compensation laws in the early twentieth century United States. Since completing the book, he has been pursuing further research interests in law and critical theory and in the history of law, capitalism, and class. Outside of his academic life, he enjoys spending time with his family, exercise, gardening, music, and reading creative nonfiction.



Professor Nate Holdren



Professor Holdren's newest book

CLAUDIA KYALANGALILWA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Claudia Kyalangalilwa serves as an administrative assistant to the LPS department as well as the Mathematics/Computer Science, Philosophy and Religion departments here at Drake University. Outside of work, Claudia also works with ArtForce Iowa, an organization dedicated to transforming youth in need through art, and she has focused on working with refugee and immigrant youth specifically. Before coming to Drake, Claudia worked in refugee resettlement with Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) as their Refugee Connection Center Supervisor. There, she helped refugees overcome the obstacles that come with adjusting to life in an unfamiliar country.



Administrative Assistant Claudia Kyalangalilwa

ALI MALIK, VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Professor Ali Malik has joined the LPS Department for the 2020/2021 academic year as a visiting assistant professor. Professor Malik is completing his Ph.D in Socio-Legal Studies at York University in Toronto. He holds an MA from the American University in Cairo, where he received broad training in critical postcolonial approaches to international law/international human rights law. His current work spans legal history and legal geography, as well as legal pluralism and legal subjectivity. Both his research and teaching foreground the idea that we can better capture the multiple dimensions of legal power by complementing top-down analyses of the legal production of social inequalities and conflict with scholarship that illustrates law's generative potential through its mobilizations by variegated communities and individuals.



Visiting Assistant Professor Ali Malik

DANIEL VAN SANT, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, SPECIAL EDUCATION ATTORNEY AT DISABILITY RIGHTS IOWA

Professor Van Sant earned his B.A. from Drake in 2011, then went on to receive his M.S. in Education with a focus in Disability Studies and his J.D. from Syracuse University in 2016. Since then, he has served as a research assistant for the Syracuse School of Law, a liaison to the Commission on Disability Rights, and a staff attorney for Texas RioGrande LegalAid, where he provided legal services to survivors of sexual assault. Most recently, he's worked for Disability Rights Iowa, where he's worked as an advocate and a special education attorney. He teaches "Disability Culture and Law" for the LPS department.



Adjunct Professor Daniel Van Sant

SAMANTHA WAGNER, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, STAFF ATTORNEY AT IOWA LEGAL AID

Professor Wagner earned her B.A. in LPS at Drake in 2012 and then went on to receive her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 2015. Since then, she has clerked for Stroud, Willink, and Howard, LLC, served as a project research assistant for the Iowa chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and a staff attorney for Texas RioGrande LegalAid, where she provided legal services to survivors of sexual assault. Now, Professor Wagner works as a staff attorney for Iowa Legal Aid's Community Economic Development Project, a position she's held since 2018.



Adjunct Professor Samantha Wagner

JENNIFER ZWAGERMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE DRAKE AGRICULTURAL LAW CENTER AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

Professor Jennifer Zwagerman earned her JD from Drake University Law School and her LLM from University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville. Her area of expertise is in agricultural law and food and the law/litigation. Professor Zwagerman began her career at the Drake Law School in 2010 as a visiting/adjunct professor. She has served as the Drake Law School director of Career Development since 2011 and the director of the Drake Agricultural Law Center since 2018. Professor Zwagerman's other professional experience includes her work as an attorney at Faegre & Benson (n/k/a Faegre Baker Daniels) and as a judicial clerk for The Hon. David Hansen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Her most recent publication is titled *Proactive Policies: Building the Farm Bill of the Future Through New Collaborations and Perspectives*, 14 *Journal of Food Law & Policy* 72 (2018). She is teaching her first undergraduate class with the LPS department this semester on environmental regulation.



Assistant Professor of Law Jennifer Zwagerman

UPCOMING LPS-RELATED EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- LPS Virtual Study Session
 - Study with your peers from the comfort and safety of your room! Keep an eye out for an email with a Zoom link to join other LPS students in studying or conversation. We'll be meeting on Wednesday, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, and 11/18, from 5-6 pm. Email samantha.byrnes@drake.edu with questions.
- LPS Trivia Night
 - Join your LPS peers for a fun virtual trivia night. Details TBD!
- Delta Theta Phi Prelaw Fraternity - President Ireland Larsen (ireland.larsen@drake.edu)
 - Drake Delta Theta Phi gives students interested in law school an extraordinary advantage by providing top level connections, tools and resources, study materials, meetings with admissions, panels for questions, and more. Meetings are on Sundays at 7 pm.



Delta Theta Phi's Seal

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS/ SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS ON CAMPUS

Below is a list of the registered political organizations and special interest groups on campus. If one of them strikes your interest, you can find the email of each organization's leader next to the organization title.

- Bulldogs for Biden - addie.cosgrove@drake.edu
- Bulldogs for Joni - matt.deike@drake.edu
- College Republicans - john.altendorf@drake.edu, riley.swanson@drake.edu
- Disability Action Awareness Community - alyssa.brown@drake.edu
- Drake Comrades - abby.bankes@drake.edu
- Drake Democrats - kody.craddick@drake.edu
- Drake Political Review, nonpartisan political publication - emilyn.crabbe@drake.edu
- Drake Students for Life - maddie.smith@drake.edu
- Environmental Action League - ella.field@drake.edu
- Middle East Peace and Prosperity Alliance - annie.wadsworth@drake.edu
- Rainbow Union - brynn.yetzer@drake.edu
- Roosevelt Institute at Drake University - adam.koch@drake.edu
 - Purpose: "To promote a better America through service to the community through informed political discourse, we dedicate ourselves to organizing the participation of the student body of Drake University. We call for action based on principles and for principles backed by action. In this mission, we call for full participation without regard to ethnic origin, physical handicap, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or partisan affiliation. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in lawmaking, getting the opportunity to write and present bills to the state legislature."
- Save the Children Action Network - grace.robinson@drake.edu
 - Purpose: "Save the Children Action Network gives children a voice in politics. We hit the ground running to advocate and use our voices to make changes for children both here in the United States and globally. Through our advocacy, we increase opportunities for children to survive and thrive. Here in the United States, we work hard to improve and expand education programs so all children have access to high-quality early learning programs. Globally, SCAN provides services and education to end preventable deaths in mothers and young children."
- Students for Reproductive Justice - madeleine.leigh@drake.edu
- Students Supporting Israel - sam.veytsman@drake.edu, veytsman1229@gmail.com
- Students for Trump - cam.dines@drake.edu, grant.hill@drake.edu
- Young Americans for Freedom - ryan.fleming@drake.edu
 - Purpose: "To advocate for freedom via the means of limited government and bring civil dialogue to campus through having conversations with people from different sides of the aisle."