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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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DICKINSON LAW SCHOLARS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL RACIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN



Dickinson Law was one of seven U.S. law schools to offer two days of virtual public seminars on racial justice and equality during the Racial Justice Teach-In held in solidarity with #ScholarStrike. On September 8, Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor of Law Amy Gaudion, and Professor of Law Dermot Groome presented "Building a Faculty-wide Race and Equal Protection of the Laws Curriculum for 1Ls," sharing how the course grew out of the unanimous faculty resolution condemning violence against Black and Brown people and resolving to teach an Antiracist curriculum. The newly designed curriculum aligns with the mission of the Scholar Strike: to educate on the meaning of racial justice and to raise awareness of the impact of state violence on communities of color. Watch the interactive presentation [here](#).

A RETIREMENT GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING: TOM L. VANKIRK '70 AND HIGHMARK ENDOW VANKIRK/HIGHMARK EDUCATIONAL EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP



Tom L. VanKirk '70 and his wife, Bonnie, are endowing the VanKirk/Highmark Educational Equity Scholarship at Dickinson Law, with Highmark matching the couple's \$50,000 gift to honor VanKirk's retirement. It marks Tom and Bonnie's third major contribution to Dickinson Law, all of which have been matched 1:1 by the University. "We want to support getting more underrepresented students, in particular, involved in the educational process and in law," VanKirk said. [Full story](#)

HON. ROBERT C. JUBELIRER '62 CONFERRED TRUSTEE EMERITUS



In recognition of his years of meritorious service to the Penn State Board of Trustees and the University, Jubelirer was named trustee emeritus on September 18. Jubelirer was elected to the Board of Trustees by University alumni in July 2014. He served two terms through June 2020. Jubelirer was previously honored by Penn State with the Distinguished Alumni Award, and by the Penn State Alumni Association in being named an Alumni Fellow. He is a lifetime Alumni Association member, as well as a member of the Nittany Lion Club. [Full story](#)

CLASS OF 2023 ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE CLASSES IN HISTORY OF LAW SCHOOL



Before members of the Class of 2023 took the professionalism oath, Dean Conway shared with them, "I know that you are here because you are committed to the rule of law and the profession, and I believe that you are going to love the law like I love the law. You are the future of our profession." Amidst the pandemic, Dickinson Law welcomed one of the most diverse classes in the history of the Law School. [Full story](#)

DONELSON JOINS PRIVACY AND TECHNOLOGY PANEL TO DISCUSS FOURTH AMENDMENT AND GOVERNMENT CONDUCT



Assistant Professor of Law Raff Donelson will share his expertise on a panel titled "The Fourth Amendment, Privacy, and Technology" during the Saint Louis University Law Journal Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture on October 2. "The opportunity to converse with and learn from some of the country's top privacy scholars will be formative for me and will enrich my teaching and scholarship." As a panelist, he will discuss concerns about Fourth Amendment circularity. The panel is open to the public. [Event details and registration](#)

STAY CONNECTED: SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER EVENTS



Alumni are invited to join Dickinson Law for a series of virtual community events next month. Students, faculty, and staff look forward to reconnecting with alumni during one or more programs, including distance learning CLE for PA lawyers on topics such as blockchain and the 2020 election.

[Event details and registration](#)

A MOMENT OF SOLIDARITY



On Tuesday, September 9, Dickinson Law held a moment of silence and reflection. Dean Conway, Student Bar Association (SBA) President Elikem Tsikata '21, and Black Law Students Association Vice President Campbell Goin '22 shared brief statements acknowledging our solidarity with the Scholar Strike and Teach-In, our resolve to stop ongoing, systemic and perpetual racial and societal injustices in this country, and our ongoing support of our students, staff, faculty, and their families who are persons of color.



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