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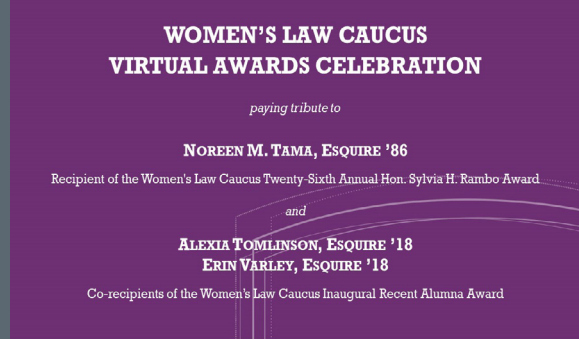
March 2021

## DEAN CONWAY AND MULTIPLE FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN RUTGERS LAW ANTIRACISM SYMPOSIUM AS PART OF DICKINSON LAW'S COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING SYSTEMIC RACISM



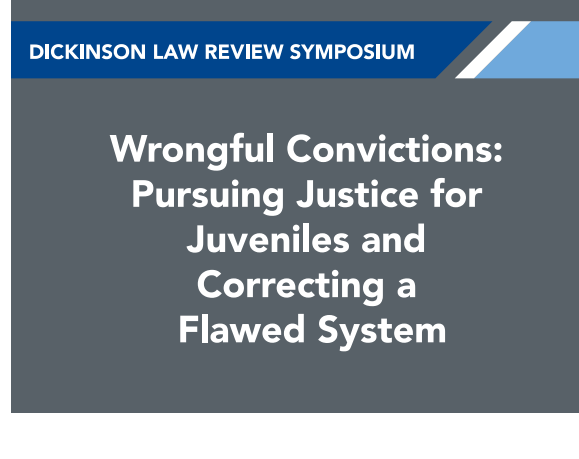
Deans Danielle M. Conway, Amy Gaudion, and Bekah Saidman-Krauss, and Professor Dermot Groome will participate in Rutgers Law School's Race and the Law Review Symposium entitled "Building an Anti-Racist Curriculum and Law School" on April 12 and April 14. Their interdependent remarks and multiple law review articles focus on different aspects of building an antiracist law school, legal academy, and legal profession through leadership, vision priorities, and transformational diversity, equity, and inclusion-focused admissions. All are available on SSRN. ***Learn more, download their papers, and register to attend***

## LAW SCHOOL ALUMNAE TO BE RECOGNIZED DURING VIRTUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION



Alumni are invited to join the Dickinson Law community and Women's Law Caucus (WLC) in honoring 1986 alumna Noreen Tama, who recently retired from her role as senior counsel, Commercial and Operations, ExxonMobil Corporation Law Department, as the Honorable Sylvia H. Rambo Award recipient during a virtual ceremony on Wednesday, Mar. 31, at 7 p.m. EST. The WLC will also recognize Alexia Tomlinson '18, Justice for Victims Fellow, Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE Institute) at Villanova Law and Erin Varley '18, Deputy District Attorney, Dauphin County District Attorney's Office, as the inaugural co-recipients of its Recent Alumna Award. Judge Rambo will deliver pre-recorded remarks as part of the ceremony. ***Register in advance***

## DICKINSON LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM: FRIDAY, APRIL 9



Join us Friday, April 9, at 9 a.m. EST for "Wrongful Convictions: Pursuing Justice for Juveniles and Correcting a Flawed System." Presented virtually on Zoom, the annual symposium will focus on wrongful juvenile convictions and the flaws that currently exist within the legal system. Experts will highlight issues such as false guilty pleas, the misuse of statistics, and the unpleasant disparities that juveniles face when they are forced through the current legal framework. This program has been approved by the PA Continuing Legal Education Board for 3.0 hours of substantive credit and 1.0 hour of ethics credit. ***Advance registration required.***

## BENJAMIN FOLKMAN '82 ENDOWS THE FOLKMAN BUSTERNA SCHOLARSHIP AT DICKINSON LAW TO HONOR LATE FRIEND STEPHEN BUSTERNA '82



Stephen Busterna '82, his wife, Jackie '96, and their sons (from left to right) Alex and Matteo (November 2003)

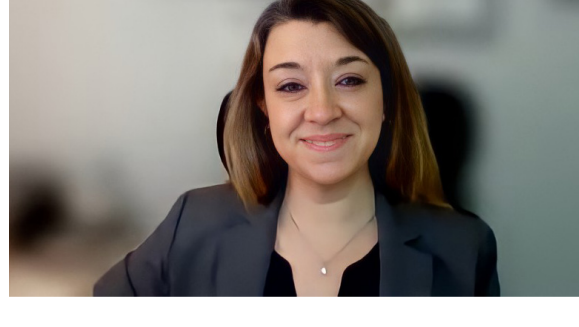
Benjamin Folkman attended Penn State Dickinson Law with Stephen Busterna, and the two 1982 graduates maintained a decades-long friendship. Folkman endowed the Folkman Busterna Scholarship to keep a "permanent connection" with his late friend, who met his wife, Jacqueline "Jackie" Busterna '96, through Dickinson Law and was always the life of the party. "It is a legacy, a permanent connection between Steve and me," said Folkman. ***Full story***

## NOMINATE A DESERVING DICKINSON LAW PROFESSOR FOR THE FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Faculty Development Committee is seeking nominations from alumni for the Faculty Excellence Award, which recognizes an individual faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, counseling, and/or academic advising; scholarly accomplishments; and service to the institution, the profession, and the community. The nominated faculty member must have taught at least one class during the 2020-2021 academic year to be eligible for the Award. Please email a letter of nomination (between 500 and 1,000 words) that explains the reason for the nomination and provides specific examples of the faculty member's outstanding performance to the Faculty Development Committee ([dlfdc@psu.edu](mailto:dlfdc@psu.edu)) by April 1, 2021.

## PROFESSOR MEGAN RIESMEYER '03 SERVES AS FEATURED PANELIST DURING PLAN AND PBA VIRTUAL BOOK TALK



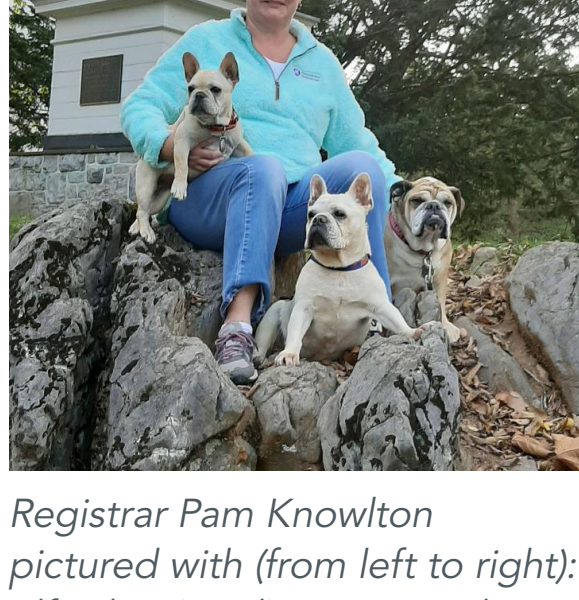
Clinical Professor and Community Law Clinic Director Megan Riesmeyer recently participated on a virtual panel to discuss Richard Rothstein's book *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. "I hope that attendees took from the panel an understanding that governmental and systemic racism were created intentionally in this country and that we can therefore work to intentionally undue some of those harms," said Riesmeyer. The panel was hosted by the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network and the Pennsylvania Bar Association and was co-sponsored by Dickinson Law. Donald F. Smith, Jr. '78, longtime legal aid advocate and former executive director of the Berks County Bar Association, served as moderator. ***Watch recorded panel***

## FIRST-YEAR DICKINSON LAW STUDENT SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS DON H. LIU SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Minh Eric Le '23 was one of three law student scholars from around the country selected to participate in the Don H. Liu Scholars Program, which recognizes law students who excel in the classroom and show great potential to succeed in a top law firm or Fortune 500 corporation. Le will receive a financial scholarship of \$15,000 as well as mentorship and assistance with his career development, including identifying potential internships. "This recognition is an affirmation of my hard work during my first semester at Penn State Dickinson Law," said Le. "It also means that I not only belong in law school, but I also belong in the legal profession." ***Full story***

## SHARE YOUR PET PHOTOS WITH DICKINSON LAW



Registrar Pam Knowlton pictured with (from left to right): Elfredge (Fred), Roger, and Thelma Lou

Do you have the most fabulous feline, pawsome dog, or chatty bird? Show us! Submit a photo of your pets (you can be included, too!) for a chance to be featured in our next issue of *Dickinson Lawyer*, the Law School's official publication for alumni, family, and friends, or on our social media channels. Whether a furry new addition to or a longtime member of your family, our pets have shared many smiles and cuddles with us and have made many Zoom appearances over the course of the pandemic as our new work from home colleagues. All pets are welcome! **Email your photo by Friday, April 16, to [dickinsonlawalum@psu.edu](mailto:dickinsonlawalum@psu.edu).** Be sure to include your full name, class year, the name and breed of your pets, a fun fact about your pets, and identify who is pictured.



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