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Three years ago, The Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America initiated its Judicial Clerkship Opinion Writing Conference, a unique event focused solely on opinion writing and open to individuals who have accepted an upcoming federal clerkship (district court or court of appeals) or state appellate court clerkship.

The website for the event can be found here: [Judicial Clerkship Opinion Writing Conference | Washington, D.C. | Columbus School of Law - The Catholic University of America - Washington, DC | CUA](#)

Over the course of the conference, conferees have received instruction from some of our nation's most distinguished members of the judiciary and bar, including judges from six different federal circuits courts, seven federal district courts, the court of federal claims, and seasoned practitioners in governmental and private practice.

In addition to instructional lectures, ethics panels, and general Q&A sessions on chambers protocol, the conferees are also guided through writing an appellate court opinion and receive individual review and commentary on their work.

Finally, each of the conferees is eligible for the CSL Prize in Judicial Clerkship Opinion Writing, judged by the conference faculty. The opinions drafted and submitted by the conferees involve First Amendment issues tied to the school's other First Amendment Initiatives, about which information can be found here: https://www.law.edu/academics/First_Amendment_Initiatives_Program.html

Since its inception, the cohort of conferees has grown to thirty-five, with a waitlist equal to that number populating within only a few weeks of the October call for applications. The accepted conferees are provided with transportation to D.C. and accommodations for a two-night stay, as well as a Welcome Reception/Dinner and meals throughout the duration of the events.

The three day-event has thus far brought nearly one hundred rising clerks to our campus—from as far away as Hawaii and as close by as D.C.—and from schools that include Harvard, Notre Dame, Berkeley, Cornell, Penn State, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Georgetown, and UCLA, to name only a few.

As this is a singular enterprise in legal education—one providing critical instruction to some of the best among the nation's future practitioners—we hope that you will consider this opportunity to partner with us in this way, or on any of our First Amendment Initiatives. If we can provide you with any other information or meet with you about this matter, please let us know.

FACULTY PARTICIPANTS



A.G. HARMON, PH.D.

A.G. Harmon is the author of *A House All Stilled*, the winner of The Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel in 2001. His short story collection, *Some Bore Gifts*, was published by Word Galaxy Press in 2018. Other fiction, essays, and reviews have appeared in such publications as *Triquarterly*, *The Antioch Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Image*, *The Bellingham Review*, *Logos*, *The Arkansas Review*, *Dappled Things*, and *Commonweal*. His work on Shakespeare and the law, *Eternal Bonds*, was published by SUNY Press in 2004. He received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee and his Ph.D. in English from The Catholic University of America. He has taught a range of courses at CSL, including Remedies, Jurisprudence, Professional Responsibility, Legal Drafting, and courses in scholarly writing. He is the Co-Director of CSL's Seigenthaler Sutherland-Cup First Amendment Moot Court Competition.



J. JOEL ALICEA

Joel Alicea joined the Catholic Law faculty in 2020 after having practiced law for several years at the law firm of Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, where he specialized in constitutional litigation. He previously served as a law clerk for Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., on the United States Supreme Court and for Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is a Fellow at the Columbus School of Law's Center for Religious Liberty.



SUSANNA FREDERICK FISCHER

Susanna Fischer joined the faculty of Columbus School of Law in 1999, where she teaches or has taught a variety of courses in the fields of creativity, constitutional law, and comparative law, including art law, music law, entertainment law, copyright law, comparative law, comparative constitutional law, and constitutional law. She obtained her legal education at Merton College, University of Oxford, where she received a B.A. in jurisprudence, and the University of Virginia School of Law, from which she was awarded the L.L.M. She is the Director of CSL's International Human Rights Summer Law School Program in Rome, Italy and the Co-Director of CSL's Seigenthaler Sutherland-Cup First Amendment Moot Court Competition.

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