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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Erica Behm, Co-Editor-in-Chief, Intercultural Human Rights Law Review

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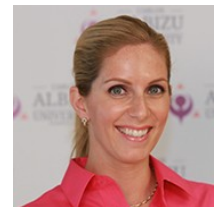
Speakers & Presentations



Professor JoNel Newman

The Promises and Perils of Asserting Entitlement to Health Care as a Human Right

Professor Newman is the Professor of Clinical Legal Education and Roger Shindler Fellow at the University of Miami School of Law, received her B.A. with honors, summa cum laude from the University of Missouri. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was a senior editor of the Yale Law Journal. She has been awarded the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award by the ABA Section of Litigation and the Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence by the Florida Bar Foundation for her advocacy on behalf of disabled immigrants. She teaches professional responsibility, civil procedure, and directs the Health Rights Clinic. Since 2005 this medical-legal partnership has successfully represented thousands of indigent clients who receive care in the in the Adult and Prenatal HIV Clinics with the University of Miami's Comprehensive AIDS Program, at Jefferson Reaves Sr. Community Health Center, the Pediatric Mobile Clinic and through Veteran's Service Organizations.



Dr. Samantha Behbahani

The Implications of the PPACA on Mental Health Care

Dr. Samantha M. Behbahani received her B.A. in Psychology with minor in Health Promotion from the American University (Washington DC), her M.S. in Psychology and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University. Her clinical internship was at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Her fellowship work at the UM Division of Cardiology focused on heart failure, heart and lung transplant, and cardiac rehabilitation. She earned a Postdoctoral Masters in Clinical Psychopharmacology and received training at the South Florida State Hospital and in the Division of Consultation/ Liaison Psychiatry at the UM-Miller School of Medicine. Her Research interests lie within health psychology and behavioral medicine, organ transplant, psychology in the primary care setting, existential implications of illness, the application of psychodynamic theory to medical illness, psychotherapy as an adjunctive technique in cardiac rehabilitation, psychopharmacology, and the role of somatoform disorders in clinical practice. Dr. Behbahani is Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology and the Health Psychology Concentration Coordinator at Carlos Albizu University. She has served as adjunct professor at Miami Dade College and at Nova Southeastern University's School of Dental Medicine. Her private practice focuses on adult psychotherapy and assessments. She maintains clinical privileges at University of Miami Hospital and Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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Representative Richard Stark

PPACA: Politics and Public Policy



Richard Stark is a Democratic member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 104th District, which includes southern Broward County, stretching from Pembroke Pines to the Collier County border, since 2012. Stark was born in New York City, New York, and attended the University of Denver, where he graduated with a degree in political science in 1974. After that, he moved to the state of Florida, where he worked as a private insurance agent, and for twelve years, lobbied the state and federal government to pass health care reform.

In 2012, following the reconfiguration of Florida House districts, Stark opted to run in the newly created 104th District, based in Broward County, including the cities of Pembroke Pines, Weston, Southwest Ranches and the Everglades Wildlife Management Area. He won by 61% of the vote, and was sworn in later that year.

Professor June Mary Makdisi

Problems with the PPACA



Professor Makdisi teaches at St. Thomas University School of Law. Before joining the faculty in 1999, Professor Makdisi clerked for Chief Justice Pascal Calogero (1996-97) and Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll (1997-99) of the Louisiana State Supreme Court. Professor Makdisi began law school at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Cleveland State Law Review, and transferred to the University of Tulsa College of Law, where she graduated with honors.

Professor Makdisi's research interests concerning the legal issues arising from the application of biotechnology dovetail with the courses that she teaches: Bioethics, Torts, and Family Law. She has published in a number of journals, including Creighton Law Review, Nebraska Law Review, Pepperdine Law Review, Rutgers Law Journal, St. John's Law Review, and The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly.

Carol Castleberry, Esq.

A Right to Health in International Law?



Ms. Castleberry serves as Senior Staff Attorney for the Honorable Edward C. LaRose at the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, where she also serves as an intern mentor and a Florida Supreme Court Justice Teaching Initiative Volunteer in Hillsborough County Schools. She is also a second-semester student in the Intercultural Human Rights LL.M. program at St. Thomas University School of Law and an Executive Editor of the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review.

Ms. Castleberry has served as an adjunct instructor of Social Justice at the University of South Florida., and she has guest-lectured at Stetson University College of Law on The Steps of Social Justice Advocacy, has co-chaired a Social Justice Luncheon Speaker Series on Public and Pro Bono Law, has offered lectured on Tips for Advocating at the Second District Court of Appeal in Stetson's Appellate Advocacy class. She has volunteered as a mock oral argument judge at Stetson and the University of Tampa and as a judge for Stetson's Alternative Dispute Resolution National Competition. Ms. Castleberry earned a B.A. in Anthropology from Vanderbilt University, a J.D. from Stetson University School of Law, and an M.A. in Social Justice from Loyola University of Chicago, where she was a Loyola Evoke Scholar.

Concluding Remarks

Valeria Vismara & Cristina Morales

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