

## 2023 Law Med Conference Speaker Bios:

**Khiara M. Bridges** is a professor of law at UC Berkeley School of Law. She has written many articles concerning race, class, reproductive rights and the intersection of the three. Her scholarship has appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *the Columbia Law Review*, *the California Law Review*, *the NYU Law Review* and the *Virginia Law Review*, among others. She is also the author of three books: *Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization* (2011), *The Poverty of Privacy Rights* (2017) and *Critical Race Theory: A Primer* (2019). She is a coeditor of a reproductive justice book series that is published under the imprint of the University of California Press.

Bridges graduated as valedictorian from Spelman College, receiving her degree in three years. She received her JD from Columbia Law School and her PhD, with distinction, from Columbia University's Department of Anthropology. While in law school, she was a teaching assistant for the former dean, David Leebron (Torts), as well as for the late E. Allan Farnsworth (Contracts). She was a member of the Columbia Law Review and a Kent Scholar. She speaks fluent Spanish and basic Arabic and is a classically trained ballet dancer.

**Danielle Czarnecki** is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. She earned her PhD in Sociology and a Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society (STS) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She completed postdoctoral fellowships at McGill University and the University of Cincinnati, where she was a researcher with the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network.

Professor Czarnecki's research focuses on issues related to gender, technology and reproduction. Her current research examines people's moral lives in the context of their experiences with contested medical technologies and procedures. She has studied Christian women's experiences with infertility and assisted reproductive technologies, how health care providers make decisions about participation in abortion care, women's experiences with genetic carrier testing in reproductive health care settings and how policy restrictions on reproductive health care impact patients and clinicians. Her work has been published in *Gender & Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Contraception and Health Expectations*.

**Greer Donley** is a John E. Murray Faculty Scholar and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She is a national expert on abortion and the law. Donley's scholarly works have been published or are forthcoming in the Stanford

Law Review, Columbia Law Review, Cornell Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, and Minnesota Law Review, among others. Her popular writing often appears in the New York Times, The Atlantic, and Slate, and she is quoted extensively in the media on topics related to medication abortion, interjurisdictional abortion conflicts, and the impact of abortion bans on other aspects of reproductive healthcare.

**Farah Diaz-Tello** is an attorney whose career is dedicated to the pursuit of reproductive justice, with a focus on dignity in pregnancy and across the spectrum of pregnancy outcomes. Prior to coming to the SIA Legal Team, Farah was a Senior Staff Attorney at National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW), and brings over eight years of experience working at the intersection of reproduction and criminalization. While at NAPW, she developed and directed the organization's programming in human rights and Birth Justice, represented women and amicus curiae groups in pre-trial and appellate proceedings, and designed and conducted continuing education trainings for lawyers, judges, physicians and midwives. She is a frequent lecturer and has presented on criminalization of pregnancy and rights in childbirth around the world. Before that, she worked with the City University of New York School of Law's International Human Rights Clinic to raise the voices of Nicaraguan feminists exposing the suffering caused by their nation's blanket ban on abortion to the UN Human Rights Committee, and to hold Mexico accountable in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for failing to address the murders of hundreds of women in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.

Farah has provided legal analysis to TV, radio and print publications, and is the author of *Invisible Wounds: Obstetric Violence in the United States (Reproductive Health Matters)*, and *When the Invisible Hand Wields a Scalpel (City University of New York Law Review)*, as well as several commentaries for Rewire News. Farah serves on the board of directors of Backline, including two years as its president, and is the interim clerk for the board of the Family Law Cannabis Alliance. An alumna of the City University of New York School of Law, where she was a Haywood Burns Fellow in Civil and Human Rights, she is a proud Texan and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

**Jessie Hill**, JD, is Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Judge Ben C. Green Professor of Law. She joined the faculty in 2003 after practicing First Amendment and civil rights law with the firm of Berkman, Gordon, Murray & DeVan in Cleveland. Before entering private practice, Hill worked at the Reproductive Freedom Project of the national ACLU office in New York, litigating challenges to state-law restrictions on reproductive rights. She also served as law clerk to the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Hill's teaching focuses on constitutional law, civil rights, reproductive rights, and law and religion. Her scholarship has been published in the Michigan Law Review, the Duke Law Journal, the Georgetown Law Journal and the Texas Law Review, among others.

**Raymond Ku** is the Laura B. Chisolm Distinguished Research Scholar and Professor Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He has also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Co-Director of Case's Center for Law, Technology and the Art. He received his JD, cum laude, from New York University School of Law where he was a Leonard Boudin First Amendment Fellow in the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program, and his AB with Honors from Brown University where he was the recipient of the Philo Sherman Bennet Prize for the best political science thesis discussing the principles of free government. Ku clerked for the Honorable Timothy K. Lewis, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He then practiced constitutional, intellectual property, and antitrust law with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, and First Amendment/media and intellectual property law with Levine Pierson Sullivan & Koch, L.L.P., both in Washington, D.C. He has taught at Cornell Law School, Seton Hall University School of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and St. Thomas University School of Law.

An internationally recognized scholar, Ku writes on legal issues impacting individual liberty, creativity, and technology. His areas of expertise include Constitutional Law, Cyberlaw, Privacy and Copyright. His articles appear in the law reviews and journals of Berkeley, Chicago, Georgetown, Minnesota, Vanderbilt and Wisconsin among others, and he is the lead author of the first casebook devoted exclusively to the study of cyberspace law. Ku was the 2009 recipient of the Case Western Reserve University Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Teacher Award and voted Professor of the Year by the graduating class of 2009.

**Professor Kuykendall** has a scholarly interest in the relationship between legal definitions of marriage and the evolving common usage of the word. She also writes in the area of corporate law and has co-chaired MSU Law's concentration in the area. She helped revise the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act and has been the reporter of the Michigan Business Corporation Act. She has planned Michigan State Law Review symposia, including "Business Law and Narrative" in September 2009, and "Modernizing Marriage through E-Marriage" in November 2010. She has published extensively in law reviews and leading blogs.

Prior to her law career, Kuykendall conducted civil justice research in an office attached to the U.S. Office of the Attorney General at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She served as Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for the National Center for State Courts, and was the first woman and first non-lawyer in the country to hold the position. Upon receiving her Juris Doctor degree, Kuykendall clerked for the Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. She then spent six years as an associate in the New York City firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, practicing in the area of corporate finance.

**Elizabeth Kukura** is an Assistant Professor of Law at Drexel University's Kline School of Law, where her research explores the intersections of health law and gender with a particular focus on reproductive health and the law and politics of childbirth. Her recent scholarship has explored obstetric violence, midwifery regulation, the impact of *Dobbs* on medical self-determination, and the role of law in addressing the maternal health crisis.

Professor Kukura's scholarship has appeared in such journals as the Georgetown Law Journal, the Washington & Lee Law Review, the Fordham Law Review, the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, and the Temple Law Review.

Before joining the Kline School of Law, Professor Kukura taught at the Temple University Beasley School of Law. She has also taught at Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine in the Center for Urban Bioethics. Previously, she practiced at Bryan Cave LLP in New York, where she litigated securities, employment, and other commercial matters, and engaged in pro bono work to advance LGBTQ rights. She received her JD from New York University School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the NYU Review of Law & Social Change. She also holds an LLM from Temple University Beasley School of Law and an MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics & Political Science.

**Maya Manian** is a Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Health Law and Policy Program at American University Washington College of Law. She teaches courses on constitutional law, public health law and reproductive health care, and has also taught family law and contracts courses.

Manian is a nationally recognized expert on reproductive rights and justice. Her scholarship investigates the relationship between constitutional law, family law and health care law, with a particular focus on access to reproductive health care. She publishes and presents widely on abortion rights and has authored numerous law journal articles and book chapters on the subject. Her current work uses sociological methods to understand how legal restrictions on abortion care might constrain a wide range of women and pregnant people's medical care.

Manian earned her juris doctorate magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. She is currently a PhD candidate in medical sociology at the University of California San Francisco.

**Carolette Norwood** is Professor and Department Head of Sociology and Criminology at Howard University. Norwood is a Black feminist sociologist whose research explores the implications of violence (structural, spatial and interpersonal) at the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, and space on reproductive and sexual health injustice for Black women. Norwood's funded research on Black women's economic mobility and reproductive (in)justice in Cincinnati collectively informs her first book project, tentatively titled, *Jim Crow Geographies: Mapping the Intersections of Poverty, Gender, Race, and*

*Sexuality in Urbane Space* (under contract with Columbia University Press). Norwood's work also explores the simultaneity and particularities of feminism(s) in the African diaspora within and across geographical and global contexts. She earned a PhD in sociology from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and was an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow at the Université de Montreal in African demography. She earned an MA in liberal arts with a concentration in African American studies and BA degrees in sociology and French from Louisiana State University.

Norwood's work is published in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*, *Journal of Black Psychology*, *The American Journal of Public Health*, *The American Journal of Health Studies*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of International Women's Studies*, *Development in Practice*, *Sociology Compass*, *Societies*, etc. Her work has been generously funded by the National Institute of Health via University of California San Francisco Center of AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, Andrew Mellon Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Charles Phelps Taft Research Center, the Greater Cincinnati Women's Fund, and in summer 2022, Norwood was an Urban Institute and Goldman Sachs funded scholar for the One Million Black Women: Closing the Wealth Gap research project.

**Cynthia Soohoo** is Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic (formerly named International Women's Human Rights Clinic) at the City of New York School of Law. She is an expert on reproductive justice, women's human rights and human rights advocacy in the United States. She supervises the clinic's work on reproductive rights and health, trafficking and youth in the adult criminal justice system.

Prior to coming to CUNY, Soohoo was the Director of the US Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights. In addition to managing US litigation and state advocacy work, she spearheaded and supervised the development of the Center's US human rights advocacy and fact-finding work and the growth of its Law School Initiative.

From 2001-2007, Soohoo was the Director of the Bringing Human Rights Home Project, Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School and a supervising attorney for the law school's Human Rights Clinic. She has worked on US human rights issues before UN human rights bodies, the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, and in domestic courts. Soohoo practiced law at the firm Covington & Burling for six years and was co-counsel in the landmark Alien Tort Statute case, *Doe v. Karadzic*.

Soohoo is an author and frequent commentator on women's human rights, the rights of youth in detention and human rights advocacy in the United States. She has authored submissions to the US Supreme Court, appellate courts and international forums on access to abortion, forced sterilization and criminalization of reproductive choices. She co-edited *Bringing Human Rights Home*, a three-volume book on human rights in the United States, which received the 2008 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award. She

is a co-editor (with Professor Richard Storrow) of the *Reproductive Rights Professor Blog* and frequent contributor to the *Bringing Human Rights Home Law Professor Blog*.

Soohee is on the board of the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative and the Advisory Board for the Lawyering Project. She is the former board chair of the U.S. Human Rights Network, a national network dedicated to building and strengthening a people centered human rights movement in the United States. She served as co-chair of the American Constitutional Society's Working Group on International Law and the Constitution and as a member of the national board of If/When/How (formerly Law Students for Reproductive Justice).

Soohee is a cum laude graduate of Williams College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was an editor of the Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. She is a former law clerk to the Hon. Gerard L. Goettel, U.S.D.J., S.D.N.Y.

**Marc Spindelman**, the Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Following law school, Spindelman clerked for Judge (now Chief Judge) Alice M. Batchelder on the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and was an associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York City.

After leaving Wall Street, he was a Reginald F. Lewis Fellow for Law Teaching at Harvard Law School, taught as a Visiting Instructor at the University of Michigan Law School and spent two years as a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University. While a Greenwall Fellow, Spindelman was also an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center, a faculty associate at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and a research fellow at the US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Since joining the faculty at the Moritz College of Law, Spindelman also has been a visiting professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center (Spring '05), and at the University of Michigan Law School (AY '07-'08).

Spindelman's scholarship focuses largely on questions of inequality as they intersect law and culture. In addition to current and recent work focused on LGBT rights and reproductive justice, he is the co-author of a leading casebook in Family Law, has published numerous articles (see below), and has been quoted widely in the press. He regularly teaches Constitutional Law, Family Law, Constitutional Law Theory, Critical Theory/Critical Lawyering, Social Justice and the Law and Sexual Violence and the Law. Other courses he has recently taught include *The Lawyer in the Community* and an innovative course called *The Rule of Law in the Age of Legal Change*.

**Professor Katie Watson** is a lawyer (New York U School of Law) who clerked in the federal judiciary and practiced public interest law before coming to Northwestern, and a

bioethicist who completed fellowships in clinical medical ethics (University of Chicago Medical School MacLean Center) and medical humanities (Feinberg School of Medicine). She currently teaches law, ethics and humanities to medical students and students in the NU masters program in bioethics and medical humanities. She has been a member of the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Ethics Committee for over a decade, she recently finished a term on the Board of Directors of the American Society for Bioethics & Humanities (ASBH), and she is a member of the Editorial Board of the AMA Journal of Ethics.

Watson is currently serving terms on the Board of the National Abortion Federation (NAF, the professional organization of independent abortion clinics) and on the National Medical Council of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. In 2018 Watson published *Scarlet A: The Ethics, Law and Politics of Ordinary Abortion* (Oxford University Press) which the New York Times called "revolutionary." Professor Watson also has a background in theater. She is a playwright and an adjunct faculty member at the training center of Chicago's Second City theatre. In 2002 she created a seminar in what she calls "medical improv to improve doctor-patient communication, and in response to national recognition of her new training approach, in 2013 she began leading a yearly Train-the-Trainer workshop. She is the recipient of the medical school's Gender Equity Award, Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, and Joost Award for Large Group lecturing