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A Rudman Center Roundup

Rudman Center events this fall included a discussion of the SCOTUS ruling upholding key provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act and a full-day conference focusing on *The Jurisprudential Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, a new book edited by UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law professors Ryan Vacca and Ann Bartow, and a conversation with Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi, who serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. In other Rudman news: Professor John Greabe is stepping down as director of the Rudman Center. Laura Knoy, community engagement director of the Rudman Center, will step in as interim director this spring. She has also recently taken over as host of the Legal Impact

podcast. Listen to her interview with Professor Greabe [here](#). Read on for more details on these and other news items.

Prof. John Greabe Steps Down as Director of the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Service. Laura Knoy to Serve as Interim Director



Professor John Greabe



Laura Knoy

Laura Knoy, who joined the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership & Public Policy as community engagement director in 2022, will serve as the Rudman Center's interim director. Knoy, an award-winning journalist, hosted New Hampshire Public Radio's Exchange program for 25 years before stepping down in 2021.

Professor John Greabe is stepping down after serving as director of the Rudman Center for five and a half years and leading it during a time of significant growth. The incoming director, to be announced in the coming months, begins in the fall of 2024. For more on this transition, visit [here](#).

I have loved every minute of my time leading the Rudman Center. And I am very pleased with how the Center is situated to advance the causes of justice, leadership, and public service as we move ahead. But it is time for me to return to a focus on my teaching and writing, which are my true loves. — Professor John Greabe

Alison Curelop Lecture with Dana Remus, former Whitehouse Counsel



Dana Remus

From 2021 to 2022, Dana Remus served as Assistant to the President and White House Counsel for President Biden, leading the administration's efforts in confirming Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and advising on a range of policy initiatives. She has also taught at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. Remus joined us to discuss her work for the Biden Administration, including on the Electoral Count Reform Act and standards for Artificial intelligence.

A law degree is an incredibly powerful thing. I know that law school can be a grind sometimes. It can be hard. It can be stressful, but a law degree allows you to participate in this country, and in the world, in such meaningful ways. It comes with huge responsibility. I'm firmly convinced that it was the countless lawyers in this country who came together, who ensured that we ultimately had respect for the election results in 2020 and we had a peaceful transfer of power. — Dana Remus

A Conversation with Professor Bruce N. Duthu on the Significance of Haaland v. Brackeen Decision, a Landmark Victory for Tribal Sovereignty and Native Families



Professor N. Bruce Duthu

The Indian Child Welfare Act has faced several legal challenges since it was passed by Congress in 1978, most recently in the Haaland v. Brackeen case. But in a 7 - 2 ruling in June 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected several constitutional challenges to the ICWA. Professor N. Bruce Duthu, chair of Native American & Indigenous Studies at Dartmouth College, discussed the significance of this ruling and other Native American matters during a conversation moderated by Laura Knoy, the Rudman Center's community engagement director. For more, visit [here](#).

I was surprised at the vote. I was surprised at the strong endorsement and clarification by those seven justices to say, 'This is what the Indian Commerce Clause means.' The justices confirmed that Congress has the power to regulate Indian child placement preferences under the Indian Commerce Clause. – Prof. N. Bruce Duthu

New Hampshire Together: Sharing Perspectives, Seeking Common Ground



New Hampshire Together participants at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law

The Rudman Center took part in the New Hampshire Together project, a series of small group discussions focusing on Granite State issues organized by The People, a non-partisan group that “gathers and enables everyday Americans to find common ground and take action together to create a government that is truly of, by, and for the people.” Participants shared their views on New Hampshire’s strengths and weaknesses. For more, visit [here](#).

It has been a privilege to hear from everyday NH residents: what they appreciate about their communities and also what their common concerns are. It is inspiring to think we can find common ground and move forward on issues that have been neglected due to polarization. — Martha Madsen, NH Project Manager for The People

Lyndsay N. Robinson receives 2023 Bruce E. Friedman Pro Bono Award



Lyndsay N. Robinson

Lyndsay N. Robinson, an attorney with Shaheen & Gordon, received the 2023 Bruce E. Friedman Pro Bono Award, which honors a University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law graduate and member of the New Hampshire bar who exemplifies Bruce Friedman’s commitment to representing the indigent through exemplary pro bono service. Robinson’s pro bono work includes the DOVE project, a 603 Legal Aid pro bono program that supports victims of domestic violence and/or stalking. For more, visit [here](#).

“I am so glad that I’ve been able to help them, but they have helped me in more ways than I could have ever imagined. They have humbled me. They have kept me grounded. They have challenged me, and they have helped me become a better advocate.” — Lyndsay N. Robinson.

Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi on His Beginnings as an Attorney and His Judicial Journey: ‘You have to find your niche.’



Laura Knoy and Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi

Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi, who lives in Puerto Rico and serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, discussed his long and varied career during a conversation moderated by Laura Knoy, the Rudman Center’s community engagement director.

Judge Gelpi’s advice for law students: “Work hard, work hard, work harder, work even harder,” Gelpi said, quoting his mentor, the late Judge Norman H. Stahl, during a recent visit to UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. For more, visit [here](#).

Sentencing is the toughest part. In 15 years as a district court judge, I sentenced over 4,000 individuals. And I always slept well. I never had any issues. But it is something very delicate. It’s not a mechanical process. You have to individualize the defendant.

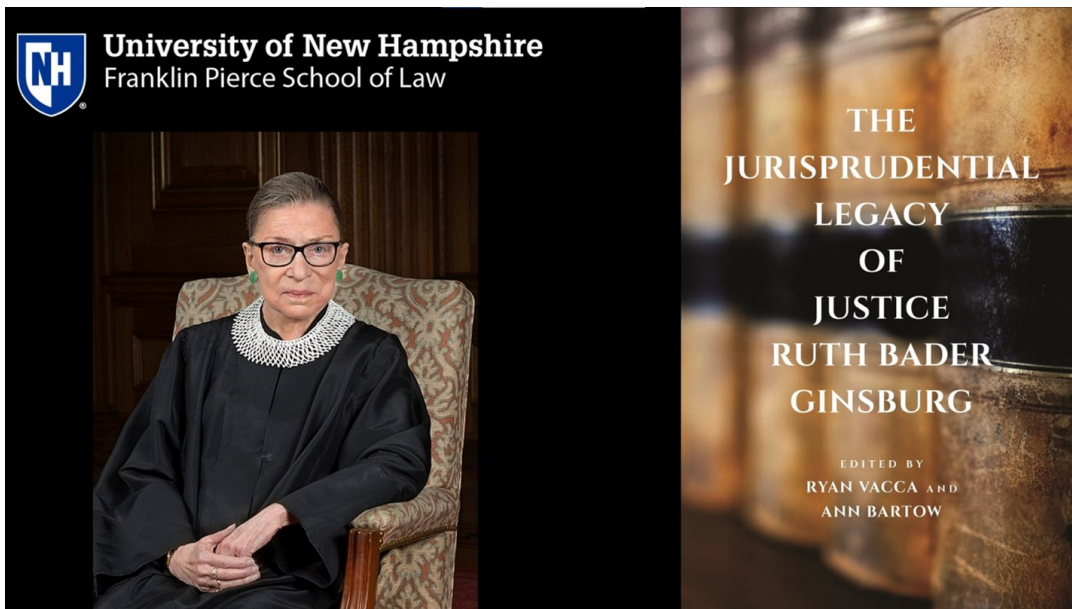
– Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi

Conference Reveals Rich, Nuanced Portrait of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Jurisprudence

Living constitutionalist, incrementalist, empathetic, progressive but strategic: These were among the descriptions of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during a conference that focused on a new book edited by UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law Professors Ryan Vacca and Ann Bartow: *The Jurisprudential Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. For more, including a link to a Legal Impact episode with Professor Vaca, visit [here](#).

“She was a big proponent of protecting the speech we hate and protecting offensive speech. But she was not an absolutist on freedom of expression either. She believed that speech was a continuum, and there is some speech that should be very protected and some speech that’s not protected at all. She definitely believed in categories of speech that deserved no protection, such as incitement.

– Professor JoAnn Sweeny, University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law





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