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CSU|LAW Pardon, Clemency + Reentry Clinic Granted Five Pardons in 2023

The **CSU|LAW Pardon, Clemency + Reentry Clinic (PCR Clinic)** launched in 2022 to help individuals in Northeast Ohio continue to redefine themselves and their futures after a criminal conviction. In its first full year of operation in 2023, the Clinic experienced numerous successful outcomes. That includes five pardons issued by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

“The impact of receiving the pardons is amazing but it is all about the clients and their hard work,” explained **Clinic Director Khalida Sims Jackson** (*pictured second-right*). “It is fulfilling as a lawyer and an educator to have students see first-hand various impacts of the criminal justice system on a person's life.”

Jalina Lockhart (*pictured second-left*) became the first PCR client to be granted a pardon in February 2023. Lockhart was a member of the Ohio Army National Guard but struggled as a young, single mother and ultimately was arrested on a drug offense, and later gun possession and obstruction of justice due to an unfortunate set of circumstances. After spending a year in prison, Lockhart went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University. She went on to receive a master's degree and was hired at Cleveland EMS. Part of the reason Lockhart sought clemency was so she could reenroll in the Army National Guard.

CSU|LAW 3L student Justin Daniels Dawes worked diligently with **CSU|LAW Professor Robert Triozzi** to best prepare Lockhart for her hearing. They had mock hearings and several meetings to ensure Lockhart was prepared for her hearing.

Judith Amicone (*pictured left*) also received a pardon as a PCR client. Amicone currently serves as the Supervisor of Addiction Services for The Centers for Families and Children and is a licensed chemical dependency counselor. She went through a long and inspiring journey to sobriety after severely injuring a woman while driving under the influence. Her current occupation was inspired by the offense, for which she has been pardoned.

CSULAW 3L student Maggie Weaver assisted on Amicone's case and led a mock hearing with her.

"The CSU|LAW team was a tremendous help throughout the process," said Amicone. "I felt 100% prepared for the hearing and the preparation really helped ease my nerves about the whole thing. I can't thank the CSU|LAW Clinic enough."

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Hon. Maureen O'Connor '80 Received Courageous Judges Award

Former **Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice** and **CSU|LAW Jurist-in-Residence and Hall of Fame member Maureen O'Connor '80** received the prestigious Courageous Judges Award from the The National Judicial College (NJC). In honor of the NJC's 60th Anniversary, the College selected 60 judges, present and past, from courts in the United States and abroad, who have demonstrated courage in upholding the rule of law and providing justice for all.

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Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNVEILED: THE DIGITAL FRONTIER OF WEBCAM PORNOGRAPHY

This course will examine the mental health & legal implications of human trafficking & its ties to modern technology. Presenters will include legal, law enforcement, and mental health professionals who will explore the supply and demand for human exploitation and the billion dollar, international, web-based sex industry.

JANUARY 26, 2024
9:00AM - 12:15PM

MOOT COURT ROOM
CSU|LAW
1801 Euclid Ave.

* Registration: \$79

* Free for CSU faculty, staff & students

** CLE Credit: 3.0 hours



Kirsti Mouncey
Keynote Presenter

President & CEO,
Collaborative to End Human Trafficking



Maya Simek, ESQ.
Legal Presenter
Legal Director, Equality Ohio



Detective John Morgan
Law Enforcement Presenter
Human Trafficking Task Force,
Cuyahoga County Sherriffs Department



Brian Le Clair, PHD.
Mental Health Presenter

Cosponsored by CSU|LAW Center for Health Law & Policy
and CSU Levin College of Public Affairs and Education



Human Trafficking Unveiled: The Digital Frontier of Webcam Pornography

Friday, January 26 | 9:00 a.m.
Moot Court Room & Virtual

Co-sponsored by CSU|LAW Center for Health Law & Policy and CSU Levin College of Public Affairs and Education

The recent arrest of Andrew Tate revealed the growing market for webcam pornography and the industries link to human trafficking. This course will examine the intersecting mental health and legal implications of human trafficking and its ties to modern technology. Course presenters will include legal, law enforcement, and mental health professionals who will explore both the supply and the demand for human exploitation and the billion dollar, international, web-based sex industry.

3 CLE hours

[Register Here](#)

JOURNAL OF LAW & HEALTH SYMPOSIUM: RACIAL DISPARITIES & HEALTH OUTCOMES

This symposium will examine the implications of discrimination, racism, and marginalization of communities as it relates to healthcare and health outcomes.

* In-person & virtual

February 9, 2024
9:00AM - 3:15PM

MOOT COURT ROOM
CSU|LAW
1801 Euclid Ave.

* Registration: \$75

* Free for CSU faculty,
staff & students

** CLE Credit: 5.25 hours



Dr. Khiara M. Bridges

Keynote Presenter

Professor of Law,
UC Berkeley School of Law

- * Ruqaiijah Yearby, OSU Moritz College of Law
- * Shavonnie Carthens, University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law
- * Allison Whelan, Georgia State University College of Law
- * Dr. Sharona Hoffman, CWRU School of Law
- * Dr. Andy Podgurski, CWRU School of Law
- * Angela Dixon, Mississippi College School of Law
- * Barbara Zabawa, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
- * Dr. Abayomi Jones, Georgia State University College of Law
- * John Parsi, University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Law

Visit [CSULAW.ORG](https://www.csulaw.org) to register



Journal of Law & Health Symposium: Racial Disparities & Health Outcomes

Friday, February 9 | 9:00 a.m.

Virtual

Join the *Journal of Law and Health* for a thought-provoking Symposium on racial disparities and health outcomes. Panelists will explore the impact of discrimination on maternal and infant health, incarceration, Medicaid and Medicare services, and healthcare accessibility in a post-pandemic and post-Dobbs society.

Featured keynote speaker Dr. Khiara M. Bridges is a renowned attorney, anthropologist, and professor at Berkeley Law.

The virtual Symposium includes a watch party in CSU Law's Moot Court Room.

The *Journal* also seeks support in reaching their fundraising goals to enhance the journal experience for associates and editors while preparing them for a brighter future and making a significant impact in healthcare equity.

5.25 hours pending

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A Conversation and Book Signing with Author Heather Cox Richardson

Wednesday, March 6 | 11:30 a.m.
Moot Court Room

Join CSU|LAW for an intimate conversation with author and historian Heather Cox Richardson in the Moot Court Room about her latest book *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

DEMOCRACY AWAKENING

Notes on the
State of America

HEATHER COX
RICHARDSON

Author of the newsletter
LETTERS FROM AN AMERICAN

Richardson examines a small group of wealthy people who have made war on American ideals. By weaponizing language and promoting false history, they have led the American people into authoritarianism - creating a disaffected population with the promise of recreating an imagined past. Richardson argues that taking our country back starts by remembering the elements of the nation's true history that marginalized Americans have always upheld.

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A promotional banner for a cybersecurity conference. The background features a dark blue cityscape at night with glowing digital data points and lines. A large, stylized green arrow points from the right towards the center. The text is in white and green.

Cybersecurity
Conference
2024
April 18 - 19

CSU LAW
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SAVE the DATE!

2024 Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Conference

Thursday, April 18 - Friday, April 19 | All Day
Moot Court Room

CSU College of Law's Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Conference is one of the leading educational and networking events in the Great Lakes region and features rich content of interest to legal and compliance professionals, information technology and security experts, and executives responsible for developing security and privacy policies.

More details to come

9.0 OH CLE Credit Hours pending (9.0 General Credit Hours and 1.0 Attorney Professional Conduct Credit Hours)

9.0 IAPP CPE credits (CIPP/US, CIPP/E, CIPM, CIPT)

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Prof. Hoffman Published on the Future of Electronic Monitoring Regulations

Professor Laura Hoffman recently published an article, "Current State of U.S. Regulation of Electronic Monitoring to Combat Elder Abuse and Its Future," in

the *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*. Focused on addressing the escalating incidence of elder abuse, the article explores the evolving landscape of state interventions in regulating electronic monitoring within institutional settings.

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Prof. Sundahl Deciphered North Korea's Satellite Launch

Professor Mark Sundahl was recently featured in a South Korean news broadcast, offering insights and analysis on the geopolitical ramifications of North Korea's reconnaissance satellite launch.

[Watch](#)



Prof. Kalir Published Plain Dealer Op-Ed on Colorado Supreme Court Decision

Professor Doron Kalir published an Op-Ed in the *Plain Dealer*. The piece discussed the recent decision of the Colorado Supreme Court to bar former President Trump from appearing on the state ballot in the upcoming presidential race.

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Prof. Kalir Interviewed by Business Insider on Trump's Legal Strategy

Professor Doron Kalir engaged in an extensive interview with *Business Insider*, discussing the “absolute immunity” claims presented by former President Trump’s lawyers during oral arguments before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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In Memoriam

- [Richard C. Klein '63](#)
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2024 Annual Recognition Luncheon

The CSU Law Alumni Association (CSULAA) Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at Noon at the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel (soon to be called Hotel Cleveland), 24 Public Square, Cleveland! Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

Our honorees will be **Kemper Arnold, CSU|LAW 1980**, and **Awatef Assad, CSU|LAW 1995**.

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